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KISS MOON TAKES TA WEE AT INDIANA GRAND RACING & CASINO

By Tammy Knox - SHELBYVILLE, Ind.; - Oct. 4, 2014 - Kiss Moon and jockey Rodney Prescott led gate to wire to win the second running of the \$100,000-added Ta Wee Stakes at Indiana Grand Racing & Casino Saturday, Oct. 4. The race was part of a \$1.4 million stakes evening for Indiana Derby Night.

Starting from the inside post one in the full field of 12, Prescott wasted no time getting Kiss Moon to the front. The duo established fractions of :22.36, :47.61 and 1:11.51 and were still repelling their opponents.

In the stretch, Kiss to Remember and Malcolm Franklin, who had been tracking Kiss Moon the entire way, moved to the outside to challenge.

The two fillies fought hard to the wire, and although Kiss To Remember made up ground, it wasn't enough at the end. Kiss Moon was a winner by a neck. Pretty Fancy and Brian Hernandez Jr. were close for third.

"You know, it really did set up the way I thought," said Prescott, who picked up the ride aboard Kiss Moon as a late rider change. "We thought we would be on the lead or in second to the 8 horse (Kiss To Remember). Mr. Vance said to ride her with confidence, ride her like she's a winner. And that's what I did. She did a good job running today."

Kiss Moon is owned by Carl F. Pollard and trained by David Vance. The three-year-old Malibu Moon filly completed the one mile turf event in a time of 1:35.92 to establish a new stakes record for the Ta Wee Stakes. Kiss Moon paid \$8.40, \$4.00 and \$3.20 across the board as the second favorite in the race.

"If there would've been much more rain, I would've scratched her but she is ready to run and they told us down the road that the turf course was gonna be in pretty good shape," said Vance. "It was a good spot so she got to run. If she broke real sharp like she did, I did not want to take her back. Get into her mouth and she gets all fussy and she won't run, so I just let her run her race. That's the way she runs best."

A starter in the Grade I Kentucky Oaks earlier this year, Kiss Moon now has three wins in 10 starts for 2014. The Graded Stakes placed filly increased her career bankroll to more than \$268,000.

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