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## SON OF A NUT WINS FIRST STAKES RACE AT INDIANA GRAND RACING & CASINO

SHELBYVILLE, Ind.; – June 10, 2015 – Son of a Nut just keeps on bringing in the wins. The three-year-old son of Unbridled Express kept his spotless record intact Wednesday, June 10, winning his third consecutive race and his first stakes in the \$85,000 Sagamore Sired Stakes at Indiana Grand Racing & Casino. The lanky grey gelding more than doubled his career bankroll and now possesses more than \$91,000 for owner Sherri Greenhill.

Tasked with an outside post in the 12 horse field, Indiana Grand's Leading Jockey Albin Jimenez wasted no time getting Son of a Nut in the early action, rolling right for the lead from the start. Son of a Nut, known for his laid back attitude in the barn, had his ears pinned and was all business as he joined Two If By Sea and Malcolm Franklin on the inside and Aye Skipper with Francisco Torres aboard on the outside as the field headed down the backstretch.

Heading into the turn, a small tap from Jimenez gave Son of a Nut the signal to advance, getting a slight edge on the competition before the stretch drive home. At the top of the stretch, he excelled into the lead and although several horses came at him for one final attempt at the lead, Son of a Nut was in full gear, striding out to a seven length advantage at the wire for his third win in as many starts. Lucky Newton and Alex Contreras first tried him on the outside and dipped down along the inside in pursuit of Son of a Nut to finish second followed closely by Aye Skipper, who maintained ground on the outside to finish third.

"He (Son of a Nut) definitely had more energy today than he did in his last race," said Jimenez. "There's still more left in the tank. He's an amazing horse."



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A surprising second choice by fans, Son of a Nut paid \$9.20, \$5.80 and \$3.80 across the board. Jeff Greenhill trains the sophomore standout, who completed the six furlong event in a time of 1:10.06 seconds, a new stakes record in the second running of the Sagamore Stakes.

The next stop for Son of a Nut is still undecided by the Greenhills. "He (Son of a Nut) is as cool as the other side of the pillow," said Greenhill. "Right now, I couldn't tell you. I'll have to assess the situation, look at the spots and decide later."

Greenhill has a lot of experience with the family of Son of a Nut. He also trained older siblings Peanut Man, who is now enjoying a second career as a show jumper and In a Jif, who won the \$60,000 Holiday Inaugural Stakes at Turfway Park in December 2014.

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 Saturdays set at 6:05 p.m.

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front. Cabby Joshtin and Israel Ocampo held their positioning along the inside while Joyous Lady and Alex Contreras kept up with the early leaders. Heading into the turn, Nevertoomanykisses got by the early leaders and led the field through the turn before being joined by the late closers in the race. In the stretch, Nevertoomanykisses dug in and fended off her top spot as Joyous Lady dipped inside for a challenge and Spooled, ridden by Malcolm Franklin, used a late surge for a big challenge. In the end, Nevertoomanykisses was victorious, winning her third straight win of 2015 by a neck over Spooled and Hay Little Bit, who used a late rally in the stretch to finish third for Jockey Francisco Torres.

Nevertoomanykisses paid \$5.40, \$3.40 and \$2.40 across the board as the bettor's choice. The three-year-old daughter of Checklist is owned by Deann Baer. She is now four for seven lifetime and adds the Swifty Sired Stakes as her first stakes win to her record. Tim Glyshaw is the trainer of Nevertoomanykisses, who pushed her career bankroll to more than \$135,000.

## NEVERTOOMANYKISSES GOES GATE TO WIRE IN SWIFTY SIRE FILLIES AT INDIANA GRAND RACING & CASINO

SHELBYVILLE, Ind.; – June 10, 2015 – Nevertoomanykisses and jockey Oriana Rossi rallied gate to wire to win the second running of the \$85,000 Swifty Sired Fillies Stakes Wednesday, June 10 at Indiana Grand Racing & Casino. The duo covered the six furlong distance in a time of 1:10.82, setting a new stakes record.

Starting from the outside post eight in the nine horse field, Nevertoomanykisses moved out of the gate swiftly to get a good spot near the

Rossi noted in a post race interview that Nevertoomanykisses broke more alertly than she had in the past, which helped her get into the mix early on. Rossi has ridden the horse in all seven of her lifetime starts.

“Like Oriana (Rossi) said, it was the best she’s ever broke,” said Glyshaw. “You can plan all you want and going in to the race, it looked like there were three or four speed horses. The track is speed biased today, but you don’t want to be ding-donging with those horses, which is what she basically did with one of them and kept going. It just shows how nice she is.”

