



CARMALLEY CHROME TOP HORSE OF THE 2016 MEET AT INDIANA GRAND RACING & CASINO



SHELBYVILLE, Ind.; – Oct. 29, 2016 – Unraced at two, Carmalley Chrome proved to Trainer Mike Nance and Owner Tom Roche she was worth the wait. The three-year-old Cat Dreams filly earned five wins during the season to top the standings as the leading Thoroughbred for 2016.

Carmalley Chrome started off her career with two wins before finishing third in her first stakes attempt in the \$100,000 Swifty Sired. The flashy chestnut sophomore then returned to score wins in the \$75,000 ITOBA Filly Stakes and the \$150,000 First Lady Stakes. One more stakes win would be added to her credentials with a win in the \$100,000 Merrillville Stakes, taking on older horses in several of her stakes races during the year. In all, Carmalley Chrome completed the 2016 racing season with five wins in 10 starts and purse earnings in excess of \$255,000.

"I'm a huge fan (of Carmalley Chrome)," said Nance. "She has had a great year."

Tom Roche, who is a new owner for Nance, added, "We can't wait to see what she does next year. She surpassed everything we had hoped for. I walked out in the field and there were 20 yearlings there and I pointed to her and said 'that's the one.' I couldn't be happier with her. She will get some time off now to just be a horse for a while and we will work on her for next spring." Nance and Roche were presented with a blanket courtesy of the Indiana Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (HBPA). Kevin Greely, director of racing, and Jon Schuster, vice president and general manager of racing, made the winner's circle presentation following her start in the \$150,000 Frances Slocum Stakes where she once again tackled older fillies and mares.

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

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