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## Liberate wins \$75,000 Cleveland Kindergarten Stakes

*Youngster makes it three-in-a-row*

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**Liberate** sprinted to an impressive 8¼ length triumph in the \$75,000 Cleveland Kindergarten Stakes on Aug. 3 at JACK Thistledown. It was the 28<sup>th</sup> edition of the Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund (OTRF) stake.

The Tim Hamm-trained son of Gemologist-Southern Silence, by Dixie Union notched his third consecutive victory in as many lifetime starts for WinStar Farm LLC and Blazing Meadows Farm LL. Time for the six-furlong contest was a modest 1:12.42.

Liberate left alertly from post eight against seven Ohio-registered 2-year-olds rivals as the 1-9 favorite for rider Alfredo Clemente, accelerating quickly to the top and continued to draw off from the rest of the field throughout the six panels. **It's Official**, the 5-1 choice was second for Christian Pilares, while 56-1 longshot **Dr. Zarnett** was third with Luis Gonzalez aboard and 8-1 **Sweetnesscharm** was fourth for rider Luis Rivera.



Liberate captures the \$75,000 Cleveland Kindergarten Stakes on Aug. 3 at JACK Thistledown

**Liberate** had previously won the \$75,000 Hoover Stakes on July 6 at Belterra Park after beginning his career with an impressive 17¼ length score in a Thistledown maiden special weight on June 24. The homebred gelding now has \$114,250 in career earnings.

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