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## Longshots Prevail in Thistledown Stakes

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The co-featured stakes on JACK Thistledown's Saturday (June 27) stakes saw a pair of longshots prevail in fine fashion at the Cleveland one-miler.

The \$75,000 Daniel Stearns Cleveland Gold Cup saw **Chief Randel**, a 24-1 longshot, get the winning call by nearly three lengths in 52<sup>nd</sup> running of the one and 1/8 mile event for Ohio-registered 3-year-old foals.



Chief Randel

Ridden by Agustin Bracho for trainer Jose Romero and owner/breeder Harry D. Waite, the striking grey son of Fiber Sonde-She Could Be Good, by Daylight Saving, was clocked in 1:54.22 en route to his first career stakes triumph.

Favorite **Liberate** (Gerardo Corrales) was second, while 2-1 **Betchaiwill** (John McKee) nailed down third-place honors with 43-1 longshot **Ohio Eagle** (David Haldar) got up for fourth. The

Stearns Cleveland was Chief Randel's tenth lifetime start and third career victory, upping his earnings to \$94,500.



Dean Martini

In the 86th running of the \$500,000 Ohio Derby (Grade III), it was 14-1 longshot **Dean Martini** who nailed down the victory for trainer Thomas Amoss and rider Ricardo Mejias. The son of Cairo Prince-Soundwave, by Friends Lake held off a late charge by 9-2 **South Bend** (Rafael Bejarano), while 2-1 **Storm The Court** (Flavien Prat) finished third and 16-1 **Rowdy Yates** (Tyler Baze) held on for fourth after a perfect journey. Time for the one and 1/8 mile Ohio Derby was 1:51.60. Dean Martini now has \$391,380 in her coffers for owners Raise The BAR Racing LLC.