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IMAGINATIONTHELADY TAKES EDGEWOOD THRILLER IN FOUR-HORSE PHOTO

LOUISVILLE, KY (Friday, May 1, 2026) – Mark Dobbin’s **Imaginationthelady** surged late to catch **Tam Tam** to prevail by a head in winning the 42nd running of the \$600,000 Edgewood (GII) presented by **Accenture** for 3-year-old fillies Friday afternoon at Churchill Downs.

Trained by **Brendan Walsh** and ridden by **Tyler Gaffalione**, **Imaginationthelady** completed the mile and a sixteenth on a firm Matt Winn Turf Course in a stakes-record 1:40.92. It is the second victory for Walsh in the race with the previous score coming in 2022 with **New Year’s Eve**.

Tam Tam led the field through fractions of :23.17 and :47.78 with **Lion Lake (IRE)** pressing just to her outside and **Just Aloof** just in behind the leaders on the rail.

At the top of the stretch, **Tam Tam** and **Lion Lake** reached even terms with **Just Aloof** making a three-wide move with **Imaginationthelady** moving right behind her.

At the sixteenth pole, there were four fillies across the track with **Lion Lake** holding a narrow edge over **Tam Tam** with **Imaginationthelady** driving in between runners to get the final advantage over a game **Tam Tam** in the shadow of the wire.

Now a winner of three of five starts and a two-time Grade II winner, **Imaginationthelead** is a Kentucky-bred daughter of **Not This Time** out of the War Front mare **Romanticism**.

Imaginationthelady returned \$6.88, \$4.44 and \$3.12. **Tam Tam**, ridden by **Junior Alvarado**, returned \$16.54 and \$9.54 and finished a head in front of **Lion Lake** who paid \$4.10 to show under **John Velazquez**.

It was another head back to **Just Aloof** who was followed in order by **Storm’s Wake**, **Indigo Woods**, **Time to Dream**, **Dandona**, **Connect the Stars**, **Bohemian**, **To a Flame**, **Lorilei Lee** and **Taken by the Wind**.

EDGEWOOD QUOTES

Tyler Gaffalione (Jockey, Imaginationthelady, winner) – “I wanted to get position out of the gate and she responded to me well. They slowed it down a little bit down the backstretch and I lost a little ground there. She never hesitated when I put her through the spot and she finished off really well.”

Brendan Walsh (Trainer, Imaginationthelady, winner) --- “I didn’t have any instructions for my rider (Tyler Gaffalione). He rides for me all the time and he knows what we want. This is a tribute to my whole team. They all work hard and this is the sort of thing that everyone enjoys. I’m not sure what’s next for her, but I’ve got a feeling she’s just going to get better.

“It was tight at the end. Tyler rode a great race. She was a little farther back than planned, but it worked out. We always thought she was a nice filly as a 2-year-old, and she’s only gotten better with age. I think her best races are still ahead of her.”

Junior Alvarado (Jockey, Tam Tam, second) – “It was a very good trip. She broke very sharp and put herself on the lead. I wasn’t going to take anything away that comes easy. She fought very hard until the end.”

John Velazquez (Jockey, Lion Lake (IRE), third) – “We had a good trip. I wish she would’ve relaxed a little bit better today, but she still put in a good effort.”

Flavien Prat (Jockey, Just Aloof, fourth) – “She put herself in the race. I was going to go to the lead and then some others to the outside were faster. I thought we were traveling well turning for home. We just couldn’t quite get there.”

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