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\$200,000 Caesars Stakes Draws 41 Nominations at Indiana Grand Racing & Casino

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CAESARS Stakes



SHELBYVILLE, Ind. (Aug. 24, 2018) – Indiana's richest day of turf racing will be highlighted with the 13th running of the \$200,000-guaranteed Caesars Stakes (Listed), formerly known as the Centaur Stakes, set for Wednesday, Sept. 5. The race, which has been extended from one mile to one and one-sixteenth miles over the turf for the first time in 2018, has drawn nominations from 41 horses, 20 of which have Graded Stakes experience.

Golden Brown of the Patrick McBurney Stable is one of the many talented horses on the nomination list. The three-year-old son of Offlee Wild won the \$200,000 Grade III Kent Stakes at Del Mar over the turf two starts back and returned for a fifth place finish in the Grade I \$1 million Haskell at Monmouth Park in late July. Golden Brown has won three of his seven starts for 2018 with earnings in excess of \$230,000 thus far.

Joining Golden Brown on the nomination list for the Caesars Stakes is Combatant of the Steve Asmussen Stable. The Scat Daddy colt was on the Kentucky Derby trail earlier this year, finishing third in the Grade II Rebel Stakes and fourth in the Grade I Arkansas Derby before starting in the Grade I \$2 million Kentucky Derby. More recently, he finished fifth in the Grade II \$200,000 Hall of Fame Stakes at Saratoga on the turf.

Asmussen, who nominated five to the Caesars Stakes, has also nominated the well-traveled Reride for Winchell Thoroughbreds. The Can-

dy Ride colt has raced at seven different tracks in the past year, including a trip to the United Arab Emirates' Meydan Racecourse for the \$2 million Grade II UAE Derby, finishing third behind Mendelssohn and Rayya. In his last start, Reride was fourth in the Grade II \$600,000 Jim Dandy Stakes at Saratoga.

An invader from the north has also been nominated to the Caesars Stakes. Strike Me Down from the H. Graham Motion Stable competed at Woodbine in the \$1 million Queens Plate, finishing fourth. The Ontario bred just missed the win in his last outing at Saratoga, finishing second in allowance action.

Joining the \$200,000 Caesars Stakes will be the 10th running of the \$200,000-guaranteed Indiana Grand Stakes (Listed) for three-year-old fillies. A total of 44 nominations were accepted for the one-mile turf race, 20 of which have run in Graded Stakes action this season.

Caesars Stakes Day will be supported by Peter Lurie, nationally known racing analyst and on-air personality. Purses for the day will be in excess of \$500,000, marking the richest day of turf racing in the state of Indiana.

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. A special Thursday racing program will be held Sept. 6 with a 2:05 p.m. post time.

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