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The Money Dance Dazzles in \$150,000 Governor's Stakes at Indiana Grand Racing & Casino

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SHELBYVILLE, Ind. (Aug. 15, 2018) – A big rain shower unleashed on Indiana Grand just minutes before the field took to the track for the \$150,000 Governor's Stakes, providing some questions for some of the entrants in the race. Those questions were answered in a big way by The Money Dance and Edgar Morales as the duo dazzled racing fans with a three and one-half length advantage at the wire.

Trainer Mike Lauer had three in the race drawing post positions one, two three, making it a little easier to oversee the entire saddling process taking place for the race. Of the three, The Money Dance had the biggest chance for the win according to the fans, as the race favorite and he delivered.

The Money Dance never had a chance to get good early positioning

as Pegasus On The Go and Fernando De La Cruz shot out to the lead from the outside. In A Fog and Declan Cannon followed the leader out to secure the spot behind him on the inside while Forty West and DeShawn Parker challenged on the outside. The Money Dance held ground along the rail in mid pack.

Heading into the turn of the one mile and 70 yard race, Pegasus On The Go and In A Fog pulled away from the field by open lengths. It gave The Money Dance just enough space and just enough time to slip through on the inside and angle to the outside for the stretch drive home. The son of Jimmy Creed rolled right on by the top two at the head of the stretch and took off for the wire for the easy win. IN a Fog finished second over a closing effort by Redyornothericome and Marcelino Pedroza to give Lauer a winning trifecta in the stakes race. The time of the event was 1:42.41 over the sloppy track.

The Money Dance, who began his career at Indiana Grand last fall at two before venturing off to Oaklawn Park this past winter. He later scored a win against a tough allowance field at Belmont Park before he returned to Indiana in June. He tried his luck with little success in a trio of stakes races, including the Grade III \$500,000 Indiana Derby where he finished seventh. He came into the Governor's Stakes off that start and proved he was ready to get back to his winning ways for Lauer, who is also the breeder of the chestnut three-year-old. Mike Johnson's Falcon Racing Stable co-owns The Money Dance with Penny Lauer.

The Money Dance now has three career wins and increased his earnings to more than \$255,000 with the win. It was the first win at Indiana Grand for the Indiana bred colt.



The win was one of two stakes wins on the card for Lauer, who also won the \$150,000 Indiana First Lady with Flurry a few races before the Governor's Stakes. Lauer is the track's all-time leading stakes winning trainer with more than 30 stakes wins accumulated at Indiana Grand.

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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