

Hoosier Park Announces Plans for \$100,000 Mike Schaefer Mile

Anderson, Ind. (October 9, 2000) ---- Hoosier Park at Anderson announced today that the \$100,000 Mike Schaefer Mile will be contested Saturday, November 18 in honor of outgoing Indiana Horse Racing Commission Chairman Michael Schaefer. Schaefer, who is the only chairman in the Commission's eleven-year history, cannot be re-appointed because the Indiana pari-mutuel statute mandates term limits for Commission members.

The event, which will feature horses three-years-old and upward, will be part of a celebration of Schaefer's contributions to the Indiana horse racing industry. Present and former Commissioners, Commission staff, and Commission legal counsel will be on hand for the evening.

"It would be difficult to find another person who has had a greater impact on the Indiana horse racing industry than Mike Schaefer," said Hoosier Park President Jeffrey Smith. "His leadership of the Commission was fair, consistent, and strong. His contributions are far-reaching. Many people shared our view that he should be honored with an annual race."

Hoosier Park at Anderson, Indiana's only pari-mutuel racetrack, offers Standardbred, Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing and wholecard simulcasting. Hoosier Park, a majority-owned property of Churchill Downs Incorporated (Nasdaq: CHDN), also operates simulcast-wagering facilities in Indianapolis, Fort Wayne and Merrillville, Ind. Hoosier Park's 2000 Thoroughbred Meet continues through Dec. 4. Information about Hoosier Park racing and all its facilities can be found on the Internet at hoosierpark.com.