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## DADDY JUSTICE EARNS HOOSIER Breeders Sophomore Stakes title at Indiana Grand Racing & Casino

SHELBYVILLE, Ind.; – Oct. 7, 2015 – A perfectly timed ride by veteran jockey Francisco Torres brought Daddy Justice to the finish line first in the seventh running of the \$85,000-added Hoosier Breeders Sophomore Stakes Wednesday, Oct. 7 at Indiana Grand Racing & Casino. The stakes win marked the fourth of the meet for Trainer Gary Patrick, Indiana Grand's all-time leading trainer.

Starting from post four in the 11-horse field, Torres opted to save energy with Daddy Justice out of the gate. Andy Po Po and Orlando Mojica used the quickest move to the front from the outside and established fractions of :23.39 and :47.01 before Daddy Justice, the favorite in the race, ever came into the picture. Torres continued to make up ground on the top horses of the race and through the final turn, Daddy Justice was in full gear and ready for battle in the stretch.

In the stretch, Daddy Justice was only trailing one horse, Bucchero and Alex Cintron, and pressed hard to track them to the finish line. Late in the stretch, Bucchero drifted sideways and Torres took an opportunity to move to the inside of Bucchero, beating him to the finish line by only a head for the win in a time of 1:44.57. Bucchero was a strong second over Sky Pilot and T.D. Houghton, who were six lengths back in third.

"When the 10 (Bucchero) drifted, we got out of the way and was able to get to the wire first," said Torres, who recently earned his 3,000th career win at Hawthorne Racecourse. "This horse (Daddy Justice) was wanting to go. He is a nice horse. I want to thank the Patricks for allowing me to ride."

Daddy Justice is now four for seven in 2015 and boosted his career earnings to nearly \$300,000 for Patrick and his wife, Cindy. The husband-wife duo continue to lead the standings in their respective categories while

their daughter, Cheyanna, remains atop the Leading Apprentice Jockey category since leaving in August to return to college at University of South Florida – Tampa where she is majoring in Spanish and has plans to attend law school following graduation.

"We bought this horse (Daddy Justice) when he was a baby for \$11,000," said Patrick. "He was easy to break and is easy to take care of. He is a runner."

Daddy Justice paid \$5.20, \$3.20, \$2.60 across the board. The Lantana Mob three-year-old gelding has earned all six of his career wins at Indiana Grand. This is the third stakes win for Daddy Justice, who was a winner at two in the Hillsdale Stakes and a winner of the \$75,000 Paul Tinkle ITOBA Stallion Stakes in August.

The Patricks own a farm in Pendleton, Ind. as well as the Tampa, Fla. area where they spend their winter months. In addition to racing horses, Cindy, a former jockey, is also active on the barrel horse circuit and has many accolades in that industry.

Live Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing continues at Indiana Grand through Saturday, Oct. 31, racing at 2:05 p.m. Tuesday through Friday with Saturday racing held at 6:05 p.m.

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