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## Ohio Stakes highlight Mahoning Saturday Card

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A pair of \$75,000 Stakes for Ohio-bred runners highlight Mahoning Valley Race Course's Saturday (Nov. 4) program. The Ohio Debutante Handicap and the Cardinal Handicap are slated as races two and six respectively, with approximate post times of 12:45 and 2:45 pm, ET.

The \$75,000 Ohio Debutante Handicap is a one and 1/16 mile dirt tussle for Ohio-Accredited fillies and mares, 3-year-olds and up. Champions Leona's Reward and True Cinder go head-to-head in the Debutante against four rivals.

**Leona's Reward**, who won this same stake in 2016, is a 2013 daughter of Parent's Reward-Prime Time Dancer, by Montbrook. Owned and bred by Blazing Meadows Farm and Michael Friedman, Leona's Reward most recently finished a solid fourth in the \$150,000 Best of Ohio Distaff on Oct. 7 at Belterra Park. Previously, she won four of eight starts this season, including the \$75,000 Catlaunch Stakes on Sept. 16 and the \$75,000 George Lewis Memorial on June 24—both at Jack Thistledown—as well as a pair of allowance efforts.

This multiple stakes winner has seasonal earnings of \$167,576 and a lifetime bankroll of \$334,356 from eight wins, five seconds and two thirds from 26 trips postward.

**True Cinder** is a 3-year-old by Alicindor, out of the Shakespeare mare Be True who is owned and trained by Mike Rone and was bred by Larry Byer. She was second to Leona's Reward in this year's Catlaunch Stakes, but won her four prior stakes, including: the \$75,000 Horizon Stakes on Aug. 13 at Belterra; the \$75,000 Cincinnati Stakes on July 9 at Belterra; the \$75,000 Dr. T. F. Classen Memorial at Jack Thistledown on May 6; and the 2016 edition of the \$75,000 Glacial Princess at Mahoning Valley.

A winner of \$266,800 lifetime from six wins, three seconds and one third in 11 career starts, True Cinder has finished off the board only once—in her debut at Thistledown on July 1, 2016 when she was fourth. To date in 2017 she's amassed \$168,150.

Ohio champions Rivers Run Deep and Mo Dont No headline the eighth-horse, six-furlong \$75,000 Cardinal Handicap for Ohio-registered runners, 3-year-olds and up.

The Buckeye state's sprint champ, **Rivers Run Deep** is trying for his third victory in this stake, having won last year's edition as well as the 2014 test. The 2011-foaled son of Ready's Image-Music Miss, by

Prospector's Music is trained by Chris Hartman for Ywachetta and James Driver and sports a career bank account of \$1,070,065 from 19 triumphs in 38 starts.

Now in his fifth year of racing, Rivers Run Deep saw his best season in 2016, earning \$313,440 for his connections. This year, he's added another \$163,425 to his coffers, from triumphs in the \$75,000 Honey Jay Stakes, which he's won four times (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017); and from his third straight victory in the \$75,000 Babst-Palacious Memorial Handicap; as well as a victorious score in a Churchill allowance on Sept. 17.

Looch Racing Stable's **Mo Dont No** is a 4-year-old multiple stakes winning son by Uncle Mo-Lilah, by Defrer, trained by Jeff Radosevich. Bred by the Beechwood Racing Stable, the 2016 Ohio Horse of the Year Mo Dont No has career earnings of \$651,244 from 14 wins and four seconds in 20 starts and seasonal earnings of \$249,400 from six wins and two seconds in eight starts.

A \$50,000 yearling purchase at Keeneland, Mo Dont No won the \$150,000 Best of Ohio Endurance in both 2017 and 2016 and also won the \$75,000 Governor's Buckeye Cup at Jack Thistledown on Aug. 26 of this year and was second in the Babst-Palacious to his aforementioned rival.

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**Photo Cutline:** River's Run Deep, Ohio's Sprint Champion, is all alone at the wire in the 2016 Cardinal Handicap at Mahoning Valley Race Course. The son of Ready's Image will try for his third victory in the \$75,000 contest at Mahoning Valley on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 4. ***Photo by Brad Conrad***