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LADY FOG HORN IS BACK TO RETAIN TITLE IN FRANCES SLOCUM STAKES AT INDIANA GRAND RACING & CASINO



SHELBYVILLE, Ind.; - Oct. 29, 2016 - It was nearly a repeat of the last stakes race between Lady Fog Horn and She Mabee Wild, but this time, the outcome was different. The two talented four-year-old fillies went to battle once again in the stretch, but it was Lady Fog Horn who prevailed to win her second straight title in the 20th running of the \$150,000-guaranteed Frances Slocum Stakes Saturday, Oct. 29 at Indiana Grand.

The win marked the sixth stakes win at Indiana Grand for Lady Fog Horn and her 12th career trip to the winner's circle for Trainer Tony Granitz and Stuart Grant's The Elkstone Group. Lady Fog Horn becomes the richest Indiana bred female ever with a bankroll of more than \$627,000 with her repeat win in the Slocum Stakes. She is most likely headed to another Indiana Horse of the Year title for her performances in 2016.

"She (Lady Fog Horn) is just awesome," said Granitz. "The way she handles it, whether its turf or dirt, is just amazing. This is her last time out here so it's great to end on a stakes win. Now, we only need the Cubs to pull through."

Granitz, a long-time Chicago circuit trainer, relocated to Indiana last year with his family, including his daughter, Eve, who was with him in the winner's circle. He still keeps a string of horses in Chicago, but plans to put his main focus into the Indiana racing program.

Racing dates for 2017 will be approved and announced soon by the Indiana Horse Racing Commission.

About Indiana Grand Racing & Casino: Indiana Grand Racing & Casino holds multiple awards from industry publications for customer service, entertainment, gaming and dining. Located in Shelbyville, Ind., Indiana Grand features 2,200 of the latest slots and electronic table games in addition to a one-mile dirt race course and a seven-eighths mile turf course offering live Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing each year. Simulcast wagering is also offered year-round at Winner's Circle Brewpub & OTB located on the casino floor as well as an off-track betting facility located in Clarksville, Ind. For more information, please visit www.IndianaGrand.com.

Starting from post eight, Jockey Albin Jimenez took Lady Fog Horn off the early pace as She Mabee Wild and Jesus Castanon went out for the early lead with Stage Five Creeper and Orlando Mojica showing good early foot from the outside to get into position early. Down the backstretch, Carmalley Chrome and Rodney Prescott snuck up the inside to challenge She Mabee Wild for the lead and saved ground into the final turn. Halfway through the turn, Jimenez timed his move just right and moved Lady Fog Horn to the outside to get some racing room.

At the top of the stretch, it was once again a two-filly race, similar to the last stakes race where She Mabee Wild and Lady Fog Horn went to battle in the \$100,000 Richmond Stakes, giving the nod to She Mabee Wild by a head at the wire. Both fillies dug in gamely before Lady Fog Horn was able to forge to the front, taking home the victory by two and three-quarter lengths over Heart's Song and Fernando De La Cruz, who moved into second. She Mabee Wild was third.

Lady Fog Horn was the heavy favorite, paying \$3.80, \$2.80, \$2.10 across the board. The time of the one and one-sixteenth mile race was 1:42.77, quicker than her win in the Slocum Stakes in 2015.



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