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## Happy as You Go Wins \$75,000 Emerald Necklace Stakes

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Favorite (1-5) **Happy as You Go** cruised to an easy seven length victory in the fifth running of the \$75,000 Emerald Necklace Stakes for 2-year-old Accredited foals on Saturday, Oct. 3 at JACK Thistledown.



Happy as You Go & rider Christian Pilares capture the \$75,000 Emerald Necklace Stakes *Photo by Jeff Zamaiko*

Besting six rival fillies over the Cleveland one-miler, Happy as You Go was clocked in 1:14.22 for the six-furlong sprint.

Trained by Robert Gorham for owner Marion Gorham, the dark bay or brown filly by Mobil-Preservation Hall, by Dixieland Band was ridden by Christian Pilares to her third straight triumph. **Sammy's Sister** (5-1) was second best for rider Luis Rivera, with Hector Berrios guiding 18-1 **Mobil Chic** to third-place honors, while 9-2 **Boogie Boogie** (Irwin Rosendo) got up for fourth.

Happy as You Go had also captured the \$75,000 Loyalty Stakes on Sept 18 at Belterra Park after breaking her maiden on July 30 at Thistledown. Her career earnings now stand at \$106,718.

Bred by Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm, Happy as You Go was a \$5,000 purchase at the 2019 Ohio Thoroughbred Breeders & Owners Fall Mixed Sale.