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Let'scalliteven surprises in \$75,000 Governor's Buckeye Cup

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Let'scalliteven, the 12-1 longshot in the field of six, posted a stunning upset in the 70th edition of the \$75,000 Governor's Buckeye Cup on Aug. 25 at JACK Thistledown.

Rider Chelsey Keiser was in the saddle for trainer Robert Bennett III, who also bred and owns the 5-year-old altered son of Even the Score, who is out of the Dixieland Heat mare Chubbs Last Call.

After sitting last throughout the first half, Let'scalliteven steadily moved up on 2-1 **Mo Dont No** (Scott Spieth) and 1-2 favorite **Altissimo** (Christians Pilares) who had battled head to head on the lead for the first three quarters of the race.

In the final turn, Keiser moved her charge up the inside and continued to battle Mo Dont No right to the wire, holding on by neck for the victory. Altissimo faded back, but held on for third over 17-1 **Eighththehardway** (T.D. Houghton).

Time for the 1¼ mile contest for Ohio-registered runners, 3-year-olds and up, was 2:06.66. The winner returned \$26.00 to win.

Let'scalliteven's previous best finishes came in the 2018 edition of the \$75,000 Gentleman and \$150,000 Best of Ohio 2017 Endurance Stakes, when he finished third in each. This venerable gelding now has \$191,326 in career earnings from seven wins, three seconds and four thirds in 19 starts.



Photo Cutline: Let'scalliteven (blue bridle) prevails over Mo Dont No (#5) in the \$75,000 Governor's Buckeye Cup on Aug. 25 at JACK Thistledown. **Photo by Jeff Zamaiko**