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ning the event by neck. Thank You Kisses was a solid second over Bourne Free and Tommy Pompell, who finished third.

Sent to trainer Wayne Mogge at the beginning of the meet specifically to run in the Don K. Memorial Starter Series, Candy Waltz now has two wins and one second in four starts for owner William Brauns. He pushed his career earnings to just over the \$200,000 mark with the win in a time of 1:37.0.

"I have known the owner for a long time and he's a friend of mine," said Mogge in a previous press release following his first win in the first leg of the Don K. Starter Series. "I trained for him in the past. They specifically sent him (Candy Waltz) to Indiana for the Don K. series and that runs almost the entire meet."

The field of six included four former stakes winners. All but one entrant has accumulated more than \$150,000 in career earnings. Mister Pollard is a two-time stakes winner at Indiana Grand, winning the \$85,000 Hoosier Breeders Sophomore Stakes last year and coming right back for a win in the \$150,000 To Much Coffee Stakes on closing night at Indiana Grand in 2014.

SWEET VICTORY FOR CANDY WALTZ IN FRIDAY OPENER

By Tammy Knox @ Indiana Grand

SHELBYVILLE, Ind.; – Aug. 7, 2015 – It looked more like a stakes field than an allowance optional claiming event with several talented horses in the first race Friday, Aug. 7 at Indiana Grand Racing & Casino. In the end, it was Candy Waltz who scored the sweet victory for Jockey Israel Ocampo in the one mile event over the dirt.

Starting from post five in the six-horse field, Candy Waltz was a threat from the start, sitting right outside pacesetter Mister Pollard and jockey Abdiel Jaen. Heading down the backstretch, Candy Waltz continued to press the pace of the race through early fractions of :23.67 and :46.69 and 1:11.06 through the first three-quarters of the mile before taking over the top spot.

In the stretch, Thank You Kisses and Rodney Prescott rallied from off the pace to pose a threat to Candy Waltz, and the two exchanged time at the top spot down the stretch several times, but in the end, Candy Waltz was too much for Thank You Kisses, win-

Candy Waltz was the favorite, paying \$4.40, \$3.00, \$2.40 across the board. Ocampo has been aboard the six-year-old son of Candy Ride for all four starts at Indiana Grand this year. His win in the first race aboard Candy Waltz was the beginning of a good day. Ocampo went on to win the eighth race on the card with Boss Barney's Babe, a \$38,000 allowance optional claiming event, to score a riding double for the day.

Ocampo, who is in his first year of competition at Indiana Grand, has been among the track's top five all season. He is currently in contention for third place with 38 wins and his mounts have accumulated just under \$1 million through the first half of the race meet.





William Henry Harrison Stakes, as the favorite in the race. As expected, Son of a Nut rallied out on top early for jockey Albin Jimenez. Devil's Due West, another grey ridden by Fernando De La Cruz, joined the front runner along the inside while Memphisinmay and Joe Rocco Jr. showed early speed from the outside. Around the turn, Son of a Nut was able to get the top spot to lead the field through the first quarter in :24.05 seconds, tracked closely by Devil's Due West and Memphisinmay.

Down the backstretch, De La Cruz let Devil's Due West out a notch and was on the lead past the halfway mark in :48.48 before Son of a Nut regained control and led the field into the turn. Memphisinmay was not backing down on the outside

and was joined by Prince Grand and Robby Albarado on the far outside for the move around the turn.

At the top of the stretch, it was a three horse battle across the track as Son of a Nut held the inside position and Memphisinmay remained to the inside of Prince Grand. Halfway down the lane, Son of a Nut and Memphisinmay shook loose from Prince Grand and began a duel to the finish. Memphisinmay was able to move forward just enough to get the final nod on the outside as they passed under the wire in a time of 1:42.64. Son of a Nut was more than three and one-half lengths ahead of the rest of the field with Daddy Justice and Rafael Hernandez moving up for third.

Memphisinmay was a shock to the bettors, paying \$25.40, \$8.80, \$6.60 across the board. The win marked the first stakes win of his career for the grey son of Rockport Harbor and his third win in eight starts for 2015. Memphisinmay more than doubled his career earnings for owner Brent Gasaway, pushing his bankroll to more than \$150,000 with the win. The Indiana bred colt was born and raised by Justice Farm and Greg Justice, who are also the breeders on third place finisher Daddy Justice, who was the first winner from their sire Lantana Mob last year at two. Kellyn Gorder has trained Memphisinmay since being purchased as a two-year-old from the Ocala Breeders Sale in the spring of 2014.

