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## MISTER POLLARD GETS WIN IN HOOSIER BREEDERS' SOPHOMORE STAKES DURING INDIANA DERBY NIGHT

By Tammy Knox - SHELBYVILLE, Ind.; – Oct. 8, 2014 – While his older brother, Luis Saez, was grabbing the spotlight for winning the featured Grade II Indiana Derby aboard East Hall Saturday, Oct. 4, 17-year-old Juan Saez was grabbing some of the spotlight for himself. Saez guided Mister Pollard to victory in the sixth running of the \$85,000-added Hoosier Breeders Sophomore Stakes on the undercard of Indiana Derby Night.

Starting from post four, Saez was aboard the multiple stakes winning Mister Pollard for the first time in a race. The apprentice rider, who is a recent graduate of the Laffit Pincay Jr. Jockey School in his native Panama,

sat the three-year-old son of Pollard's Vision to the outside of early leaders Bourne Free and Fernando De La Cruz and Victor Jara and Malcolm Franklin until the backstretch. Just past the halfway mark of the one mile and one-sixteenth event, Mister Pollard made his stalking presence known and moved up to put pressure on the leaders around the turn.

"He (Mister Pollard) breezed well last week and he's done everything right," said Trainer Mike Lauer. "He (Juan Saez) breezed the horse and I told him to stay off the lead."

By the time the field had reached the top of the stretch, the lead belonged to Mister Pollard. He kicked into gear and drove off for the three and three-quarter length win over Notionofmine and Albin Jiminez, who saved ground inside to move up to second. Bourne Free and Fernando De La Cruz held on for third.

Mister Pollard is owned by Jim and Scott Farrar, Mike Johnson's Falcon Racing Stable and Penny Lauer. The Lauers bred the colt and Mike serves as the trainer of the colt. As a two-year-old Mister Pollard earned a victory in the \$85,000-added Hillsdale Stakes. He adds the Hoosier Breeders Sophomore Stakes win to the \$150,000 Governor's Stakes for this year's stakes wins. Mister Pollard increased his career bankroll to nearly \$300,000 with his win in the Hoosier Breeders Sophomore Stakes. He now has five wins in 15 career starts and is five for eight over the dirt course at Indiana Grand.

"He (Saez) did a great job because this horse is not consistent," said Lauer. "You never know what you're going to get. It seems like every other race he (Mister Pollard) runs through, and today was that race. And it came out perfect. He just keeps getting better."

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