“Well, we tried to run her long last year and it was an absolute disaster,” said Glyshaw. “I think Spooled beat her by 60 lengths. I think we’ll definitely be in the six furlong sired stakes.”

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## TIZ SHEA D WINS GRADE II \$500,000-ADDED INDIANA DERBY

**By Tammy Knox**

Tiz Shea D and Jockey Jose Lezcano used a perfectly timed move to rally home for the win in the 21st running of the Grade II \$500,000-added Indiana Derby presented by the Indy Star Saturday, July 18 at Indiana Grand. The race was the highlight of the program that featured six stakes with purses in excess of \$1 million.

Starting from post three, Tiz Shea D appeared to leave the gate with some speed but was no match for Mr. Z who powered out along the inside for jockey Joe Bravo. Mr. Z had the top spot secured as expected before the eight-horse field hit the first turn, leading the way over a racetrack that had become sloppy due to heavy rains earlier in the night. Heading down the backstretch, Mr. Z was in full control of the fractions as Tiz Shea D sat patiently behind through early fractions of :24.21, \$48.31 and 1:11.64 during the one and one-sixteenth mile race. Around the turn, Mr. Z still had the field at his heels and appeared to be primed and ready for the stretch drive home when he swung wide at the top of the stretch and was immediately joined by Tiz Shea D on the outside and Divining Rod and Alex Cintron on the inside.

Midway through the stretch, the field began to tighten up and Tiz Shea D got a head in front but Mr. Z fought back between horses, creating an exciting scenario to the finish line. In the end, Tiz Shea D was able to move ahead for the win by one and one-quarter length over Mr. Z, whose saddle had slipped forward in the stretch. Divining Rod finished a head back in third. The time of the race was 1:42.51.

“He (Tiz Shea D) has been working very good,” said Lezcano. “He broke good and got right in the position I wanted to be in. We let the one (Mr. Z) go and sat right behind him. At the top of the stretch, Mr. Z came out and we went a little wider, but he recovered very quickly and fought hard in the stretch.”

Tiz Shea D came into the Indiana Derby off a second place finish in an allowance race at Belmont Park. Lezcano, who has more than 2,100 career wins and is a leading rider on the New York circuit, has ridden the horse for Trainer Bill Mott in his previous two starts, including a fourth place finish in the Grade II Peter Pan Stakes at Belmont in early May.

“This horse just came in from New York the other day so I give all the credit to the New York crew,” said Kenny McCarthy, assistant trainer to Mott. “Looking at the (Daily Racing) Form, the horse showed speed. Mr. Z is a great horse. Our horse got a little breather down the backstretch, but he raced very well tonight.”

Tiz Shea D paid \$10.80, \$5.40 and \$3.40 across the board as the third choice in the race. The three-year-old son of Tiznow is owned by Brouse Stable, Wachtel Stable and Gary Barber. He now has two wins in six starts and increased his career bankroll to more than \$464,000. Tiz Shea D was unraced at two for Mott, who is best known as the trainer of the great racehorse Cigar, who retired as the sports richest racehorse ever



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with nearly \$10 million in earnings. This was the first win in the Indiana Derby for both Lezcano and Mott.

The Indiana Derby capped off a great evening with a full house in attendance. A total of 12, 304 were on property at Indiana Grand Racing & Casino during the night and the race brought in a total of \$521,260 in wagering, which showed an increase of more than \$100,000 from the previous year. Total handle for the 10-race card was \$1,773,565, also showing more than a \$100,000 increase from the 2014 event.

“Indiana Grand is becoming a national force in Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing,” said Jim Brown, President and COO of Centaur, Inc. and General Manager of Indiana Grand. “Our racing attendance and wagering is up over 25 percent this year. We continue to build and improve our racing product and the entire Indiana Grand experience.”

The Indiana Derby and the Indiana Oaks were both broadcast live on WISH TV Channel 8 based in Indianapolis. Anthony Calhoun, WISH TV Sports Director, and Peter Lurie, nationally known racing analyst, co-hosted the hour long show. In addition to the two races, the program included features on Indiana racing as well as a behind the scenes look at the preparation that goes into a race at Indiana Grand.

“I think we took another huge step forward this year in Indiana racing and with the Indiana Derby,” said Jon Schuster, vice president and general manager of Indiana Grand. “We continue to be very pleased with the community support of our event and are thrilled with such an outstanding, enthusiastic crowd that came out to watch this year’s race. The addition of WISH TV broadcasting the race live this year and the partnership with Indy Star and other sponsors has really boosted our entire Indiana Derby event.”

Live Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing continues at Indiana Grand through Saturday, Oct. 31. Racing is conducted Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 2:05 p.m. with Saturday evening post at 6:05 p.m. Thursday racing will be added beginning Sept. 17.

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