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Altissimo captures \$75,000 Gendelman Memorial Handicap

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Altissimo simply demolished ten rivals on Saturday afternoon, June 9, in the \$75,000 Sydney Gendelman Memorial Handicap—drawing off by 8¼ lengths for the victory over the Belterra dirt.

The bay son by Noble Causeway-Great Goin Rose, by Albert the Great, covered the one and one-sixteenth mile contest for Ohio-registered 3-year-olds and up in a snappy 1:42.37, with Christian Pilares riding for trainer Richard Zielinski.

Altissimo left the gate alertly as the 5-2 favorite and opened up lengths on the others with every stride. Sprint champion **Rivers Run Deep** was second with Channing Hill aboard at 5-2, with 60-1 longshot **Let'scalliteven** (Chelsey Keiser) third and 13-1 **Coincidentally** (Luis Colon) grabbing fourth-place honors.

Altissimo pushed his career earnings to \$266,888 and his seasonal bankroll to \$113,375 for owners Nancy Lavrich and Elizabeth Rankin. The rangy gelding, who was bred by Lavrich and Niknar Farm, now has ten wins, three seconds and three thirds in 28 career starts.

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