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## Lena Love wins filly division of ITOBA Stallion Season Stakes at Indiana Grand Racing & Casino

SHELBYVILLE, Ind.; – Aug. 27, 2014 – Lena Love was impressive in the first running of the \$75,000-added ITOBA Stallion Season Fillies, romping away to a 12 and three-quarter length win Wednesday, Aug. 27. Albin Jiminez was a late rider change aboard the Robert Gorhamtrained filly who is now four for nine on the year.

Lena Love and Jiminez started their journey from post one in the seven-horse field, finding a spot in mid pack as Aziperform and Rodney Prescott showed the quickest foot from the gate for the top spot. They were under pressure almost immediately from Cantico and Fernando De La Cruz while Deliver and Orlando Mojica made it three across for the top spot. Down the backstretch, Aziperform and Cantico were determined as the leaders during the one-mile event and led the way into the turn.

Jiminez moved Lena Love up along the inside and saw a path open up between Aziperform and Cantico and seized the moment, moving through between horses quickly to gain the best advantage for the stretch drive home. Once Lena Love hit a quicker gear, she was unstoppable, carrying her momentum all the way through to the wire for the win. Best Memories and Ben Creed used the outside path to close in for second over Cantico who held onto third on the inside.

"I had a ton of horse," said Jiminez. "I started asking her at the half and moved up the inside. We were tracking behind the three (Cantico) and when I saw a spot, she (Lena Love) shot through and took off."

Lena Love is owned by Henry Mast's Mast Thoroughbreds. The threeyear-old City Weekend grey filly earned her first stakes win and now possesses more than \$69,000 in career earnings. She is currently on a three-race win streak for Gorham, who also trains Cantico, securing two of the top three finishes in the stakes race.

Lena Love paid \$12.60, \$5.00 and \$3.80 across the board as the mild upset winner. The time of the stakes race was 1:38.71.

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