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### TEMPLE CITY TERROR WINS KEERTANA FOR SECOND YEAR IN A ROW

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Saturday, May 28, 2022)** – **Temple City Terror** successfully defended her title in the ninth running of the \$153,500 Keertana Overnight Stakes with a last-to-first half-length win over **Stand Tall** on Saturday at Churchill Downs.

Temple City Terror stopped the teletimer in 2:31.76 for 1 ½ miles over “firm” turf under **Adam Beschizza**, who rode the winner for trainer **Brendan Walsh** and owners **Marc Wampler** and **Jared Shoemaker** of **Pocket Aces Racing LLC**.

Temple City Terror raced in last of seven fillies and mares during the early stages of the three-turn marathon as 18-1 longshot **Undisturbed** dictated the pace through fractions of :23.83, :50.99, 1:17.14 and 1:42.30.

As the field entered the final turn, Temple City Terror commenced a three-wide move and quickly moved into third. Stand Tall briefly grabbed the lead from a tiring Undisturbed after 1 ¼ miles in 2:06.91 but was quickly met Temple City Terror, who blitzed to the front at the eighth pole.

“She loves this distance and the ground here at Churchill,” Beschizza said. “Just like last year she was able to relax and had a good kick coming home down the lane. I think this race gives her a good steppingstone for graded stakes down the road.”

The win was worth \$96,722 and improved Temple City Terror’s career earnings to \$435,718 with a record of 5-4-5 in 24 starts. It was the second stakes victory of her career. She ran down **Dalika (GER)** to win last year’s renewal.

“She loved the old turf course and loves this new one.” Walsh said. “She was always traveling well, I thought. At the three-eighths pole, she started to make her move and was passing horses quickly. She didn’t quite go by (Stand Tall) as easily as I thought she would but was still able to get the job done.”

Temple City Terror returned \$7.60, \$3.80 and \$2.80 as the 5-2 co-second betting choice. Stand Tall, also at 5-2 under **Florent Geroux**, paid \$4.20 and \$3.40. **La Lune (GB)**, ridden by **Julien Leparoux** at odds of 6-1, was another four lengths back in third and paid \$4.60.

Undisturbed was another 3 ½ lengths back in fourth and was followed by **Lucky Money**, **Go Big Blue Nation** and slight 5-2 favorite **Disappearing Act**. **Federalist Papers** and **Malibu Marlee** were scratched.

Temple City Terror, a 6-year-old daughter of Temple City out of the More Than Ready mare It Takes Two, was bred in Kentucky by **Alex Rankin’s Upson Downs Farm**.

Racing at Churchill Downs continues Sunday with a 10-race card that begins at 12:45 p.m. (all times Eastern).

### KEERTANA QUOTES

**Adam Beschizza (jockey, Temple City Terror, winner)** – “She loves this distance and the ground here at Churchill. Just like last year she was able to relax and had a good kick coming home down the lane. I think this race gives her a good steppingstone for graded stakes down the road.”

**Brendan Walsh (trainer, Temple City Terror, winner)** – “She loved the old turf course and loves this new one. She was always traveling well, I thought. At the 3/8 pole, she started to make her move and was passing horses quickly. She didn’t quite go by (Stand Tall) as easily as I thought she would but was still able to get the job done.”

**Florent Geroux (jockey, Stand Tall, runner-up)** – “She sat a good trip just off the lead and was able to relax pretty well. I asked her around the turn and she was able to get in front but was second best.”

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