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CLYDE PARK SETS NEW STAKES RECORD IN GUS GRISSOM STAKES AT INDIANA GRAND RACING & CASINO

By Tammy Knox - SHELBYVILLE, Ind.; - Oct. 9, 2014 - Clyde Park and Albin Jiminez gave Trainer Bob Gorham his second stakes win on the Indiana Derby Night racing program Saturday, Oct. 4. Clyde Park was in a fierce battle late in the race with favored Success is Racing and Ben Creed, but got the final head bob on the outside to claim the title in the 14th running of the \$85,000-added Gus Grissom Stakes at Indiana Grand Racing & Casino.

Clyde Park started from post six in the nine horse field. The four-year-old chestnut son of City Weekend is known to stay close to the pacesetters and followed his normal routine as Gloomy Gus and Malcolm Franklin set early fractions of :24.10 and :48.22 for the one and one-sixteenth

mile distance.

The race was setting up to favor the front runners and horses filed four wide in the turn looking for their shot at the sprint home. Clyde Park was widest of all and the race was on to the wire. Success is Racing and Clyde Park were the final two battling it out and Clyde Park's nose hit the wire with precise timing to win the race, his second of the year and his fourth overall in 17 career starts. Short Round and Orlando Mojica, who also made a bid late, finished third.

"I always pick the horse that is going to be close," said Jiminez. "But in the stretch, it was like, 'ooh.' He (Clyde Park) gave me a little more than I thought. That was a real tight race. I had to ride very hard but it was a good race."

Clyde Park is owned by Henry Mast' Mast Thoroughbreds. He joined Cavalleria as the second horse from Gorham's barn to earn a stakes win for the night. Cavalleria is also owned by Mast Thoroughbreds to complete the trainer-owner double.

"He (Clyde Park) was coming into the race just super," said Gorham. "I noticed him in the paddock and I felt extremely confident because he just has boomed here the last couple of months. He's obviously a better four-year-old than a three-year-old so I was really pleased. I thought he ran a really big race tonight, I really did. And it's just a question of getting to go this distance. That's the key."

Clyde Park paid \$17.00, \$4.60 and \$3.60 across the board, joining the trend for the night. Six of the 11 races had payouts in excess of \$15 for a \$2 win wager. The final time of the Gus Grissom was clocked in 1:43.05 to establish a new stakes record. The previous record was set in 2009 by Mo Faster and jockey Fernando De La Cruz in a time of 1:43.40.

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