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Prompted willing winner in \$75,000 ITOBA Stallion Season Fillies Stake at Indiana Grand Racing & Casino

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SHELBYVILLE, Ind. – June 9, 2018 – Prompted may have been the last horse out of the gate, but she quickly made up for the misstep and turned in a great performance to win the sixth running of the \$75,000-added ITOBA Stallion Season Fillies Stakes Saturday, June 9 at Indiana Grand.

Starting from the outside post eight in the one mile stakes race, Prompted spotted the field a few lengths at the start, but jockey Sammy Bermudez quickly made up the deficit, rallying to the top around the first turn and placing the Sangaree filly in the lead. Letsbegreatagain and Santo Sanjur saved ground along the inside and stayed close while heavily favored Entrusted and Marcelino Pedroza held down the third position early on the outside.

Prompted was in full control heading into the final turn, but things were about to change. Several of the horses from the back of the pack began to make a swift move on the leader and at the head of the stretch, there was a wall of horses just waiting for a chance to speed past Prompted. But that scenario never played out. Prompted found another gear and rallied away from her opponents, grabbing a four and one-quarter length advantage at the wire over Letsbegreatagain, who finished less than a length ahead of Shyla and Alex Canchari for second. The time of the stakes race was 1:39.62.

"She broke a step slow but she dragged me right back into it," said Bermudez. "Once she was on the lead, she relaxed, but every time the other horses would get closer to her, she would hear them and wanted to keep going. I knew coming around the final turn they were all coming at us, but I still had a little horse. She just kept on going. She showed a lot of guts tonight."

Prompted, the fifth choice of the field, paid \$35.00, \$15.00 and \$19.20 across the board for her win in the ITOBA Stallion Season Fillies Stake. Purchased for \$25,000 out of the Ocala Breeders Winter Mixed Sale, the chestnut filly is owned by Kenneth Meyer and Randy Klopp. She has now earned more than \$47,000 for her new connections since joining the Klopp barn this year.

"Ken (Meyer) and I went together and looked at this filly at the sale," said Klopp. "We had talked to Michelle and Amy Elliott about her and knew they wanted to sell her. We bought her specifically for this race. After she broke slow, Sammy did a good job of getting her back in it and saved her for the end of the race."

Klopp has learned a lot about the filly since she joined his stable. She is a little difficult to deal with in the barn.

"She can be a handful to deal with," said Klopp. "We have learned she likes women better than men and Blanca Salazar that works for us takes care of her. She gets along with her pretty well."

The win in the ITOBA Stallion Season Fillies Stakes was the second career win for Prompted. She broke her maiden in her first start for the Elliotts last summer at Indiana Grand. She is by one of their stallions (Sangaree). The Elliotts also raced Prompted's mother, Indecisive, before retiring her to their farm as a brood mare.



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. Six all-Quarter Horse racing nights have been set during the season to include June 2, July 7, Aug. 11, Sept. 15, Oct. 6 and Oct. 27. All dates are Saturday evening cards with a first post time of 6:05 p.m.

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