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## 28<sup>th</sup> Edition of \$75,000 Cleveland Kindergarten Stakes *OTRF feature Saturday at Jack Thistledown*

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A field of eight 2-year-old Ohio-registered youngsters have been entered in the \$75,000 Cleveland Kindergarten Stakes, set for Saturday, Aug. 3 at JACK Thistledown. This will be the 28<sup>th</sup> running of the six-furlong sprint, set as the seventh event on the eight-race card, with an estimated post time of 3:20 pm, ET.



**Liberate** en route to his \$75,000 Hoover Stakes victory

**Liberate**, winner of the \$75,000 Hoover Stakes on July 6 at Belterra Park, heads up this group of youngsters for trainer Tim Hamm and owner/breeder WinStar Farm LLC & Blazing Meadows Farm LLC. This homebred son of Gemologist-Southern Silence, by Dixie Union began his career with an impressive 17¼ length triumph in his career debut at Thistledown on June 24. The dark bay or brown gelding now has \$69,250 in his career bankroll from just these two lifetime starts. Alfredo Clemente rides.

Mark Yagour's **Betchaiwill** finished second to the aforementioned Liberate in the Hoover Stakes and broke his maiden at Belterra on June 8. The bay son of William's Kitten-War Queen, by War Chant is trained by James Chapman and was bred by Eyes of a Child Stable. Betchaiwill made his career debut on May 25 at Indiana Grand, finishing a respectable third in a maiden special weight. A winner of \$32,980 thus far, he's slated to be ridden by T.D. Houghton.

Trainer Jeff Radosevich will saddle a pair of youngsters in the Cleveland Kindergarten for owner Gerald Silver, **Sweetnesscharm** and **Precious Jules**. The former is a grey or roan gelded son by Cowtown Cat-Sweetnessngoodness, by Cuvee, who won his lone start—a Thistledown maiden special weight on July 13—by 5¼ lengths. Bred by Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm, Sweetnesscharm will have Luis Rivera in the irons.

Precious Jules was a modest fourth in his debut at Thistledown on July 8. The dark bay or brown gelding by Mobil-Preservation Hall, by Dixieland Band has \$1,500 in his coffers, and was also bred by Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm. Erik Barbaran will be in the saddle for these connections.

**It's Official**, a dark bay or brown son by Flat Out-Officially, by Officer, hails from the Robert Gorham barn for owner Marion Gorham. This homebred gelding romped to a 2¾ length triumph in his debut at Thistledown on July 7 in a six-furlong maiden special weight and sports a bankroll of \$18,000. Christian Pilares gets the nod.

Trainer Tina Casalinova sends out two first time starters in the Cleveland Kindergarten—both chestnuts sons of Cowtown Cat—**Dr. Zarnett** (Hector Rosario, Jr.) and **Skytown Cat** (Luis Gonzalez)—for owner Dave Casalinova and breeder Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm.

**It's a Mans World**, a gray or roan altered son by Race Day-Bright Reply, by Yonaguska also makes his career debut for owner Randall Blevins and trainer Candace Huffman. Noel Vigil rides this homebred.

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