

# Smoke Glacken brings trainer back to Laurel Carroll enters sprinter in rich De Francis Dash

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Trainer Henry Carroll is returning to Laurel Park on Saturday to run probable favorite Smoke Glacken in the \$300,000 Grade II Frank J. De Francis Dash, the second-richest sprint race next to the Breeders' Cup Sprint.

Carroll, a resident of New Jersey, raced at Laurel Park for seven years during the 1970s and has made several successful forays since then. In 1989, Yankee Affair finished second in the Washington D.C. International, and a year later Carroll's Southern Tradition captured the Martha Washington.

Smoke Glacken is coming off impressive victories in the seven-furlong Riva Ridge Stakes at Belmont Park and the six-furlong Jersey Shore Breeders' Cup Stakes at Monmouth Park.

"His sprints have been incredibly easy," Carroll said from Monmouth Park. "I'm big on not wanting to run 3-year-olds against older horses, but one day it became obvious that this race was the race to try it."

Last summer, Carroll guided Smoke Glacken through a four-race winning streak that included the Tyro, Sapling and Hopeful, before a fifth-place finish at the Futurity at Belmont Park. Smoke Glacken then followed with three more victories.

The rest of the field for Saturday's race includes, J. J. Dream, Score A Birdie, Capote Belle, Wise Dusty and Political Whit.

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