



Edgar Morales named Leading Apprentice Jockey at Indiana Grand Racing & Casino

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SHELBYVILLE, Ind. (Nov. 6, 2018) – Although he had limited starts at Indiana Grand this season, Edgar Morales accumulated enough wins to be named the Juan Saez Leading Apprentice Rider for 2018. Morales, a native of Puerto Rico, adds the honor to an already impressive resume, also earning leading apprentice rider titles at Oaklawn Park and Ellis Park earlier this year.

Morales completed the meet with 10 wins in 76 starts and more than \$380,000 in purses. He spent most of his time on the Kentucky circuit throughout the season, but would make frequent trips to Indiana to ride, piecing together an impressive season for the award.

“I’d like to thank my agent and all the trainers and owners for helping me this year,” said the soft-spoken Morales. “I will lose my bug later this month. I plan to go to Fair Grounds for the winter.”



Morales earned his first win last fall at Keeneland. He now has 89 career wins in 915 starts with over \$3 million in career earnings.

Rachel McLaughlin, on-air racing analyst, and Steve Cahill, clerk of scales, made the presentation to Morales. The award is named after Juan Saez who perished in a racing incident at Indiana Grand in 2014. Saez was honored posthumously with the leading apprentice award that season and subsequently, the award now carries his name. Morales joins jockeys Cheyanna Patrick (2015), Eduardo Gallardo (2016) and Katie Clawson (2017) as recipients of the Juan Saez Leading Apprentice Jockey award.

“Edgar (Morales) is a true professional,” said Steve Cahill, clerk of scales. “He is a pleasure to have in the room and he has a bright future ahead of him.”

The 16th season of Thoroughbreds and Quarter Horse racing comes to a close Wednesday, Nov. 7. Racing will resume in April 2019 with dates expected to be released by the Indiana Horse Racing Commission in December 2018.

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