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## Two \$75,000 OTRF Stakes Sunday at Belterra

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Two \$75,000 Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund (OTRF) stakes highlight the Sunday, July 28 racing action at Belterra Park in Cincinnati. Both are make-up events originally scheduled for last weekend, which were cancelled due to an extremely high heat index coupled with humid temperatures.

The \$75,000 Norm Barron Queen City Oaks has been scheduled as the fifth race on the eight-race program, with the \$75,000 Buckeye Native carded as race seven. First race post time is 12:35 pm, ET, with the fifth event set to race at 2:35 and the seventh at 3:35.



Hey Adrian in action

Multiple stakes winners **Hey Adrian** and **Drillit** look to square off in the Norm Barron Queen City Oaks, a one and one-sixteenth mile battle pitting eight Ohio-registered, 3-year-old fillies against one another over the Cincinnati dirt.

Hey Adrian comes into the Norm Barron Queen City Oaks fresh off a pair of stakes triumphs—in the \$75,000 Cincinnati on July 6 at Belterra and the \$75,000 Petro Memorial on June 22 at JACK Thistledown.

Hey Adrian carries the colors of trainer/owner/breeder Joshua Faulkner postward with Juan Velez in the saddle, while Drillit steps forward from Robert Gorham's barn for Mast Thoroughbreds with T.D. Houghton up. Bred by Eric Heyman, Drillit captured the \$150,00 Galbreath Memorial in 2018 on Best of Ohio day, and has career earnings of \$205,300, while Hey Adrian has amassed \$219,930 lifetime.

This season's winner of the \$75,000 Tomboy Stakes on May 12 at Belterra will try to upset her aforementioned rivals. **H.F. Carmel**, a Mike Rone-trainee and daughter of Revolutionary has \$73,630 in her bankroll from just five lifetime starts, which includes two wins, one second, one third and one fourth-place finish. She is owned and was bred by Dr. Harold Fishman and gets the services of jockey Geraldo Corrales.



**Eighththehardway**

The Buckeye Native Stakes features a full field of ten Accredited Ohio-breds, 3-year-olds and up, battling over the Belterra turf course at one and one-sixteenth miles. Seasoned veteran **Eighththehardway**, with \$434,488 earned lifetime, heads up the field for trainer Paul Groves, owner Armored Acres, LLC and breeder Blazing Meadows Farm. Noel Vigil is slated to ride the 7-year-old Eighththehardway—who has finished on the board in more than half of his 48 starts, and who rarely misses a purse check.

Multiple stakes winner **True Cinder** will be looking to keep her Buckeye Native crown intact—having captured the 2018 edition of this stake handily for owner/trainer Michael Rone. A winner of \$427,000 in her career from eight wins, seven seconds and two thirds in 21 starts, this Alcindor 5-year-old mare gets the services of Geraldo Corrales. She was bred by Larry Byer.

Also starting in the Buckeye Native is **Manga Man**, recent winner of the \$75,000 Green Carpet Stakes at Belterra on June 26, and **Mobil Solution**, winner of this season's \$75,000 Rowland Memorial on May 11 at JACK Thistledown.