



CHARMING CLARE BREAKS MAIDEN ON TURF COURSE AT INDIANA GRAND RACING & CASINO

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SHELBYVILLE, Ind.; - July 23, 2016 - Charming Clare and Jockey David Flores rallied home as winners in a \$32,000 maiden event over the turf course at Indiana Grand Saturday, July 23. The duo made a late move around the turn and broke free from the field of eight to win by four and three-quarter lengths under wraps at the finish line.

Starting from post five, Charming Clare broke sharply but opted to sit off the early pace setters Su Say Socks and Leandro Goncalves on the inside tracked closely by In the Shoes and Ramon Romero and Granny Pants and Dick Cardenas. The trio stayed together for much of the seven and one-half furlong race.

At the top of the stretch, Flores already called on Charming Clare to pick up the pace and was able to sweep by the front ones before being alone on top and striding out easily to win. English Flower and Sammy Bermudez used a late push from the back of the pack to finish second over Honey Chile Ryder and Rodney Prescott, who also closed late for third.

Charming Clare, the favorite of the field, paid \$3.40, \$2.80 and \$2.10 across the board. The three-year-old daughter of Harlan's Holiday was making her third lifetime start for breeder and owner Tracy Farmer, long-time businessman and entrepreneur and owner of Shadowlawn Farm in Midway, Ky.

Mike Maker trains Charming Clare for Farmer, who has had much success in the Thoroughbred racing industry with standout horses such as Commentator, two-time Grade I Whitney Handicap winner, Sir Shackleton, winner of the Grade III West Virginia Derby, Grade I Jockey Gold Cup winner Albert the Great, and Sun King, winner of the Grade II Pennsylvania Derby. Farmer and his wife, Carol, are also big supporters of Old Friends Thoroughbred Retirement Farm in Kentucky. Farmer is also the former chairman of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission.

Charming Clare has not finished off the board in three career starts. She is bred to seek stakes competition and hopes to follow in her mother's footsteps. Her mother, Claremont, competed in a few stakes in the Midwest early in her career, finishing second in the Anna M. Fischer Debutante Stakes at Ellis Park as a two-year-old. The Point Given filly made a few starts at three before retiring in 2006 to the broodmare ranks.

The win aboard Charming Clare was the second on the card for Flores, Indiana Grand's most recent arrival in jockey's quarters. His other win of the night was with Iron Mane, a first time starter for Trainer Wesley Ward and Owner Calumet Farm. Flores has won three of the first five starts at Indiana Grand, earning his first victory aboard Picaboo Rose Thursday, July 21. The Mexican-born second generation jockey has leading rider titles from Santa Anita, Del Mar and Fairplex in California where he has spent the majority of his 32-year riding career. Flores has earned three Breeders Cup wins and more than 3,000 career wins. He moved his tack to Singapore in 2013 and recently relocated to the Midwest where he plans to divide his time between Ellis Park and Indiana Grand.

Live Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing is conducted Tuesday through Friday at 2:05 PM EST with Saturday racing beginning at 6:05 PM. The 120-day season runs through Saturday, Oct. 29.

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