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TIZ WINDY GRANTS NAFZGER HIS SECOND INDIANA OAKS WIN AT INDIANA GRAND RACING & CASINO

By Tammy Knox - SHELBYVILLE, Ind.; - Oct. 4, 2014 - After winning the inaugural Indiana Oaks with Niner's Home in 1995, Trainer Carl Nafzger earned his second win in the stakes 20 years later. Tiz Windy, guided by Brian Hernandez Jr., rallied late to grab the Grade II \$200,000-added Indiana Oaks title by two and three-quarter lengths, her second win in a row for Owner Ida Tafel of Jim Tafel LLC.

Starting from post eight in the field of 11, Tiz Windy slumbered out of the gate and got into her unique running mode with a low head carriage to follow along behind most of the pack. Sitting in eighth place, the Tiznow

filly was very content to allow several others in the race to battle for early control. Soul Title and Corey Lanerie used their inside post to their advantage and grabbed the early lead followed closely by Penwith and Julien Leparoux, who sat behind them in second with Midnight Beauty and John McKee rushing up from the outside post 11 to apply pressure to the front end. Following the quarter in :23.29 and the half in :47.01, several fillies began to vie for positioning and fan out across the track around the final turn with Unbridled Forever and Joel Rosario making the biggest, swiftest move on the outside.

Turning for home, a new leader emerged as Penwith took over and had to contend with Unbridled Forever from the outside. Hernandez Jr. was right behind Unbridled Forever and kept the filly in the same path until halfway down the lane when he pulled to the outside. Once she saw clear track ahead of her, Tiz Windy grinded her way to the lead and had a big kick left for the end of the race, winning comfortably over Unbridled Forever, the favorite in the field. Penwith maintained ground along the inside for third.

"This filly (Tiz Windy) is all heart," said Hernandez, Jr. "The favorite was in front and we were able to run her down. This race showed her (Tiz Windy's) class."

Hernandez, Jr. has two Indiana Derby wins to his credit with Neck 'n Neck in 2012 and Cielo Gold in 2006. The win aboard Tiz Windy is also his second in the Grade II Indiana Oaks. He won the race aboard Grace Hall in 2012 to sweep both the Oaks and Derby that year.

The third choice in the field, Tiz Windy paid \$9.80, \$4.20 and \$3.00 for the win. The homebred filly is now four for seven in 2014 with the Grade II Indiana Oaks serving as her first stakes win. The Oaks win more than doubled her career earnings, pushing her over the \$230,000 mark. The time of the race was recorded in 1:42.70.

Longtime Nafzger assistant Ian Wilkes, who now operates his own stable, stepped in to saddle the horse for the Hall of Fame trainer best known for his conditioning of Unbridled, 1990 Kentucky Derby winner, and Street Sense, 2006 Kentucky Derby winner, who was also owned by Tafel.

"This filly's (Tiz Windy) work following her last race was really good," said Wilkes, who provided a post race interview about the horse on site with HRTV's Peter Lurie. "Looking at the field, it was quite a tough race. Mrs. (Ida) Tafel means the world to me and she has been very loyal to Carl. I'm very proud of this filly."

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