



## BROOKLYNSWAY DRAWS OFF IN HULMAN GEORGE STAKES AT INDIANA GRAND RACING & CASINO

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SHELBYVILLE, Ind.; – July 16, 2016 – Brooklynsway took control on the far turn and drew off to an 8 1/2-length romp over Pangburn in the \$102,850 Mari Hulman George Stakes on Indiana Grand's Indiana Derby undercard Saturday night.

Jockey Robby Albarado had Brooklynsway tracking a modest pace before turning the filly loose. While running away from the field, she was timed in 1:43.02 for 1 1/16 miles. Brooklynsway paid \$3.80 to win, \$2.40 to place and \$2.10 to show as the odds-on favorite in the field of seven fillies and mares.

"She keeps going like she's going, she's going to beat somebody," Albarado said. "She's got all the attributes of a good one: Physically she's big enough. Tactically fast. There's not going to be a false pace or she'll be the pacesetter there. She's got a lot of qualities you want to see."

The 4-year-old Brooklynsway, who was foaled in Ontario and had raced only at Woodbine near Toronto, has proven a savvy \$180,000 purchase at the Fasig-Tipton November sale last fall by trainer Bernie Flint and owner Dr. Naveed Chowhan, both of Louisville. Saturday's stakes was their sixth race this year; she also won Keeneland's Grade III Doubledog-dare at 25-1 and was second in Churchill Downs' Grade II Fleur de Lis in her prior start.

"I'm telling you, I'm amazed that as much as I've run her, she's still strong and durable," Flint said. "She doesn't carry her race with her. She'll come from behind. She'll go to the front. She'll work with the group she's in there with. We've been beaten a few times, but every time she got beat,

something had to happen. Either she stumbled, she fell, she got shut off or in tight where you couldn't make a run. That goes with horse racing. But today, absolutely, she came through and shined really brightly."

Pangburn, ridden by Luis Saez, nosed out Conquest Curlgirl and jockey Julien Leparoux for second. Sweet N Wicked, pacesetter Big Island Blonde, Lady Fog Horn and Serious Happiness rounded out the field.

Brooklynsway now is 6-3-3 in 19 starts, earning \$719,187. That includes \$181,946 for Chowhan. Flint said he doesn't know what her next start will be, but she won't be pointed for the Breeders' Cup Distaff.

"I'm amazed every time I see her run," Flint said. "Every time she's getting a little bit better. You thank God for what you've got and try to keep it in one piece and cherish it and that's what I'm doing. We're not nominated to the Breeders' Cup. He would have to pay \$100,000 for a temporary nomination, and that's a rough pill to swallow... I have Keeneland in mind and I have Churchill in mind. And believe it or not, I might even go down to Ellis Park" for the Aug. 6 Groupie Doll.

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