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Birdacious upsets, triumphs in \$75,000 Vivacious

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Birdacious wiggled through a wall of horses in the final strides to score a 16-1 upset triumph in the \$75,000 Vivacious Handicap on Sunday afternoon, August 4 at Belterra Park.



Jockey Sonny Leon celebrates in the Belterra Park winner's circle after riding 16-1 longshot Birdacious to victory in the \$75,000 Vivacious Handicap on August 4, 2019.

Photo by Coady Photography

The daughter by Birdrun-Sweet Tessa Marie, by El Corredor was ridden to a victory in the one and one sixteenth mile turf against ten Ohio-registered fillies and mares, 3-year-olds and up, in a time of 1:42.69.

Birdacious broke slowly and came from dead last to score her victory over 5-2 **Maya's Queen Neetee** (Jacobs Radosevich) by 1¼ lengths. Luis Rivera steered 11-1 **Grizabella** to show honors, while Luis Quinones brought 8-1 **Cali Dream** up for fourth-place money.



Birdacious en route to winning the \$75,000 Vivacious Handicap *Photo by Coady Photography*

Owned by Sheltoewe Farms and Patricia Adams, **Birdacious** had the highest seasonal earnings of any mare in this field coming into this race (\$84,453) and upped that to \$129,453 with this latest triumph. Trained by Michael Evans, II, Birdacious' career earnings now stand at \$206,991. The grey filly was bred by Ohio-based breeder Robin Murphy.

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