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### Brothers finish one-two in \$75,000 Rowland

*Buckeye Bullet grabs stake crown for the fourth time*

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**Buckeye Bullet** captured the \$75,000 Michael F. Rowland Memorial Handicap, a six-furlong contest for Accredited Ohio-breds, 3-year-olds and up, on a sunny and windy afternoon at JACK Thistledown.



**Buckeye Bullet** finishes just ahead of his bull brother **Midnight Mikey** in the \$75,000 Rowland Memorial Handicap at JACK Thistledown on May 10, 2021. *Photo by Jeff Zamaiko*

It was the fourth time that **Buckeye Bullet** had captured this stake, as he did so in 2017, 2018 and 2020. The home-bred, 8-year-old son of Dark Kestrel-Buckler, by Concerto is trained by Louis V. Ruberto, Jr. for the Ruberto Racing Stable.

The tough gelding left the gate with rider Erik Barbaran up as the 4/5 favorite and was challenged throughout the six-furlongs by his younger brother, 5-1 **Midnight Mikey** (Ricardo

Felciano) a 6-year-old. **Mobil Solution**, who won this same stake in 2019, was third at 3-1 for jockey Jose Bracho, while 53-1 longshot **Big Als Express** notched fourth for Santiago Gonzalez.

Ultimately, Buckeye Bullet finished three-quarters of a lengths ahead of Midnight Mikey in a respectable 1:12.42 and now has \$406,759 in career earnings from 11 wins, five seconds and four thirds in 24 starts.