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Cali Dream romps in \$75,000 Pay The Man Stakes

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Cali Dream put in a game performance on a slightly breezy and crisp Saturday afternoon at JACK Thistledown to capture the 34th running of the \$75,000 Pay The Man Stakes with rider Luis Quinones in the saddle.

A field of nine Ohio registered fillies and mares, 3-year-olds and up, went postward in the one and one-eighth mile contest, which was clocked in a leisurely 1:54.86.



Cali Dream winning the \$75,000 Pay The Man Stakes

Photo by Jeff Zamaiko

Sent off at odds of 9-2, the dark bay or brown 5-year-old mare by Cowboy Cal split horses in mid-stretch to prevail over the hard-trying 5-1 **Grizabella** (Luis Rivera), while 4-5

Takechargedelilah (Gerardo Corrales) picked up third-place money. **Totally Obsessed** (Jose Bracho) notched fourth-place honors as the public's number one choice.

Cali Dream is trained by Gary Johnson for owner Jerry Laria and now has \$327,917 in her career bank account from 10 wins, seven seconds and four thirds in 26 lifetime trips postward.

Bred by Robert Gorham and Mast Thoroughbreds, LLC, Cali Dream was a multiple stakes placed finisher prior to this victory, her first stakes triumph. She now has \$100,650 earned this year from two wins and three seconds in seven starts.

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