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VICAR'S IN TROUBLE HEADS LIST OF 38 NOMINATIONS FOR THE GRADE II \$500,000-ADDED INDIANA DERBY

SHELBYVILLE, Ind.; - Sept. 23, 2014 - Nominations for the Grade II \$500,000-added Indiana Derby closed this past weekend, drawing a total of 38 nominations. The race will be complemented by eight other stakes for the Saturday, Oct. 4 racing program at Indiana Grand Racing & Casino, including the Grade II \$200,000-added Indiana Oaks, which drew a total of 41 nominations.

Included on the list of horses nominated to the Indiana Derby is Vicar's In Trouble from the Mike Maker Stable. The three-year-old son of Into Mischief comes into Indiana off a stellar performance in the \$400,000 Grade II Super Derby at Louisiana Downs. Vicar's in Trouble won the race by seven and one-quarter lengths with regular rider Rosie Napravnik aboard. Napravnik, who won two races on the Indiana Grand racing card Tuesday, Sept. 23, is expected to be aboard Vicar's in Trouble for the Indiana Derby.

Another hopeful for the Indiana Derby is the undefeated Atreides from the Marty Wolfson Stable. The son of Medaglia d'Oro won all three of his starts at Gulfstream Park this summer, including the \$90,000 Monarchos Stakes by 17 and one-half lengths in his last outing. Atreides will make his first start outside of the state of Florida for Stonestreet Stables in the Indiana Derby.

Trainer Bob Baffert will seek his fourth title in the Indiana Derby when he sends Can the Man to Indiana for the 20th running of the event. Baffert's Power Broker won the 2013 Indiana Derby, the 2010 event with Lookin at Lucky and the 2009 race with Misremembered, who holds the stakes record for the Indiana Derby in a time of 1:40.4.

Can the Man, a lightly raced son of Into Mischief, has not raced since finishing fifth in the Grade II Los Alamitos Derby at Los Alamitos in early July. Owned by Kaleem Shah, Can the Man was a winner two starts back in the Grade III \$100,000 Affirmed Stakes at Santa Anita. The Indiana Derby will be the first start for Can the Man out of the state of California.

Other horses whose connections have expressed interest for the 2014 Indiana Derby include Jessica's Star, winner of the Grade III Iowa Derby, CJ's Awesome, who ran fourth in this past weekend's \$1 million Grade II Pennsylvania Derby, East Hall, winner of the \$300,000 Ohio Derby, Just Call Kenny, winner of the \$100,000 Spectacular Bid at Laurel Racecourse, Class Leader, winner of the \$100,000 Sir Barton at Pimlico and Quiet Ruler from the Nick Zito Stable. A full nomination list for all stakes on Indiana Derby Night is available at indianagrand.com under the racing tab on the homepage.

The Indiana Derby will be carded as the 10th race on the 11-race Indiana Derby Night program. Approximate post time is 9:30 p.m. EST with the Grade II Indiana Oaks set for the ninth race with an estimated post time of 8:40 p.m. EST. The first race goes to post at 5:05 p.m. The 2014 event marks the second year the race will be contested at Indiana Grand. Previous Indiana Derby races were held at Hoosier Park Racing & Casino.

Derby Night at Indiana Grand will feature several special guests, including event co-chairs Rick Pitino, head basketball coach at University of Louisville, and Tom Crean, head basketball coach at Indiana University. In addition, several former Pacers players will be in attendance for a special ceremony to honor Bobby "Slick" Leonard, who is a recent inductee into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. Other special guests during the night include members of the 1954 Milan High School State Champion team, the group that inspired the movie "Hoosiers," Raquel Pomplun, 2013 Playboy Playmate of the Year and Rupert Bonham of the television series "Survivor."

A total of nine stakes will be on the racing program Indiana Derby Night totaling more than \$1.3 million in purses. Other stakes on the card include the \$100,000-added Michael G. Schaefer Memorial Mile, the \$100,000-added Mari Hulman George, the \$100,000-added Ta Wee Stakes, the \$85,000-added City of Anderson, the \$85,000-added Crown Ambassador, the \$85,000-added Indiana Stallion Stakes Filly Division and the \$85,000-added Hillsdale Stakes.

Live Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing continues through Saturday, Nov. 1 offering racing Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 2:05 p.m. with Friday and Saturday action beginning at 5:05 p.m. For more information, visit the Website at indianagrand.com.

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