



TWO TRACK RECORDS SET ON BEST OF OHIO DAY AT BELTERRA PARK WWW.BELTERRAPARK.COM

A large crowd took in the state's championship series of races titled "Best of Ohio" under cloudy bright skies at Belterra Park on Saturday. On the eight-race program there were five stakes races for Ohio-breds with purses totaling \$750,000.



The opener was the 1 1/16 mile John W. Galbreath Stakes sponsored by Fair Winds Farm and it produced a thrilling three-horse photo finish. Favored Justalittlemoke relinquished the lead in the final furlong, but then fought back in the final strides with jockey Jeffrey Skerrett to put her head in front of Senorita Dominguez who was a neck better than Heat Transfer. The 2-year-old filly was recording her second stakes victory for owner Marion Gorham and trainer

Robert Gorham.

Two horses that grew up together in the same paddock at Fair Winds Farm in Waynesville, Ohio finished 1-2 in the 1 1/16 mile Best of Ohio Juvenile. Mound gave a jockey Megan Fadlovich her third career stakes victory when she took control on the turn from pacesetter Dayton Demo. They held off a late rally from Flip Daddy who was 4 ¾ lengths ahead of Triple Strike. Mound was recording his second straight stakes victory for owner/breeder Ron Fields and trainer Ivan Vazquez.

Rivers Run Deep enhanced his resume for potential Horse of the Year honors with an authoritative 5 ¼ length win in the 6 furlong Best of Ohio Sprint. He ran on the front end in tandem with License to Bling and when asked for more speed from jockey Jareth Loveberry drew away through the stretch to win by 5 ¼ widening lengths. Owned by the partnership of Driver and Ywachetta and trained by Audrey Cody, Rivers Run Deep has won three of his last four races – all of them in stakes events.

Owner Ron Paolucci entered a three-horse entry in the Best of Ohio and his 5-year-old mare Caviar N Champagne proved to be the best of the trio and nine other fillies and mares. Jockey Scott Speith repelled two challenges during the running of the 1 1/8 mile test and pulled away through the lane to win by three lengths in track record time of 1:51.85. It was Caviar N Champagne's third stakes victory of the season for Looch Racing Stable and trainer Jeff Radosevich. Pyrite Blues finished second, a neck ahead of 2013 Ohio Horse of the Year, Needmore Flattery.

The biggest surprise of the day came in the 1 ¼ mile Best of Ohio Endurance. Despite coming off a stakes win and being the 2013 3-year-old Champion in the state, Plain Ol' Willard at one point was 40 to 1 on the odds board. Jockey Noel Vigil elected to take back at the start of the race and had thirteen horses in front of him for the first half-mile. They began to pass horses on the final turn and engaged in a stiff stretch duel with Jac's Fact, eventually pulling away by 3 ½ lengths in record time of 2:04.87 on the muddy track. Jac's Fact held off a late rally by Farmer Steve for the second spot. Plain Ol' Willard is trained by Anthony Lowry and was bred and owned by Ron McKay.