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## Verissimo captures \$75,000 Horizon Stakes

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**Verissimo** and jockey Luis Rivera made every stride a winning one, capturing the \$75,000 Horizon Stakes on Sunday afternoon, August 11 at Belterra Park.



**Verissimo (#9) holds off Sammy Da Bull (#3) in the \$75,000 Horizon Stakes  
At Belters Park on August 11, 2019. Photo by Cody Photography**

The son of Vertiformer—Blue as the Nile, by Spunky Rascal won the OTRF stake, a one and one-sixteenth mile contest, in a time of 1:44.55 over the Belters grass as the 9-2 choice.

Leaving smartly from the gate, Verismo bolted to the front end and was never headed, holding off a late challenge by 7-2 **Sammy Da Bull** (Erik Barbarian) by a neck at the wire, with 8-5 favorite **Manga Man** (John McKee) third and **Pat's Karma** (Jose Bracho) fourth at 6-1.

Verissimo is trained by Jeff Radosevich for owners and breeders Richard Spicer and William Spitler and now has \$130,003 from four wins, three seconds and a third in ten career starts. This was his first stakes triumph.