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Two OTRF Stakes Friday at Belterra

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A pair of \$75,000 Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund Stakes will be contested Friday, July 10 at Belterra Park, scheduled as the Sixth and Seventh races on the program.



Drillit wins the \$75,000 Petro Memorial on June 18, 2020 at Thistledown *Photo by Jeff Zamaiko*

Eight Ohio-registered 2-year-old fillies vie in the Jim Morgan Memorial-Tah Dah Stakes, traveling 5½ furlongs over the Cincinnati dirt. Trainer Tim Hamm sends out a formidable pair in **Alexandria** and **Costume Jewelry** for owners/breeders WinStar Farm, Blazing Meadows Farm and Michael Lewis.

Alexandria is a chestnut daughter by Constitution-Spring Water, by Spring At last who captured her maiden special weight by nearly six lengths at Belterra on June 23 with Gerardo Corrales aboard. She is

the richest distaff in the field with \$12,960 in her bank account. Costume Jewelry is a grey daughter of Constitution, out of the Too Much Bling mare Blazing Bling. She was fifth in her debut on June 17.

Gonnabegood was second to Alexandria in that aforementioned race at Belterra on June 23. The daughter by Macho Uno-My Mancita, by Mr. Greeley is trained by Silvano Gonzalez for owner-breeder Charlie Williams.

Other contenders in the Morgan-Tah-Dah include **LeJeune**, **Congrats Jensen** and **Tap The Town** were third, fourth and fifth respectively to Alexandria in her debut, while **Angel's Sassy** and **Ballroom Blitz** are both making their first pari-mutuel starts in this stake.

The \$75,000 Vivacious Stakes features a field of 11 fillies and mares, 3-year-olds and up, traveling one and 1/16 miles over the Belterra turf course. **Drillit**, a 4-year-old Way To Fly lass trained by Robert Gorham, looks poised for another fine effort fresh off her stunning 12 length triumph in the \$75,000 Petro Memorial on June 18 at Thistledown. The winner of \$339,710 vies for Mast Thoroughbreds with T.D. Houghton in the saddle.

Fan favorite **Leona's Reward**, who is quickly closing in on one million dollars in career earnings, also goes postward in the Vivacious. A winner of \$952,806 lifetime, the daughter of Parents' Reward was second to Drillit in the Petro for trainer Tim Hamm and owners Blazing Meadows Farm and Michael Friedman. Gerardo Corrales rides the 7-year-old chestnut mare.

Birdacious, trained by Michael Evans II for the Sheltopee Farms and Patricia Adams, captured the 2019 edition of the Vivacious with Sonny Leon aboard. A winner of \$214,695 lifetime, Birdacious is a 5-year-old grey daughter by Birdrun-Sweet Tessa Marie, by El Corredor.

Other previous stakes winners in here include **Cali Dream**, a 6-year-old daughter by Cowboy Cal conditioned by Gary Johnson who captured the \$75,000 Pay The Man Stakes last season. The Jeff Radosevich-conditioned **Grizabella** carries the colors of owner Michael Annechino postward with rider Luis Rivera in the irons. The 6-year-old bay daughter of Lunarpal-Chic Cat, by Tiger Ridge has six wins, 12 seconds and eight thirds in 48 career starts with \$341,127 in her coffers.