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GRADE I WINNER KILWIN DOMINATES TWIN BRIDGES IN SEASONAL DEBUT

HENDERSON, Ky. (Sunday, July 19, 2026) – BBN Racing and Rick Howard's Grade I winner **Kilwin** returned from a 10-month layoff in dominant fashion Sunday when she captured the \$175,000 Twin Bridges Stakes presented by Hausmann Outdoor Solutions at Ellis Park Racing & Gaming.

Ridden by **Edgar Morales** for trainer **Rusty Arnold II**, Kilwin covered six furlongs in 1:09.12 over the listed good main track.

Kilwin rated in sixth as **Asternia**, **Benedetta**, 9-5 favorite **Cash Call** and **Jersey Pearl** engaged in a spirited four-way battle for the lead through an opening quarter-mile in :22.23 and a half-mile in :44.95. Morales tipped Kilwin four wide entering the stretch, and she powered past the tiring pacesetters to draw off for a convincing 2 ¼-length victory.

Cash Call held second, followed by **Evanescence**, **Benedetta**, **Jersey Pearl** and **Asternia**.

Sent off at odds of 3-1, Kilwin rewarded her backers by returning \$8.36 to win.

Kilwin is a daughter of Twirling Candy out of the Blame mare Spanish Star, was bred in Kentucky by Gilder-Schwarz Farms.

The Twin Bridges victory was worth \$106,208 and increased Kilwin's career earnings to \$551,576.

Live racing resumes Friday at Ellis Park with first post at 11:50 a.m. CT.

For the latest information about racing and gaming from Ellis Park, visit www.ellisparkowensboro.com.

AROUND THE PEA PATCH – Jockey **Francisco Arrieta**'s six-win day Saturday was the sixth time in modern Ellis Park history a rider won at least six races on a single card. **Willie Martinez** set the track record with seven victories on July 6, 1993. Four other riders have won six races on a card: **Jon Court** (Aug. 6, 2000), **Orlando Mojica** (July 7, 2007), **Shaun Bridgmohan** (Aug. 5, 2018) and **Tyler Gaffalione** (Aug. 10, 2025). Arrieta ended the week with a 15-10 lead over **Ben Curtis** in the jockey standings. Curtis will have an opportunity to make up ground over the next several racing days as Arrieta is scheduled to serve a three-day careless riding suspension July 25, 26 and 31 for an incident that occurred July 9. ... Nominations for Ellis Park's Summer Showcase weekend stakes will be released in the coming days. The two-day event on Aug. 1-2 features seven turf stakes worth a combined \$1.75 million, with two stakes Saturday and five Sunday. The lineup is led by the \$300,000 Green River Island Stakes presented by Sterling Industrial (Listed), \$250,000 Pucker Up Stakes (Listed), \$250,000 Sunkissed Stakes presented by Sterling Industrial (Listed), \$250,000 Tri-State Turf Sprint Stakes (Listed), \$250,000 Hummingbird Stakes (Listed), \$250,000 Water Tower Stakes presented by Sterling Industrial and the \$200,000 Riverside Rush Stakes. ... Wiener and corgi dog racing returns to Ellis Park on Sunday as part of Family Weekend. Sunday's races will serve as qualifiers for the finals Aug. 16.

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