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TWO STAKES HIGHLIGHT WEDNESDAY RACING PROGRAM AT INDIANA GRAND RACING & CASINO

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SHELBYVILLE, Ind.; - July 29, 2016 - A pair of \$150,000 stakes races for registered Indiana bred three-year-olds will highlight the Wednesday, Aug. 3 racing program at Indiana Grand Racing & Casino. The 14th running of the Indiana First Lady Stakes and the 13th running of the Governor's Stakes will be held as races seven and eight, respectively, on the 10-race program.



Tequila and Salt will look to transfer her skills to the dirt following a win in the \$100,000 Ellen's Lucky Star Stakes over the turf course in her last outing. The daughter of Limehouse went right to the lead for Jockey Francisco Torres and was never challenged, winning by two lengths. She meets back up with several horses from that stakes race including the second and third place finisher, Express Run and Seven Seize.

Owned by Penny Lauer and trained by Mike Lauer, Tequila and Salt will begin from post six in the nine-horse field. She will be seeking her second win of 2016 and increase her career bankroll that has already amounted to more than \$115,000.

Looking to deny Tequila and Salt another trip to the winner's circle will be first time stakes starter Betitallwithpaul, who romped to victory in her last start over a muddy track at Indiana Grand. Owned by Michael Caruso's Bethlehem Stable, Michael Dubb and

Stuart Grant's The Elkstone Group, Betitallwithpaul is trained by Brad Cox. The Cape Blanco filly purchased as a yearling for \$85,000 from the Keeneland Yearling Stales will start from post five and Jockey Robby Albarado returns to Indiana to ride once again.

In the colts and geldings stakes race of the day, Lauer will have four strong entrants for the Governor's Stakes. El Jake O begins from post two with James Graham, Sights and Sounds begins from post three with Torres, Badabing Badaboom starts from post six with Marcelino Pedroza and Givemeyourbestshot will be ridden by Alex Contreras from post 10. All four starters are lightly raced.

Sights and Sounds appears to have potential for a win in the Governor's Stakes title with two wins in three career starts. The homebred son of Polard's Vision gets his skills honestly. He is from Lauer's former race mare Whistlin Jean, who was a stakes winner on the Indiana circuit. Whistlin Jean won the 2010 Hoosier Breeders Sophomore Stakes for fillies and finished among the top three in several other stakes at both Indiana Grand and Hoosier Park, ending her career five wins and nearly \$200,000 in career earnings before starting her career as a brood mare. Unraced at two, Sights and Sounds may find his biggest opposition from stablemate Badabing Badaboom, who defeated him earlier this summer in the \$100,000 Hoosier Breeders Sophomore Stakes.



Badabing Badaboom, also a homebred from the Lauer's farm in Flintville, Ky., won his first two starts by a commanding margin before finishing fifth in the \$100,000 Snack Stakes over the turf. He returns to the dirt with hopes of breaking the \$100,000 career earnings barrier.

Badabing Badaboom will once again meet up with the horse that was victorious in the Snack Stakes as Derby Express is included in the 10-horse field. Starting from post four with rider Malcolm Franklin aboard, Derby Express was a multiple stakes winner last year at two, winning the \$85,000 Crown Ambassador Stakes and the \$85,000 Indiana Futurity. The start over the turf course last time out was his first try on the grass and returns to the dirt in an attempt to add his second stakes win to his credentials for 2016 for Owner Sherri Greenhill and Trainer Jeff Greenhill.

To help present the day, Peter Lurie, nationally known racing analyst and current host on TVG, will be in attendance during the day to offer additional analysis of the afternoon's racing program. The first race goes to post at 2:05 p.m. EST.

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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