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# Spotlight on Distaffs in \$75,000 Vivacious Handicap

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A field of nine Ohio-registered fillies and mares are set to wage war in Sunday's (Aug. 6) \$75,000 Vivacious Handicap at Belterra Park. The one and 1/16 mile turf test has a scheduled post of 4:40 pm, ET and is headed by last year's victress, **School Board Prez**.

Now 4, the daughter by Courageous Cat-Torrent of Song, by Torrential won not only the Vivacious in 2016, but also the \$75,000 Queen City Oaks and the \$75,000 Tomboy Stakes. She also captured the 2015 editions of the \$150,000 John W. Galbreath Stakes, the \$75,000 Tah Dah Stakes and the \$75,000 Miss Ohio Stakes.

School Board Prez—who is conditioned by Doug Matthews for owner-breeder John Royer—is the richest member of the Vivacious field with \$362,740 in career earnings. A winner of seven races, with one second and two thirds, School Board Prez has previously won two turf events in five tries, earning \$95,500 over the grass.

The rugged **Mom Genes** has also had some success on the turf—winning two of four grass starts and \$70,580. Owned by Raymond Donald, the Kentucky Dane lass has career earnings of \$103,111 and comes into the Vivacious fresh off a near five-length triumph at a mile on July 13 at Belterra Park, and captured the 2016 edition of the \$75,000 Horizon Stakes.

Mom Genes was bred by the Divine Intervention Farm and is conditioned by Ivan Vazquez, who also sends out the 6-year-old **Hope's Frog Song**—who has a lone turf triumph in eight tries. However, it's been awhile since the Kentucky Dane daughter has visited the winner's circle. Yet, she rarely misses a check for owner-breeder Raymond Donald and does have \$185,633 in her coffers.

**Floral Sky** has one turf victory to her credit from four career wins. Owned by the Looch Racing Stable and trained by Jeff Radosevich, this 7-year-old daughter by Sky Mesa is winless this season in three tries. Bred by the Langsem Farm, Floral Sky sports a career bankroll of \$204,212.

Radosevich also saddles **Mayas Queen Neetee** in her first stakes attempt. Looch Racing Stable claimed the Sprightstown 5-year-old in March of this year and she's scored a trio of triumphs for her new connections. First, she broke her maiden on May 5, followed by two allowance victories at Thistledown—on May 24 and June 12.

**La Nina Bronco** rarely finishes off the board, but is still trying for her first win of 2017. The 6-year-old Cactus Ridge lass is trained by Danny Were for Ralph and Kyle Cooper and has career earnings of \$121,620. She was third in both the \$75,000 Petro Memorial and the \$75,000 Babst-Palacios Memorial, and second in the \$75,000 Angenora Stakes this season.

Pretty Gritty, Dreamingofjustice and American Snipress will all be trying for their first trip to the winner's circle this year in the Vivacious Handicap.

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**Photo Cutline:** School Board Prez captured the \$75,000 Vivacious Handicap one year ago and will be trying for repeat victory on Sunday afternoon, Aug 6 at Belterra Park. ***Photo by Coady Photography***