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\$100,000 Ta Wee Highlights Special Thursday Racing Program at Indiana Grand Racing & Casino

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SHELBYVILLE, Ind. (July 17, 2018) — The sixth running of the \$100,000-guaranteed Ta Wee will be the featured event on a special Thursday, July 19 racing program at Indiana Grand. The one mile event will be held on the newly named Rod Ratcliff Turf Course as the seventh race on the nine-race program. The race was named in honor of Ta Wee, an Ute Native American woman who was the wife of Chief Buckskin Charlie in the state of Indiana in late 1800s.

Heading the list of entrants for the Ta Wee for three-year-old fillies is Sirenusa from the Joe Sharp Stable. Unraced at two, the Tiznow filly has won three of her four starts for 2018, including the \$50,000 Northbound Pride Oaks at Canterbury Park two starts back. Owned by Joni and Barry Butzow, Sirenusa looks to get back in the win column in the Ta Wee Stakes from post four with Adam Beschizza accompanying her to Indiana. She has been selected as the favorite at odds of 3-1.

Joining Sirenusa as a major threat in the Ta Wee Stakes is Stave from the Larry Jones barn. The Ghostzapper filly tried her luck in the Grade 3 Regret Stakes in her last start at Churchill Downs. Prior to that start, she had back to back wins in Kentucky at Churchill Downs and Keeneland, respectively. Stave will begin from post three in the field of 12 at odds of 7-2. Gabriel Saez is named to ride for Henry and Thomas Hinkle's Hinkle Farms.

The entire field for the Ta Wee, in post position order with jockey and odds, includes Pearl's Opinion (DeShawn Parker, 8-1); Rous-salka (Marcelino Pedroza, 30-1); Stave (Gabriel Saez, 7-2); Sirenusa (Adam Beschizza, 3-1); Youvegottopaytopla (Edgar Paucar, 30-1); Deadline (Brian Hernandez Jr., 15-1); Monte Crista (Julian Pimentel, 4-1); Lisa Limon (Albin Jimenez, 12-1); Malibu Saint (Channing Hill, 15-1); In The Mood (John McKee, 12-1); America's Tale (Fernando De La Cruz, 12-1); and Passion Plus (Santo Sanjur, 15-1). Two also eligibles are available in case of a scratch including Savour The Moment (Sammy Camacho Jr., 15-1) and Tiz Trish (Rodney Prescott, 30-1).

The Ta Wee will be preceded by a pair of Indiana stakes on the Wednesday, July 18 racing program. The 10th running of the \$100,000 Ellen's Lucky Star, a one mile turf event, is slated as the seventh race on the card followed by the 10th running of the \$100,000 Snack Stakes for registered Indiana bred colts and geldings, carded as the eighth race.

Ever Wonder from the Robert Gorham Stable is the early morning line favorite. The Jersey Town filly comes into the race off back to back wins over Indiana's dirt course. She will begin from post two at odds of 8-5.

Its Just Fate, two-time stakes winning gelding this season at Indiana Grand, will head a field of 12 in the Snack Stakes. Starting from post three for Trainer Wayne Mogge, the Skylord gelding has been tagged as the 9-5 favorite for Patrick and Donald Donahoe.

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 at 2:05 p.m.

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