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Hey Adrian makes it three-in-a-row in \$75,000 Emerald Necklace

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Hey Adrian notched her third straight victory via her triumph in Saturday's \$75,000 Emerald Necklace Stakes at Jack Thistledown.

The daughter of Twinspired-Zinn House Doll, by Milwaukee Brew bested five Ohio-accredited 2-year-old rivals in the six-furlong sprint for distaffers in 1:13.88.

Ridden by Juan Velez for trainer-owner Josh Faulkner, the 1-5 Hey Adrian grabbed the lead easily at the start and was never headed, finishing three-quarters of a length in front of 9-1 **Radiant Bird** (T.D. Houghton) and 5-1 third-place finisher **Financing Dreams** (Luis Colon).

Show Me Some Sass (8-1) and rider Hector Berrios finished fourth, followed by 82-1 **Crypto's Twin Mill** (Keivan Serrano) and 30-1 **Copper Trail** (Luis Rivera).

The win upped the homebred Hey Adrian's career bankroll to \$101,00 from three wins and a second in five lifetime starts. She came into the Emerald Necklace fresh off a victory in the \$75,000 Loyalty Stakes at Belterra Park on Sept. 8 after breaking her maiden on Aug. 13 in at Thistledown.



Photo of Hey Adrian winning the \$75,000 Emerald Necklace Stakes by Jeff Zamaiko