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Grizabella, Corner Office & Danefield victorious in OTRF Stakes

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Grizabella, Corner Office, and Danefield each captured a \$75,000 Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund stake on a lovely and breezy Friday afternoon, July 23, at Belterra Park.

Grizabella, a 7-year-old daughter by Lunarpal, out of the Tiger Ridge mare Chic Cat, captured the Vivacious Handicap for Ohio-registered fillies and mares, 3-year-olds and up as the 3-1 choice, besting 3-1 rival **Distinctive Flower** by a neck in a scintillating stretch duel.

Trained by Jeff Radosevich for owner Michael J. Annechino, Grizabella was ridden to victory by Luis Rivera in the one and one sixteenth mile turf test, clocked in 1:41.65. Rafael Mojica, Jr., was aboard Distinctive Flower, with **Cali Dream** third for Angel Serpa and **Tiz What** grabbing fourth for Perry Ouzts.

The win was Grizabella's first of the 2021 season and her tenth lifetime in 59 starts. Bred by George Mapleton Thoroughbreds, this hard-knocking mare now has \$501,477 in career earnings.

The Hoover Stakes, a 5½ furlong sprint for 2-year-old Registered Ohio-breds, saw **Corner Office** pick up his second career victory for WinBlaze, LLC. The son of Brazilian stallion Bal A Bali-Elated, by Kitten's Joy is conditioned by Tim Hamm and was ridden to victory by Jose Bracho.

Corner Office, the 2-5 choice, finished two lengths ahead of stablemate **Condemnation** (Luan Machado), with 9-5 **The day of the grey** (Sonny Leon) third and 2-5 **Tantrum** (Malcolm Franklin) fourth. Corner Office, a homebred, now has \$63,300 in career earnings from two wins in three tries and was timed in 1:06.26 over the Cincinnati dirt.

Danefield picked up his second triumph of the year in the Buckeye Native Stakes, a one and one sixteenth mile turf contest for Accredited Ohio foals, 3-year-olds and up. The son of Kentucky Dan-Nesfield, by Paynes Bay was ridden by Jose Bracho, who notched his third winner of the day with this latest victory.

The winner, who is trained and co-owned by John Bourke for partners Jeff Barbee and James Kerins, was timed in 1:41.14 as the 5-2 choice, upping his seasonal earnings to \$58,950 and his career earnings to \$166,848.

Authentic Cowtown was second as the 9-5 choice for rider Malcom Franklin, 2½ lengths behind the winner, with 25-1 longshot **Direct Deceit** third with Christian Pilares aboard, and 50-1 **Sammy Da Bull** notching fourth for Edgar Paucar.