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### Daniel Stearns Cleveland Gold Cup Saturday at Thistledown

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The 52<sup>nd</sup> running of the \$75,000 Daniel Stearns Cleveland Gold Cup will be contested Saturday afternoon, June 27 at JACK Thistledown. The one- and 1/8-mile contest features a field of eight Ohio-registered 3-year-olds battling over the Cleveland one-miler.

All of these youngsters carry 119 pounds in the co-featured seventh race, which has scheduled post time of 3:15 pm, ET. The co-featured \$500,000 Ohio Derby (Gr.III) is set as the eighth race on the card, with a scheduled post time of 4:22 pm, ET.



**Liberate**

Multiple stakes winner **Liberate** heads up the field for trainer Tim Hamm and owners/breeders Winstar Farm LLC, Blazing Meadows Farm LLC and Michael Lewis. The son of Gemologist-Southern Silence, by Dixie Union captured the \$150,000 Best of Ohio Juvenile Stakes as well as the \$75,000 Hoover Stakes and \$75,000 Cleveland Kindergarten Stakes in 2019.

Liberate comes into the Stearns Cleveland fresh off a gate-to-wire triumph in a Thistledown allowance race on June 9. He owns a career bankroll of \$226,360 from five wins in seven career starts and will have Gerardo Corrales in the saddle.

**Betchaiwill**, another multiple stakes winner, hails from trainer James Chapman's stable, who conditions the son of William's Kitten for owner Marcus Yagour LLC. This bay colt captured the

\$75,000 Loyalty Stakes and the \$75,000 Radosevich Memorial last season. A winner of \$138,775 lifetime, Betchaiwill has three wins, two seconds and a third from eight career starts. John McKee rides this colt, who was bred by Eyes of a Child Stable.

The sleeper in here may be trainer Jeff Radosevich's **Iron Men of Metz**, who steps up into stakes company for the first time in his brief career. The dark bay or brown gelded son of Added Edge captured his last start on June 4 at Thistledown impressively for rider Luis Rivera and owner Michael Annechino. Iron Men of Metz was bred by Raimonde Farm and has \$30,708 in his coffers.