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## **DEFENDING CHAMPION LONE ROCK TOPS TUESDAY'S \$160,000 ISAAC MURPHY MARATHON STAKES**

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Thursday, April 28, 2022)** – **Flying P Stable** and **R. A. Hill Stable's Lone Rock**, who emerged as the top older dirt marathon runner in North America last year, headlines a field of five entered Thursday for Tuesday's fourth running of the \$160,000 Isaac Murphy Marathon Overnight Stakes at Churchill Downs.

The Isaac Murphy, run at 1 ½ miles, will highlight a nine-race program that begins at 12:45 p.m. (all times Eastern) for Champions Day presented by TwinSpires. The Isaac Murphy will be the afternoon's second race with a 1:15 post time.

Trained by **Robertino Diodoro**, Lone Rock compiled a 9-7-2-0 record in 2021 that included a 3 ¾-length romp in this race last spring and culminated with a victory in the 1 5/8-mile Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (GII) on the Breeders' Cup undercard at Del Mar in November.

**Ramon Vazquez** has the mount Tuesday and will break from the rail.

The field for the Isaac Murphy, with riders from the rail out: Lone Rock (Vazquez); **Current** (Chris Emigh); **Celerity** (Vincent Cheminaud); **Tenfold** (Joel Rosario); and **Hozier** (Flavien Prat).

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