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Drillit impressive victress in \$75,000 Tah Dah Stakes

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The leggy chestnut filly **Drillit** put forth an impressive, front-running performance to capture the \$75,000 Tah Dah Stakes on a lovely Sunday afternoon, Aug. 26 at Belterra Park. Ridden by T. D. Houghton, the 2-year-old Ohio-registered lass covered the six furlongs over the dirt in 1:12.69.

Conditioned by Robert Gorham for Mast Thoroughbreds, the 7-2 Drillit left alertly from the gate and galloped easily along, staving off a late challenge by eventual second-place finisher by a solid length, 3-5 favorite **Totally Obsessed** (Luis Colon). **Market Success** finished third at 6-1 for Gabriel Lagunes, with 11-1 **Patti Go Girl** (DeShawn Parker) getting up for fourth.

The victory pushed Drillit's career earnings to \$85,500.

Bred by Eric Heyman, this daughter by Drill—Way to Fly, by Bowman's Band scored her maiden triumph at Thistledown on June 23 before posting a second-place finish in the \$75,000 Hoover Stakes at Belterra on July 7 and a third-place effort in the \$75,000 Miss Ohio at Thistledown on July 21.

The Tah Dah Stakes pays homage to the multiple stakes winning, Ohio-bred filly who was the pride of the Buckeye State during the 1980s. Bred by Dr. T. F. Classen, the daughter of Brent's Prince-Pettibone Lazss, by East Indian earned \$330,254 from 32 starts, with 16 wins, two seconds and five thirds for owner F. E. Bernet. Tah Dah was trained by James E. Morgan and ridden in most of her races by Tommy Meyers.



Photo Cutline: Drillit (#3) captures the \$75,000 Tah Dah Stakes on Aug. 27 at Belterra Park for rider T. D. Houghton. Photo by Amy Griffiths/Coady Photography