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\$75,000 Emerald Necklace Stakes for 2-year-olds Saturday

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The fifth running of the \$75,000 Emerald Necklace Stakes for 2-year-old Accredited foals will be contested Saturday, Oct. 3 at JACK Thistledown.

A field of seven fillies will vie over the Cleveland one-miler in the featured seventh race, a six-furlong sprint, with a scheduled post time of 3:20 pm, ET.

Happy as You Go, the richest freshmen in the field with \$61,716 in earnings, heads up the field for trainer Robert Gorham and owner Marion Gorham. This dark bay or brown filly by Mobil-Preservation Hall, by Dixieland Band captured the \$75,000 Loyalty Stakes on Sept 18 at Belterra Park for these same connections after breaking her maiden on July 30 at Thistledown. Bred by Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm, Happy as You Go was a \$5,000 purchase at the 2019 Ohio Thoroughbred Breeders & Owners Fall Mixed Sale.

Boogie Boogie, a bay daughter by Cryptolight-Darling Rachel, by Fusaichi Pegasus, will be trying to stop Happy as You Go in her pursuit of her third straight triumph. Michael Rone conditions Boogie for owner Ronald Dewolf, who also bred the winner of \$17,600. She was a smart winner at Thistledown in a six-furlong contest on Sept 17.

The other five starters in this field are all maidens looking for their first stakes victory.