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CARA MARIE DOMINATES IN \$75,000 INDY STAR STAKES AT INDIANA GRAND RACING & CASINO

SHELBYVILLE, Ind.; - May 30, 2015 - Cara Marie was a dominant force in the first running of the \$75,000-added Indy Star Stakes Saturday, May 30 at Indiana Grand. The race was one of two stakes on the turf to help complement "Jockeys & Jeans," a fundraiser for the Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund that netted well above \$100,000 mark.

Antonio Gallardo was a late rider change aboard Cara Marie for trainer Kellyn Gorder. The three-year-old daughter of Unbridled's Song was coming into Indiana off a fourth place finish against allowance company at Keeneland. Her start in the Indy Star Stakes was the first stakes start and she proved she can handle the jump up in class.

"Antonio (Gallardo) rode quite a bit for me down in Tampa this winter," said Gorder. "We have a really good relationship and he's really a good turf rider. When the turf is firm and hard like this, it's an advantage. I thought she'd be out in front."

Starting from post one in the eight-horse lineup, Cara Marie did get the early jump on the field and secured the top spot to set the pace of the race. Mizz Money and Francisco Torres tracked the leaders every move during the seven and one-half furlong turf event, but as the field turned for home, they could not gain any ground on Cara Marie.

Cara Marie pulled off to a two and one-half length advantage at the finish line over Mizz Money. Mighty Souper and Israel Ocampo finished a solid third.

"She (Cara Marie) broke great and got in a great position," said Gallardo.

A \$460,000 yearling purchase at the Keeneland sales, Cara Marie is now



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two for five lifetime. She more than tripled her career earnings with the victory for owners Three Chimneys Farm and Case Clay. Cara Marie was the third choice of the betting public, paying \$8.80, \$5.00 and \$3.80.

"I entered her (Cara Marie) for a race at Churchill for Thursday because I thought this race came up tough and if it came off (the turf) we thought about having a backup plan," said Gorder. "We're looking at the Ta Wee next out. That's something we're eyeing. We'll see how she comes out and talk with the owners."

The \$100,000 Ta Wee Stakes is part of the four-day Indiana Grand National Racing Festival leading up to the Grade II \$500,000-added Indiana Derby set for Saturday, July 18. The Ta Wee, running one mile on the turf, is for three-year-old fillies and is slated for Friday, July 17.

The 13th season of live Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse continues through Saturday, Oct. 31, 2015. Racing is conducted Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 2:05 p.m. with first post for Saturdays set at 6:05 p.m. Thursday racing will be added Sept. 17, 2015 for the remainder of the 120-day race meet.

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