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## Sammy Da Bull wins \$75,000 Lewis Memorial Stakes

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**Sammy Da Bull** pulled off a mild upset en route to capturing the 39<sup>th</sup> running of the \$75,000 George Lewis Memorial Stakes for Accredited Ohio-breds, 3-year-olds and up, on a mild and breezy sunny afternoon, June 22 at JACK Thistledown.



Sammy Da Bull (#4) overtakes Mobil Solution (#5) in the final strides to win the \$75,000 George Lewis Memorial on June 22 at JACK Thistldown. *Photo by Jeff Zamaiko*

Trained by Rodeny C. Faulkner for R & P Racing Stables LLC, the 3-year-old Vertiformer gelding was clocked in 1:46.68 for the one and one-sixteenth mile contest in his first stakes triumph. Sent off at odds of 7-1, Sammy Da Bull was ridden by Erik Barbaran.

Jockey Jose Bracho hustled 25-1 longshot **Funnel Cake** quickly out of the gate, setting the pace t the half before tiring. **Mobil Solution** (Luis Rivera), at 7-5, took over the lead on the rail with 4-5 **Leona's Reward** (Scott Spieth) just a head behind on the outside. Rounding the far turn, Sammy Da Bull began to chase the leading Mobil Solution, who eventually gave way in the final yards, allowing his rival to sweep under the wire in front.

Mobil Solution was second, followed by 18-1 Mobil At Last (Christian Pilares) with 11-1 **Eightthehardway** (Noel Vigil) finishing fourth.

The Lewis victory upped Sammy Da Bull's career bankroll to \$135,385. The burly chestnut now has three wins, four seconds and four thirds in 15 lifetime starts.

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