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MARY N' EILEEN WINS FRANCES SLOCUM STAKES

By Tammy Knox - SHELBYVILLE, Ind.; – Nov. 1, 2014 – Mary n' Eileen was on a mission from the starting gate, leaving her spot from post 10 to glide to the lead early and never look back, earning the title in the 18th running of the \$150,000-added Frances Slocum Stakes at Indiana Grand during the closing night program Saturday, Nov. 1. Mary n' Eileen, piloted by Rafael Hernandez, completed the one and one-sixteenth mile event in a time of 1:43.41 to earn her second career stakes win for trainer Patrick McBurney.

Hernandez left gamely from the outside with Mary n' Eileen, matching Yeardley and Fernando De La Cruz, who started from post 11, stride for stride heading to the first turn. Once settled on the top, she kept her presence known as a horse to beat, trading the pace setter roll with Yeardley, who sat directly to her outside. Around the turn, it looked as if Mary 'n

Eileen might be overtaken by closers in the 11-horse field, but she found another gear at the top of the stretch.

Once Mary n' Eileen fought off Yeardley, she had another attacker from the inside. Hoosier Honey and Oriana Rossi found a seam inside and scooted up the rail to become a fast closing threat at the wire. However, Mary n' Eileen held on for the win by a neck over Hoosier Honey. Colony Crossing and Albin Jiminez rallied up late for third.

Mary n' Eileen paid \$5.60, \$4.20 and \$3.00 across the board as the favorites of the field. The chestnut daughter of Indy King, who was unraced at two, is now four for seven in her career, boosting her bankroll to more than \$228,000 for owners ABL Stable, D. Bossone, J. Cahill, P. Donnelly and Phantom House. She earned her first stakes win in August at Indiana Grand in the \$150,000-added First Lady Stakes.

"We had a good break and we let the 12 (Yeardley) go and were able to sit good behind the speed," said Hernandez, who earned three of the four stakes wins on the card. "We got a perfect trip and were able to make a winning run at the end."

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