



MARYLAND STATE FAIR

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RACING AT MARYLAND STATE FAIR STARTS FRIDAY

TIMONIUM, MD. 8-19-07---Live racing at the Maryland State Fair at Timonium will be conducted over two long weekends, starting this Friday. First post daily is 1:05 p.m.

The seven day race schedule encompasses Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 24-26 and Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Labor Day Monday, August 31 thru September 3.

The 5/8ths mile oval which overlooks scenic York Road will present two stakes races over the Labor Day weekend, the \$45,000 Alma North for fillies and mares on Saturday and the \$45,000 Taking Risks on Monday. Both races are restricted to Maryland-breds and each race is carded at 6-1/2 furlongs.

Last year's leading jockey and trainer are returning to defend their titles. Jonathan Joyce won his first and only race meeting in 2006 and high percentage trainer Ben Feliciano Jr. took conditioning honors. Joyce has been named to ride in six races on the opening day card.

This year, Timonium will offer a bonus to the top four trainers with the most wins. Prizes are \$4,000, \$3,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000 respectively.

Players will have to tighten their thinking caps as they make their selections among horses which have started recently at Colonial Downs, Laurel Park, Penn National, Charles Town, Delaware Park and other points north, south, east and west.

Admission to the track is included with admission to the fair. The facility will be open for simulcasting on Monday, August 27, Wednesday, August 29 and Thursday August 30 as well. No live horse racing or simulcasting on Tuesday, August 28.

The fair can be accessed by taking Interstate-695 to Interstate-83 North and exiting at either Timonium Road or Padonia Road. The track can also be reached using light rail from either downtown Baltimore or from Hunt Valley, Maryland.

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