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DAZZLING BLUE LEADS TALENTED CAST OF 11 SPRINTERS IN GRADE III, \$250,000 WINNING COLORS

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Wednesday, May 22, 2024) – Juddmonte’s ultra-consistent 4-year-old filly **Dazzling Blue**, a stakes winner and multiple graded stakes-placed sprinter, leads a talented cast of 11 fillies and mares who entered Monday’s 21st running of the \$250,000 Winning Colors (Grade III), the featured race on a special Memorial Day card from Churchill Downs.

Run at six furlongs as Race 8, the Winning Colors field will go to post at 4:22 p.m. (all times Eastern). First post on the nine-race card is 12:45 p.m.

Dazzling Blue, trained by Churchill Downs’ Spring Meet leading trainer **Brad Cox**, made her seasonal debut one month ago when she was narrowly defeated by **Zeitlos** in the Roxelana Stakes, her first race in more than six months. As a 3-year-old, Dazzling Blue finished second to **Maple Leaf Mel** in the Victory Ride (GIII) at Belmont and third to **Vahva** and **Alva Starr** in the Raven Run (GII) at Keeneland. Jockey **Florent Geroux**, who has ridden Dazzling Blue in four of her seven-lifetime starts, will have the call in the Winning Colors from the outside post No. 11.

There are three other stakes-winning fillies and mares entered in the Winning Colors: three-time Turfway Park stakes winner **B G Warrior**, Audubon Oaks winner **Positano Sunset** and Sugar Swirl (GIII) winner **Spirit Wind**.

One of the other fleet-footed fillies that entered the Winning Colors who is seeking her first stakes score is **Hill ‘n’ Dale Equine Holding’s** multiple Grade I placed **Clearly Unhinged**. Trained by **Steve Asmussen**, Clearly Unhinged returned from a five-month freshening April 30 when she cruised to a 2 ³/₄-length score in a second-level allowance contest at Churchill Downs. As a 3-year-old, the daughter of Into Mischief finished second to **Pretty Mischievous** in the Test (GI) and third to **Daddysruby** and **Big Pond** in the La Brea (GI). Jockey **Joel Rosario** will have the mount in the Winning Colors from post 3.

Here is the complete field for the Winning Colors from the rail out (with jockey and trainer):

- **Royal Spa** (Ricardo Santana Jr., Rodolphe Brisset)
- **B G Warrior** (Albin Jimnez, Hugo Andrade)
- **Clearly Unhinged** (Rosario, Asmussen)
- **Miss Arlington** (Jareth Loveberry, Brian Williamson)
- **Spirit Wind** (Jose Ortiz, Saffie Joseph Jr.)
- **Positano Sunset** (Julien Leparoux, Ian Wilkes)
- **Unsung Melody** (Jaime Torres, John Ortiz)
- **Backyard Money** (Gabe Saez, Wayne Lukas)
- **Happy Am I** (Brian Hernandez Jr., Dallas Stewart)
- **Leeloo** (Cristian Torres, Ignacio Correas IV)
- **Dazzling Blue** (Geroux, Cox)

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