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RICHARDVILLE EARNS FIRST CAREER STAKES WIN WITH I EMMA BOOGY QUEEN IN RICHMOND STAKES AT INDIANA GRAND

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By Tammy Knox - SHELBYVILLE, Ind.; – Oct. 4, 2014 – Trainer Tina Richardville earned her first career stakes win in a big way during the richest Thoroughbred night of racing ever contested in the state of Indiana. Richardville saddled I Emma Boogy Queen to an upset win in the 14th running of the \$85,000-added Richmond Stakes.

It was a slow start for I Emma Boogy Queen who got away next to last in the field of seven. Ben Creed kept the four-year-old daughter of Could Be Me close to the action to spark her attention during the early stages as Aint She A Saint and Malcolm Franklin set the pace. Rockaroo and Fernando De La Cruz began the battle for the lead down the backside with Aint She A Saint.

I Emma Boogy Queen followed Higher Logic and Alex Contreras around the turn. Higher Logic took over and was the horse to catch coming down the stretch along with Naked Bootleg and Lori Wydick on the inside. I Emma Boogy Queen kept gaining on the top two and fought hard to get the final say of a photo with Higher Logic, the race favorite. The timing was just right, sending I Emma Boogy Queen to the winner's circle by a

nose. Avie Niner and Abel Lezcano rallied up late for third.

“When we were going down the back side, I had the favorite right next to me on the inside, and I was just kind of following him,” said Creed. “I was sitting at the three-eighths pole and saw him kind of asking a little bit and his horse didn’t go anywhere. I just kind of popped her on the shoulder and she started moving and I thought ‘I’m gonna win this.’”

I Emma Boogy Queen was a surprise to many, paying \$67.80, \$13.80 and \$5.00 across the board. The time of the race was 1:45.70. Richardville also owns and bred the filly, which now possesses in excess of \$112,000 in career earnings.

“First thing, she (I Emma Boogy Queen) is a baby that I raised,” said Richardville. “She was born at my farm. She’s a route horse. There were a couple of sprinters in here and I don’t think they gave her enough credit for the distance. She’s been consistently hitting the board through the meet and she came through at the right time. A couple of times this year she has had to run with Indiana breds and this Indiana sired race makes her a lot more competitive.”

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