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Flurry Hustles in \$150,000 Indiana First Lady Stakes at Indiana Grand Racing & Casino

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SHELBYVILLE, Ind. (Aug. 15, 2018) – Flurry was the chosen favorite in the 16th running of the \$150,000 Indiana First Lady Stakes at Indiana Grand Wednesday, Aug. 15. The three-year-old daughter of Old Fashioned came in to the race with four wins in six career starts and she didn't let up on the field, coasting to a four and one-half length margin win with Jockey Marcelino Pedroza Jr. aboard.

As expected, Black Nova and Fernando De La Cruz used early speed from the inside post out of the gate to attempt to lead the field of eight in the one mile 70 yard race. The top two were quickly joined by Paisley and Jesus Castanon, who eventually took over the top spot down the backstretch. The entire time, Pedroza had found a great resting place, sitting just a couple of lengths off the leaders in a stalking position outside of Two Carrot Ransom and Richard Bracho, who also sat patiently in the early stages.



Around the turn, Pedroza began to ask Flurry for more speed and she unleashed a substantial bit of speed on the field, circling to the front and leading the field into the stretch. Pedroza kept Flurry alert with a hand ride to the wire as she opened up on the field for the win in a time of 1:43.29. Two Carrot Ransom held ground on the inside for second followed by Paisley for third.

"She (Flurry) hadn't been out in about seven weeks, so we weren't sure what to expect," said Trainer Mike Lauer. "I told Marcelino (Pedroza) the important thing was to get her to relax and he did that. She ran a giant race."

Flurry, is owned by Lauer's wife, Penny, and was bred and raised by the couple, who own a farm just outside of Finchville, Ky. The Lauers foal many of their mares in Indiana to meet requirements for the Indiana breeding program, including Flurry's mother Dreamin Big, who is among the state's top five all-time leading Indiana bred female money earners. Now 10 years old, the former Indiana champion earned in excess of \$600,000 during her career that included 11 wins in 36 starts.

Flurry has taken after her mother in speed and desire. The only thing that separates her from her champion mom is her grey coloring. She has now won five of her last six starts dating back to last September. The Indiana First Lady Stakes was her second stakes win of her career.

"In a couple of weeks, we plan to bring her back on the grass," said Lauer. "She's never run on the grass so we'll see how she does."

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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