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Brown Buckeye best in \$75,000 Honey Jay Stakes

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Brown Buckeye, a 5-year-old son of Big Brown, overcame a world of trouble to emerge victorious in the \$75,000 Honey Jay Stakes on a beautiful Saturday afternoon, Aug. 10, at JACK Thistledown.

Owned by Ron Paolucci Racing, LLC, Brown Buckeye faced off against four rivals in the 31st running of the six furlong sprint.

Brown Buckeye stumbled and precariously recovered coming out of the starting gate, nearly unseating rider Jose Bracho. That didn't stop him from challenging the heavy favorite **Altissimo** (Christian Pilaes) and after a vicious duel, bested last year's Ohio Horse of the Year by half a length. The victor then survived a lengthy objection and stewards inquiry to nail down the win officially.

Over Icce (Fernando Salazar Becerral) was third with **Midnight Mikey** (Luis Quinones) fourth and **Tancahua** (Luis Gonzalez) fifth.

Jeff Radosevich trains the winner, who was bred by Bruce Tallisman. Brown Buckeye upped his career earnings to \$185,964 and has seven wins, one second and two thirds in 12 lifetime starts. The dark bay or brown gelding has \$76,564 in his seasonal bankroll from two wins, one second and a third in six starts.

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