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## Leona's Reward takes \$75,000 Ruff Kirchberg Memorial handily

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**Leona's Reward** added another stakes triumph to her list of accomplishments by winning the \$75,000 Ruff Kirchberg Memorial Handicap on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 17 at Mahoning Valley.

The 5-year-old Parents' Reward—Prime Time Dancer, by Montbrook distaff covered the one and one-eighth miles in 1:54.48 in the slop. Trained by Tim Hamm for breeders Blazing Meadows Farm and Michael Friedman, Leona's Reward notched her second straight stakes victory, having won the \$75,000 Ohio Debutante on Nov. 3 at this same oval. Jockey Luis Colon was astride the seemingly indefatigable mare on both occasions.

**Leona's Reward**, the even-money favorite, battled 3-2 **Mobil Solution (Luis Rivera)** neck and neck through the stretch but pulled away from her rival in the final years to score her 13<sup>th</sup> career victory by 2¼ lengths, upping her bankroll to \$632,106. Jockey Christian Pilares steered 7-1 Mobil At Last to a third place finish, while Perry Ouzts guided 7-1 Rosco P. Coltrane to fourth-place honors.



**Photo Cutline:**Leona's Reward is all alone as she captures the \$75,000 Ruff/Kirchberg Memorial Handicap on Nov. 17 at Mahoning Valley *Photo by Brad Conrad*