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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.

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**CRITTENDEN GETS THE FINAL NOD IN THE \$75,000 PDJF STAKES AT INDIANA GRAND RACING & CASINO MORE THAN \$87,000 COLLECTED THROUGH AUCTION ITEMS FOR PDJF**

SHELBYVILLE, Ind.; – May 30, 2015 – It took the entire length of the stretch during the seven and one-half furlong turf race, but Crittenden and Fernando De La Cruz accomplished their goal in getting to the finish line first. The duo rallied up at just the right moment to take the first running of the \$75,000-added PDJF Stakes Saturday, May 30 at Indiana Grand.

Thirtysilverpieces and jockey Florent Geroux broke well from post three of the nine horse field and led through a majority of the race, but had company early on. Fancy Man and Eddie Perez stayed wide while Serious Talk and Albin Jimenez applied pressure between horses. The top trio began to tire around the turn, giving Oak Brook and Antonio Gallardo the opportunity to pass and get in front for the stretch drive home. De La Cruz had Crittenden ready for battle late, gaining ground with authority and getting past Oak Brook in the final stride to win by a neck. Thirtysilverpieces maintained ground for third.

Crittenden earned his first win in his third start of 2015. The Distorted Humor son is now three for seven lifetime for Sheikh Mohammed’s Godolphin Racing Stable. Eoin Harty is the trainer of Crittenden, who paid \$15.60, \$9.60 and \$4.80 as a bit of a surprise winner.

Harty was not in attendance for the race, but he relayed strict instructions via the assistant to De La Cruz before the race, “Whatever you do, stay on that rail!” De La Cruz obliged Harty’s request and those instructions paid off.

“I stayed on the rail and waited in the stretch until I got clear and he (Crittenden) took off,” said De La Cruz, who was the 2014 leading rider at Indiana Grand. “The condition of the turf was pretty good even after all the rain we got.”

Despite the rain, no one could put a damper on the evening that was dedicated to the Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund (PDJF). A packed house enjoyed mingling with some of racing’s royalty, with more than a dozen Hall of Fame jockeys in attendance, including Triple Crown winners Steve Cauthen and Jean Cruguet. Both a live and silent auction were featured with the Billy Lopa original painting of Cauthen, Laffit Pincay Jr. and Chris McCarron topping the sale at \$31,000. In all, the live and silent auction brought in \$87,250.

In addition to the auctions, Helping Hands for Freedom, which supports military families facing injury, loss and deployment, generously donated \$10,000 to PDJF. Patrick Shannon, a Purple Heart and Bronze Star recipient, noted that they understand the affects of disabilities while on the job and the organization wanted to do something to support the cause. Shannon was joined by other members of Helping Hands for Freedom, including David Roth and Harry Liggett for the check presentation to Nancy LaSala, executive director of the PDJF.

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**Photo by Linscott Photography – Trophy presentation includes all five disabled jockeys attending Jockeys & Jeans, including (left to right on front row) Michael Straight, Anne Von Rosen, Tad Leggett, Jack Fires and holding the trophy in the middle Stacy Burton.**





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## 2015 INDIANA BRED STAKES SCHEDULE *(listed by age)*

Date	Race	Distance	Purse	Age	Sex
<b>2 Year Olds</b>					
Sept 30	The Indiana Stallion Stakes (*S)	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	2 year olds	F
Sept 30	The Crown Ambassador (*S)	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	2 year olds	
Sept 30	The Hillside Stakes	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	2 year olds	
Sept 30	The City Of Anderson	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	2 year olds	F
Oct 31	The Indiana Futurity	1 mile 70 yds	\$85,000 added	2 year olds	
Oct 31	The Miss Indiana Stakes	1 mile 70 yds	\$85,000 added	2 year olds	F
<b>3 Year Olds</b>					
June 10	The Swiftly Sired Stakes (*S)	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	3 year olds	F
June 10	The Sagamore Sired Stakes (*S)	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	3 year olds	
July 15	The Ellen's Lucky Star Stakes	1 Mile (T)	\$85,000 added	3 year olds	F
July 15	The Snack Stakes	1 Mile (T)	\$85,000 added	3 year olds	
Aug 12	The Indiana First Lady Stakes	1 Mile 70 Yds	\$150,000 guaranteed	3 year olds	F
Aug 12	The Governor's Stakes	1 Mile 70 Yds	\$150,000 guaranteed	3 year olds	
Aug 26	ITOBA Stallion Stakes – Colts	1 Mile	\$75,000 added	3 year olds	C/G
Aug 26	ITOBA Stallion Stakes – Fillies	1 Mile	\$75,000 added	3 year olds	F/M
Oct 7	Hoosier Breeders Sophomore Stakes	1 1/16 Mile	\$85,000 added	3 year olds	
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<b>3 Year Olds and Up</b>					
July 16	The Shelby County Stakes (*S)	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	3 and up	F/M
July 16	The William Henry Harrison Stakes (*S)	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	3 and up	
Sept 9	The Florence Henderson Stakes	1 1/16 Mile (T)	\$85,000 added	3 and up	F/M
Sept 9	The A.J. Foyt Stakes	1 1/16 Mile (T)	\$85,000 added	3 and up	
Sept 30	The Merrillville Stakes	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	3 and up	F/M
Sept 30	The Brickyard Stakes	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	3 and up	
Oct 7	The Richmond Stakes (*S)	1 1/16 Mile	\$85,000 added	3 and up	F/M
Oct 7	The Gus Grissom Stakes (*S)	1 1/16 Mile	\$85,000 added	3 and up	
Oct 31	The Frances Slocum Stakes	1 1/16 Mile	\$150,000 guaranteed	3 and up	F/M
Oct 31	The Too Much Coffee Stakes	1 1/16 Mile	\$150,000 guaranteed	3 and up	

(\*S) denotes this is for Sired Horses. (T) denotes this is a Turf Race. F denotes for fillies only. F/M denotes for Fillies and Mares.