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DEFENDING CHAMP TEMPLE CITY TERROR TOPS SATURDAY'S KEERTANA

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Wednesday, May 25, 2022) – **Pocket Aces Racing's Temple City Terror** is back to defend her crown in Saturday's featured eighth running of the \$160,000 Keertana Overnight Stakes at Churchill Downs.

The 1 ½-mile Keertana, run on the Matt Winn Turf Course, was carded as Race 10 of 11 with a post time of 5:26 p.m. (all times Eastern). First post is 12:45 p.m. Turf racing this week at Churchill Downs will be conducted in Lane 4, 36 feet from the inside rail.

Trained by **Brendan Walsh**, Temple City Terror was the mild 5-1 upset winner of last year's Keertana over **Dalika**. Following her Keertana victory, Temple City Terror finished third in the \$150,000 Robert Dick Memorial at Delaware Park and the \$250,000 Glen Falls (GII) at Saratoga. After the Glen Falls, Temple City Terror was off until mid-April when she finished fifth in a conditioned allowance race at Keeneland. The 6-year-old mare will be ridden by **Adam Beschizza** from post position No. 7.

Chief among Temple City Terror's competition is **Catherine Willis'** multiple graded stakes placed **Luck Money**. Trained by **Arnaud Delacour**, Luck Money made her 5-year-old debut three weeks ago at Belmont Park where she finished a distant second to **Virginia Joy** in the \$200,000 Sheepshead Bay (Grade II). As a 4-year-old, Luck Money finished second in the \$150,000 Dowager (GIII) at Keeneland and the Robert Dick Memorial. Luck Money's last win came in the \$80,000 Zagora Stakes on Oct. 31, 2020 at Belmont. **Brian Hernandez Jr.** has the call from post 8.

Here's the complete field from the rail out (with jockey and trainer): **Stand Tall** (Florent Geroux, Rusty Arnold); **Disappearing Act** (Tyler Gaffalione, Richard Baltas); **Go Big Blue Nation** (James Graham, Graham Motion); **La Lune (GB)** (Julien Leparoux, Ed Vaughan); **Federalist Papers** (Ricardo Santana Jr., Chad Brown); **Malibu Marlee** (Mitchell Murrill, Barry King); Temple City Terror (Beschizza, Walsh); Luck Money (Hernandez, Delacour); and **Undisturbed** (Chris Landeros, Ian Wilkes).

Churchill Downs will run a five-day race week this week starting Thursday for Twilight Thursday. First post on Thursday is 5 p.m. with \$2 domestic canned beer, live music from **Dusty Bo** and local food trucks **Sweet N Savory**, **Crave a Go Go**, **Copper Kitchen**, **502 Kitchen** and **Flavorville**. Monday is a special Memorial Day program and also Military Appreciation Day. Active and retired military members, with a valid I.D., will receive free general admission or a discounted ticket (\$29) to Millionaires Row. First post Friday-Monday is 12:45 p.m.

For more information about the Spring Meet, visit www.churchilldowns.com.

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