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Manga Man takes \$75,000 Green Carpet Stakes

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Manga Man and jockey Luis Gonzalez took advantage of an unsettling miscue by 4-5 favorite **Diamond Dust** in the late stretch to win the \$75,000 Green Carpet Stakes on Sunday afternoon at Belterra Park.

The one and one-sixteenth mile contest for Ohio Registered 3-year-olds saw ten runners break from the Belterra gate over a turf course listed as "Good." Manga Man, a son of Kingship—Sligo Knows, by Sligo Bay (IRE) was timed in 1:45.44.

Diamond Dust had looked like the clear winner as the field turned for home after grabbing the lead from 24-1 pacesetter **Jack Be Fast** (Luis Rivera) but then suddenly seemed to take a bad step, jumping to his left and unseating jockey Luis Colon. Manga Man (4-1) then burst through the field to nail down the victory.

Send Me On, (5-1) with Gerardo Corrales in the saddle was second, with 25-1 longshot **Danefield** (Walber Alencar) third and 6-1 **I Wanna Win** (Abel Lezcano) fourth.

Manga Man hails from Alan Sobol's barn for owner Martha Boland and upped his bankroll to \$125,232 from three wins, four seconds and two thirds in 13 career starts. He was bred by Joshua Faulkner.



Manga Man won the \$75,000 Green Carpet Stakes on May 26 at Belterra Park. *.Cody Photography*