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Tivis takes \$75,000 Southern Park Stakes

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Hillburn Racing Stable's **Tivis** kicked off the 2021 OTRF Stakes season with a resounding victory in the \$75,000 Southern Park Stakes at Mahoning Valley on Saturday afternoon, March 20.

The dark bay or brown filly by Tale of Ekati--Preseli's Pulpit, by Pulpit notched the triumph in the sixth running of the stakes named for the original racetrack that operated 107 years ago in nearby Boardman, Ohio.



Tivis capturing the \$75,000 Southern Park Stakes & celebrating in the Mahoning winner's circle. *Livesay/Conrad Photos*

Tivis captured the six-furlong contest for Ohio-registered 3-year-old fillies in a modest 1:12.48 at odds of 5-1 for rider Christian Pilares, besting 1-5 favorite **Esplanade** (Erik Barbaran) by four lengths at the wire. **Rock Star Lady** (Luan Machado) was third at 25-1, while 30-1 **Buckeye Bling** (Sonny Leon) grabbed fourth-place honors in the field of 11.

Tivis, a homebred, picked up her second career victory in as many lifetime starts for trainer Robert Gorham and now has \$61,500 in earnings.