



State of Indiana Indiana Horse Racing Commission

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Indiana Horse Racing Industry Making Headlines

On Saturday, October 24th three Indiana Sired horses made headlines by winning their divisions of the Breeder's Crown races held at Woodbine Racetrack in Canada. Indiana bred, trained and owned Freaky Feet Pete won its three year old colt division after making a supplemental entry payment of \$62,500 in order to be able to compete in the race boasting a purse of \$531,250 (\$689,244 Cdn.), an investment that paid off well for his Indiana owners. In addition, Indiana sired horses Always B Miki and Color's A Virgin made impressive wins in the \$400,000 (\$518,960 Cdn.) Breeder's Crown Open Pace and \$250,000 (\$324,350 Cdn.) Breeder's Crown Open Mare Pace respectively.

"This is a huge accomplishment for our Indiana Standardbred Breed Development Program. In recent years, the program has grown from having regional impacts to producing horses that have become national champions," noted Jessica Barnes, Indiana Horse Racing Commission Director of Racing & Breed Development. The purpose of Indiana's Breed Development programs is to stimulate the agribusiness sector of the state's economy by encouraging the breeding of quality race horses in the state.

Additionally, the Hoosier Classic Sales Company hosted its annual Standardbred yearling sale at the Indiana State Fairgrounds on October 23rd and 24th. The sales company sold 342 horses grossing \$4.975 million resulting in an average of \$14,560 per yearling. The two-day sales topper brought a price of \$115,000. This year's sale marked a 48% percent increase over the 2014 sales numbers. The Quarter Horse and Thoroughbred industries also recently held successful yearling sales in which they saw improvements not only in quality, but also in prices of sales toppers.

"The recent record sales events are a demonstration of confidence of horsemen not only in Indiana but across the nation to buy and race Indiana breds of all breeds. It is a show of support for the Breed Development Programs and the Commissions commitment to market and promote the Indiana horse racing industry. Track operator Centaur has made millions of dollars in capital improvements at both Hoosier Park and Indiana Grand and Indiana is poised to continue it's ascension to be one of the great horse racing states in the country," stated IHRC Chairman Thomas Weatherwax.

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