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True Cinder romps in \$75,000 Buckeye Native Stakes

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Michael Rone's True Cinder left no doubt she was much the best as she romped to victory in the \$75,000 Buckeye Native Stakes on Sunday afternoon, July 22 at Belterra Park, easily suppressing her seven rivals' hopes for a win in the contest for Accredited Ohio foals, 3-year-olds and up.

The 4-year-old bay daughter by Alcindor—Be True, by Shakesphere grabbed the lead at the onslaught with rider Gerardo Corrales aboard and was never headed throughout the one and one-sixteenth miles as the even-money favorite, which was moved off the turf to the Cincinnati dirt due to heavy rainfall. Time for the Buckeye Native was 1:44.48.

Trained by her owner, it was the eighth victory in 16 lifetime starts for True Cinder and her second straight stakes triumph, as she most recently captured the \$75,000 Mackey Memorial-Angenora Stakes on June 2 at Jack Thistledown. She also has five second-place finishes and a pair of seconds to her credit.

True Cinder finished a full seven lengths ahead of mild, 10-1 longshot, Mobil Solution (Luis Rivera), with 3-1 Leona's Reward (Pablo Morales) finishing third and the hard-trying 3-1 Eighthardway (T.D. Houghton) making up a ton of ground to grab fourth money.

Bred by Larry Byer, True Cinder now has \$394,300 in her career coffers.

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***Photo of True Cinder winning the \$75,000 Buckeye Native Stakes
by Amy Griffiths of Coady Photography***