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PALISADES TURF SPRINT WINNER GASLIGHT DANCER HEADLINES SATURDAY'S \$225,000 WILLIAM WALKER

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Wednesday, May 10, 2023) – Paradise Farms Corp (Peter Proscia), David Staudacher, Skychai Racing (Harvey Diamond) and Angelo Carlesimo's Gaslight Dancer, the winner of the April 16 Palisades Turf Sprint at Keeneland, tops a field of eight 3-year-olds that were entered in Saturday's eighth running of the \$225,000 William Walker Stakes (Listed) at Churchill Downs.

The 5 ½-furlong William Walker Stakes is scheduled to be contested in Lane 2 on the Matt Winn Turf Course, 12 feet off the inside. The featured event on the 11-race card will go as Race 10 at 5:26 p.m. (all times Eastern). First post is 12:45 p.m.

Trained by **Mike Maker**, Gaslight Dancer recorded his second-lifetime score in the Palisades Turf Sprint where he rallied from just off the pace to defeat 11 rivals by 1 ½ lengths. The William Walker will be Gaslight Dancer's second start of his 3-year-old campaign and he'll be ridden by **Tyler Gaffalione** out of post No. 2.

Among Gaslight Dancer's rivals is the Palisades Turf Sprint runner-up **Two of a Kind**. Owned by **K and R Racing Stable (Phil Deguire)** and **Town Branch Racing (Stewart A. Smith)**, Two of a Kind finished second in his first turf effort in the Palisades Turf Sprint at odds of 51-1. The **Brian Lynch**-trained son of Overanalyze will be ridden from post 3 under **Julien Leparoux**.

Mike McCarty's Private Creed was the 8-5 post-time favorite in the Palisades but finished fifth. He'll return in the William Walker in search of his fourth-lifetime score. Previously, the **Steve Asmussen** trainee recorded victories in the Juvenile Sprint at Kentucky Downs and the Indian Summer at Keeneland. The speedy son of Jimmy Creed will be piloted by **Brian Hernandez Jr.** from post 7.

The complete field from the rail out (with jockey and trainer): **Gilcrease** (Corey Lanerie, Al Stall Jr.); Gaslight Dancer (Gaffalione, Maker); Two of a Kind (Leparoux, Lynch); **Chiringo** (Luis Saez, George Weaver); **No Nay Hudson (IRE)** (James Graham, Wesley Ward); **Crispy Cat (GB)** (Ricardo Santana Jr., Jorge Delgado); Private Creed (Hernandez, Asmussen); and **Ah Jeez** (Rey Gutierrez, Doug O'Neill).

Following four days off after the Kentucky Derby, racing at Churchill Downs will resume Thursday for the first Twilight Thursday of the 44-day Spring Meet that will feature \$2 domestic beer, local food trucks and live music. The first of eight races will get underway at 5 p.m.

Friday is the first Senior Day of the Spring Meet where guests 60 and older can enjoy lunch in Millionaires' Row for only \$34. Tickets can be purchased by calling (502) 636-4450.

Limited premium dining tickets are available for Sunday's popular Mother's Day card at www.churchilldowns.com. First post will be 12:45 p.m.

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