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Seven vie in \$75,000 Mackey Memorial-Angenora Stakes

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Jack Thistledown plays host to the \$75,000 Michael G. Mackey Memorial-Angenora Stakes on Thursday, September 2. The six-furlong sprint features a field of seven, Ohio registered fillies and mares, 3-year-old and up, traveling over the Cleveland dirt. Scheduled post time for the feature is 3:50 pm, ET.



Last year's winner of this stake, **Circus Rings** (*above*), returns to keep her crown intact for trainer Valerie Shanyfelt and owner Knight's A to Z Racing. The 6-year-old daughter by Wilburn-Ring Ring Ring, by Petionville is the second richest mare in the field with \$356,541 in her coffers from 10 career triumphs in 33 starts. She was a recent winner in the \$100,000 Best of Ohio Pay The Man Stakes at this same track on Aug. 14. Hector Berrios will be in the saddle as Circus Rings carries high weight of 123 pounds.

Amadevil, who is an impressive three-for-three winner in her brief career, steps into stakes competition for the first time. The daughter of Dominus—Preachette, by Pulpit is conditioned and co-owned by David Wolochuk and Blue Snow Racing. After breaking her maiden at Thistledown on June 21, she rattled off a pair of allowance victories on July 26 and Aug. 23, notching \$59,400 in total to date. Chelsey Keiser rides the bay filly, who carries 117 pounds.

Esplanande is a multiple stakes winner and graded stakes placed daughter of Daredevil-Southern Silence, by Dixie Union who has career earnings of \$304,980 for breeders-owners Winstar Farm, Blazing Meadows Farm and Michael Lewis. Trained by Tim Hamm, Esplanande captured the \$100,000 Best of Ohio Diana Stakes at Belterra on May 28 and was second in both the \$75,000 Noonan and \$75,000 Southern Park Stakes earlier this season. She's riding a three-race win-streak coming into this event. Jose Brach rides the 3-year-old filly, who carries 119 pounds.

Star Mabee is the richest (\$378,975) and oldest (8-years-old) mare in this field and has a world of experience under her four hooves. The daughter of Mr. Mabee, out of the Mutakddim mare Stardimm, captured the \$75,000 Scarlet & Gray last season, and has numerous allowance victories to her credit. Jeff Radosevich trains Star Mabee for owner Michael Annechino, and over her lengthy career she's won 14 races, with 10 seconds and eight thirds in 55 starts. Luis River will be in the irons carrying 117 pounds.

Valley of Mo'ara (Malcom Franklin, 121 lbs.), **Here Comes Jigs** (Erik Barbaran, 117 lbs.), and **Adventure Land** (Fernando Becerra, 121 lbs.) round out the field.