Friday Racing Cancelled at Belmont; Six Graded Races on Saturday

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Due to anticipated heavy rain, Fridayøs live racing card at Belmont Park has been cancelled to ensure the track surfaces are in optimal condition for Saturdayøs card, which features six graded stakes, all part of the BreedersøCup õWin and Youøre Inö Challenge Series. The winners of those races qualify for an automatic starting position in the corresponding BreedersøCup Championship race with pre-entry and entry fees paid.

Saturdayøs 11-race card gets underway at 12:50 p.m. EDT and is highlighted by the Grade 1, \$1 million TVG Jockey Club Gold Cup Invitational, with a 10-horse field featuring a rematch between the top four finishers from Saratoga Race Courseøs Whitney Invitational ó Fort Larned, Ron the Greek, Flat Out, and Hymn Book.

Many of racing superstars will compete on Saturday sundercard, including champion Royal Delta and multiple-Grade 1 winner It Tricky in the Grade 1, \$400,000 Beldame Invitational, Woodward and Cigar Mile winner To Honor and Serve and classic winner Shackleford in the Grade 2, \$400,000 Kelso, Grade 1 winners Zagora and Im A Dreamer in the Grade 1, \$600,000 Flower Bowl Invitational, and multiple Grade 1 winners Point of Entry and Little Mike in the Grade 1, \$600,000 Joe Hirsch Turf Classic Invitational.

Saturdayøs wagering menu is highlighted by a \$500,000 Guaranteed All Grade 1 Stakes Pick 4, starting with the Grade 1, \$400,000 Vosburgh Invitational at approximately 4:04 p.m. and also including the Flower Bowl, Joe Hirsch Turf Classic, and TVG Jockey Club Gold Cup. There will also be a Pick 6 starting with the Kelso at approximately 3:30 p.m.

Customers can wager on Saturdayøs card on track at Belmont, at the Aqueduct simulcast center, or through NYRA Rewards, which offers Internet, On-Track, Phone, and Mobile wagering.