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CAVALLERIA UPSETS IN HOOSIER BREEDERS FILLY DIVISION AT INDIANA GRAND RACING & CASINO

By Tammy Knox - SHELBYVILLE, Ind.; - Oct. 4, 2014 - It was the first race on the Indiana Derby card and it was a great way to set the tone of the night. An exciting finish brought heavily favored Cactus Joe and longshot Cavalleria to the wire together with Cavalleria getting the win by one-half length as the longest shot on the board.

Starting from the outside post six, Cavalleria was not rushed early on by jockey Francisco Torres, sitting on the heels of the petite pack as they made their way around the turn of the one and one-sixteenth mile race. Camara Ann and Indiana Grand's Leading Jockey Fernando De La Cruz led the way through early fractions, feeling pressure from the favorite Cactus Joe and Oriana Rossi by the final turn. Cactus Joe was primed to

take over the top spot by the top of the stretch but Cavalleria was also in prime position for the front.

Cactus Joe fought hard along the inside while Cavalleria fought just as hard on the outside all the way to the wire. In the end, it was Cavalleria who was strongest in the final strides to grab the win by one-half length in a time of 1:43.78. Mary 'n Eileen and Trevor McCarthy had a strong hold on third.

"The turning point in the race was turning for home," said Torres, who was aboard for the second straight start. "She (Cavalleria) showed up, she was there. And I really hadn't called on her yet and she quickens up when I call on her. She's going to be tough to beat here (at Indiana Grand)."

Cavalleria is owned by Harry Mast' Mast Thoroughbreds LLC and is trained by Bob Gorham. The win was her third of the season in eight outings. The chestnut daughter of Langfuhr surprised the betting public with the win, paying \$56.00, \$18.00 and \$4.20 across the board. The win in the Hoosier Breeders' Sophomore Stakes was her first stakes win and increased her career bankroll to more than \$131,000 with the win.

"He [Robert Gorham] said to be on the inside and follow," continued Torres. "She broke so sharp with me in the race early on. She just took me for a ride."

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