



Prairie Meadows Closes Live Racing Season With Blockbuster Night

*Ten-race Card On Saturday October 14 Brings 2017 Live Horse Racing Calendar To An End;
Nine Quarter Horse Stakes Races, Including Bank Of America® Challenge Championships, Top Program*

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Altoona, IA / October 12, 2017 – Prairie Meadows Race Track, Hotel, & Casino ends its 2017 live horse racing season with a blockbuster ten-race program, starting at 6 PM CT, on Saturday October 14.

The card features nine Quarter Horse stakes races, including the 2017 Bank of America® Challenge Championships, with combined purses of more than \$1,500,000.

The stakes action starts in the second race of the evening when 10 three-year-olds compete in the 28th running of the \$145,604-added Altoona Derby at 400 yards.

The \$110,132-added Polk County Derby will be next on the card, followed by the \$174,400-added Jim Bader Futurity and the \$289,830-added Valley Junction Futurity.

The 27th running of the Valley Junction Futurity, for two-year-olds at 350 yards, will provide the toughest test to date for fastest qualifier A Jordon Reed, owned by the Kendrix Brothers and trained by Ed Hardy.

The gray son of Jumpn Chic-Parr For Me chases his third consecutive victory under jockey Oscar Delgado after winning the Northlands Futurity at Canterbury Park in July and scoring a sharp tally on September 30 in his trial for this weekend's race.

Five Bank of America® Challenge Championship races, beginning in the 6th race with the Grade I \$105,000-guaranteed AQHA Distance Challenge Championship at 870 yards, complete the program.

The 7th, 8th, and 9th races on the card will be the Grade I \$105,000-guaranteed Grade I Boehringer Ingelheim Distaff Challenge Championship for older females, the \$130,000-guaranteed Grade II John Deere Juvenile Challenge Championship for two-year-olds, and the \$180,000-guaranteed Adequan Derby Challenge Championship for three-year-olds.

The 10th and final race of the night and of the year will be the much-anticipated renewal of the Grade I \$330,000-guaranteed Bank of America Challenge Championship for three-year-olds and up at 440 yards.

This year's race drew an overflow field of 12 accomplished veterans, including Michael Teel's defending champion AJs High, with a combined 92 victories and over \$2,500,000 in total earnings.

The closing night program is expected to receive extensive simulcast wagering coverage on TVG and all 10 races will be offered at Los Alamitos Race Track, the major Quarter Horse track in Southern California.

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