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Brig takes \$75,000 Parker Memorial Tall Stack Stakes

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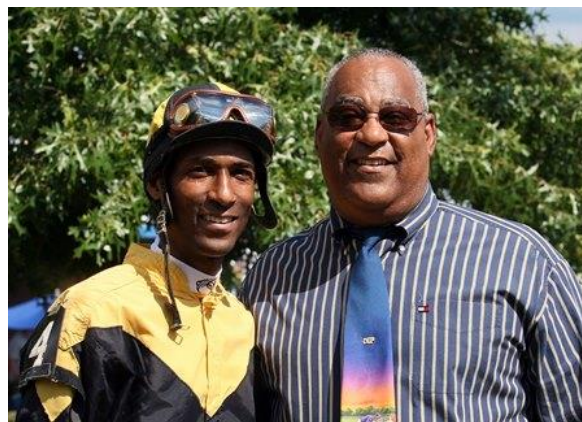
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The \$75,000 Daryl E. Parker Memorial Tall Stack Stakes—named in honor of the first African American in US racing history to serve as a steward—was won by 11-1 **Brig** in a race marred by a malfunctioning starting gate on Thursday, May 6 at Belterra.

The start of the 6½ furlong contest for Ohio registered 3-year-olds was flawed when the starting gate doors for horses one, two and three failed to open in a timely manner along with the doors of the other three contestants. As a result, King BB, Uptown and Alexandria were all deemed non-starters for this OTRF event by the Belterra Park stewards.

Brig was ridden by Christian Pilaes for trainer Robert Gorham and notched his first stakes victory for Mast Thoroughbreds. The bay son of Midshipman-Visual Arrest, by Pollard's Vision now has \$132,520 in career earnings. **Morestride** (Luis Rivera) was second at 9-5 odds, while 35-1 longshot **Henry Mac** (Luis Batista) was third. The winner was clocked in 1:17.33.

This stake was named for Mr. Parker, a Cincinnati native, who passed away at age 69 from cancer this past March after serving for nearly four decades as a steward at both Thistledown and Mahoning Valley. Members of his family were on hand in the winner's circle after the race.



Jockey Deshawn Park with his father, the late Daryl E. Parker