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Magic Tale wins \$75,000 Cleveland Kindergarten Stakes

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Even-money favorite **Magic Tale** prevailed in a big way, storming to a three-length victory for rider Albin Jimenez after battling a determined 2-1 **Diamond Dust** (Luis Colon) throughout the six furlongs in the \$75,000 Cleveland Kindergarten stakes for Ohio-registered 2-year-olds on Aug. 4 at Jack Thistledown.

Magic Tale is a dark bay or brown colt by Tale of the Cat, out of the Indian Charlie mare Conjuress who is trained by Kelly Breen for owner Bruce Tallisman.

The Cleveland Kindergarten was his second straight win and first stakes triumph, as he came into the race off an impressive 13½ length victory on June 17 in a Thistledown maiden special weight over a muddy surface. Today he was clocked in 1:11.82 for the sprint.

Diamond Dust held on for second, while 52-1 longshot **Private Drive** was third for Luis Rivera, 11¼ lengths back, with 35-1 **Into the Out** fourth for rider Jarred Journet, and 3-1 **Ohio Player** fifth with Noel Vigil in the irons.

Bred by Langsem Farm, Magic Tale sold for \$30,000 at the 2017 Keeneland Association September Yearling Sale and later to his current owner for \$70,000 at the 2018 Ocala Breeders 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale.

Next Up: The \$75,000 Vivacious Stakes for Ohio-registered fillies and mares, 3-year-olds and up, on Sunday, Aug. 5 at Belterra Park. The race is at a distance of one and one-sixteenth miles on the turf.

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Photo of Magic Tale by Jeff Zamaiko