



Obsolete Becomes Relevant In Ellen's Lucky Star Stakes at Indiana Grand Racing & Casino

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SHELBYVILLE, Ind. (July 18, 2018) – A victory in the 10th running of the \$100,000 Ellen's Lucky Star Stakes had a double shot of success for trainer Mike Lauer. He saddled three for the stakes race and had a one-two finish with Obsolete and Triple A in the one mile race over the Rod Ratcliff Turf Course at Indiana Grand.

Starting from the extreme outside post 10, Obsolete was rushed out of the gate by jockey John McKee and was able to secure the third spot along the outside before the field reached the first turn. As expected, Ever Wonder and Eddie Perez moved straight out to the lead from the inside to set the tempo accompanied by Paisley and Jesus Castanon. McKee then took hold of Obsolete and was content to sit on the outside of Blue Hen Hockey and Alex Canchari down the backside as Ever Wonder continued to lead the way.

In the final turn, McKee began to call on Obsolete but did not make up any ground on the top two. However, that scenario changed once the field hit the stretch. Obsolete began to move forward and appeared to have her biggest rivals to her inside. Blue Hen Hockey fought her way through traffic and joined Paisley for the lead with Obsolete on the outside. The three were in a fierce battle before Obsolete got the advantage. She then received pressure from a hard-charging Triple A and Marcelino Pedroza on the outside. In the end, it was Obsolete by a head over Triple A for the win, her first attempt on the grass. Blue Hen Hockey held strong along the inside for third.

Obsolete was a slight surprise, paying \$11.20, \$6.20, \$5.00 across the board. The gray daughter of Old Fashioned picked up her second win of 2018 and increased her career bankroll to more than \$176,000 in earnings. Obsolete is owned by Penny Lauer, who is also the breeder along with Mike Lauer of the three-year-old Indiana bred filly.

"There is a stakes race for her the second week of August," said Lauer of the next start for Obsolete. "It's back on the dirt."

Obsolete has been a legitimate threat during her racing career, breaking her maiden in her first career start. She traveled to Woodbine in her second career start as a two-year-old to finish second in the \$100,000 My Dear Stakes before returning to Indiana to finish second in the \$100,000 Miss Indiana Stakes last fall. The Ellen's Lucky Star Stakes was her first career stakes win, and she stopped the timer in 1:38.16. It was Lauer's fourth win in the Ellen's Lucky Star, also winning the inaugural event in 2009 with Trust n Seven, the 2013 event with Harbor Cat, and the 2016 race with Tequila and Salt.



The 16th season of Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing continues through Wednesday, Nov. 7. Racing is conducted Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 2:05 p.m. EST with Saturday racing beginning at 6:05 p.m. EST. Two special Thursday racing dates will be held July 19 and Sept. 6 with a 2:05 p.m. EST post time.

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