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\$75,000 Stearns Cleveland Gold Cup spotlights 3-Year-Olds

Six Ohio-registered sophomores break from the Jack Thistledown gate

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A field of six Ohio-registered 3-year-olds are will break from the JACK Thistledown starting gate in Saturday's (June 29) \$75,000 Daniel Stearns Cleveland Gold Cup.

Poised as the seventh event on the eight-race card with a post time of 3:20 pm, ET, the one and 1/8th mile test is the 51st running of the Stearns.

WinStar Farm and Blazing Meadows Farm's **Diamond Dust** appears ready to rebound from his unfortunate mishap in the \$75,000 Green Carpet Stakes on May 26 at Belterra Park, when he unseated his rider at the finish of what looked to be his seventh career triumph.

Trained by Tim Hamm, this multiple stakes-winning son by Paynter--Radiant Sky, by the Brazilian-bred Leroidesanimaux has earned \$283,100 thus far in his career. Prior to the Green Carpet, Diamond Dust had captured an allowance race on March 30 at Mahoning Valley, before easily winning the \$75,000 Noonan on April 13 at Mahoning and the \$75,000 Tall Stack Stakes on May 4 at Belterra. The homebred bay gelding has six wins and two seconds in nine career starts.

Manga Man, a gelded son by Kingship-Sligo Knows, by the Irish-bred Sligo Bay took advantage of Diamond Dust's miscue in the Green Carpet to garner that victory. Trained by Alan Sobol for owner Martha Boland, Manga Man was then a sharp second in a Thistledown allowance/optional claimer on June 15. To date he's amassed \$132,372 from three wins, five seconds and two thirds in 14 starts. He was bred by Joshua Faulkner.

Trainer Robert Gorham will tighten the girth on **Send Me On**, a son of Hold Me Back—Atlasta Crypto, by Cryptoclearance for owner Marion Gorham. This youngster was second in the Green Carpet Stakes and prior to that had captured a Thistledown allowance race on May 7 by a head over Manga Man. A winner of \$91,947 in his career from three wins, one second and one third in eight starts, Send Me On's best efforts have come over the Cleveland dirt. Gail Kromer and Eric Heyman bred this gelding.

Pat's Karma hails from the Jeff Radosevich stable and appears to run well in any kind of weather—having won races over sloppy, muddy and fast surfaces. The altered son by Cowtown Cat—Jump Raise, by I'll Raise You One has \$98,005 in his coffers for owner Michael J. Annechino from three wins, two seconds and one third in nine starts. His lone stake's triumph came in the \$75,000 Radosevich Memorial on Dec. 1, 2018 at Mahoning Valley. He was bred by Raimonde Farm.

Two-time winner **Serve Revenge Cold** comes into the Stearns fresh off a sparkling victory on June 5 at Thistledown in a similar distance event. The son of I Want Revenge—Impatient Lady by Pleasant Tap romped to a near four-length triumph in that race over a sloppy track. The dark bay or brown gelding has amassed \$40,781 thus far in his brief career. He was bred by Steve M. Demajolo.

Danefield is a lightly-raced son by Kentucky Dane—Nesfield, by Paynes Bay who'll be looking for his first victory of the season. Trained by John Burke, who co-owns and co-bred the gelding with Jeff Barbee and James Kerins, Danefield broke his maiden nearly a year ago at Thistledown and has \$49,060 in earnings from that lone win, one second and a trio of thirds in six lifetime starts.



Diamond Dust looks for his third stakes victory this year in Saturday's \$75,000 Daniel Stearns Cleveland Gold Cup at JACK Thistledown. *Coady Photo*

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