"If he (Memphisinmay) gets inside of horses, he gets a little intimidated," said Gorder. "We told Joe (Rocco Jr.) to keep him engaged and to keep him outside of another horse. I thought he'd be in the second or third flight of horses today, but he showed more speed. He sort of ran like he did at Oaklawn this year."

After posting four starts at two, Memphisinmay is now three for 12 in his career. Two of his three wins have been recorded at Indiana Grand and the distance seems to be suitable, with all three wins near the distance in the Governor's Stakes. Memphisinmay will have more stakes opportunities at Indiana Grand as the season moves into the final months of the 120-day race meet.



MEMPHISINMAY EARNS FIRST STAKES WIN IN \$150,000 GOVERNOR'S STAKE

By Tammy Knox @ Indiana Grand

SHELBYVILLE, Ind.; – Aug. 12, 2015 – It was a battle of the grey horses right down to the wire and Memphisinmay was the winner of the battle, winning by the bob of a head over Son of a Nut in the \$150,000-guaranteed Governor's Stake. The race was one of three stakes on the card for the Wednesday, Aug. 12 racing program at Indiana Grand Racing & Casino.

A field of 10 assembled for the 12th running of the Governor's Stake running one mile, 70 yards with Son of a Nut, undefeated in four previous starts, including the \$85,000 Sagamore Sired Stakes and the \$85,000



LADY FOG HORN CAPTURES TITLE IN \$150,000 INDIANA FIRST LADY STAKES

By Tammy Knox @ Indiana Grand

SHELBYVILLE, Ind.; – Aug. 12, 2015 – Lady Fog Horn alerted the field she was on a mission and blasted past her opponents in the stretch to win the 12th running of the \$150,000-Guaranteed Indiana First Lady Stakes Wednesday, Aug. 12 at Indiana Grand Racing & Casino. The Zavata filly posted a time of 1:42.12 for the one mile, 70 yard race.

Comforter and Indiana's all-time leading jockey by wins Rodney Prescott rallied out of the gate and got the top spot early on. The duo set brisk fractions of :23.40 and :47.37 seconds the first half of the race and continued to hold on to the top spot by open lengths until the top of the

stretch. The closers in the race began to kick into gear, including Lady Fog Horn and Leading Rider Albin Jimenez, who had the best chance of chasing down Comforter in the stretch. Race favorite Heart's Song and Brian Hernandez Jr. were also on the move on the far outside with hopes of using the stretch to close in on the leaders.

Halfway through the lane, Lady Fog Horn took over the top spot and rallied home convincingly for the win by one and one-quarter lengths over a hard charging Heart's Song for second on the outside. Comforter maintained ground along the inside and was the best of the rest to finish third.

Lady Fog Horn earned her third win in five outings for 2015 with her victory in the Indiana

First Lady Stakes. The homebred owned and bred by Stuart Grant's The Elkstone Group LLC. Lady Fog Horn nearly doubled her career bankroll to more than \$184,000 with her first career stakes win. She has now won three of her last four starts, finishing third to both Heart's Song and Comforter in her last race, the \$85,000 Ellen's Lucky Star Stakes at Indiana Grand.

"There were three or four in here that had speed, so we told Albin (Jimenez) to sit chilly and wait," said Granitz. "There was a good pace in this race, which worked for us. The last time out she got stuck on the inside, so we wanted to make sure she had time in this race to get out and run."

Lady Fog Horn paid \$11.80, \$4.60, \$3.20 across the board. With several stakes races left on the schedule for 2015, she has many options as far as her next outing.

"Her next stop will probably be the \$200,000 stake for three-year-old fillies (Indiana Grand – Listed Stake) on September 9," said Granitz. "Mr. Grant wants to run her on the turf, and there is an Indiana Stake that same day, so you never know because she runs well on the dirt too. She's really an open door because she can run either way, but the main goal is to try the open stakes next time out."

Grant, a lawyer who resides in Wilmington, Del., has been a longtime owner in the Thoroughbred industry. He has had several good horses in the past five years, including Grace Hall, who won the Indiana Oaks in 2012 and went on to finish fourth in the Grade I \$2 million Breeders' Cup Lady's Classic at Santa Anita that same year. Grant also owns Camden Training Center in South Carolina and is an active breeder in the business.

"Mr. Grant wanted to foal some mares that had incentives of the casino money and brought some to Indiana," said Granitz, who is a longtime successful trainer on the Chicago racing circuit. "I just got off the phone with him to tell him about the race and he is very pleased."