



## Bold Concept, the People's Horse, Wins at Indiana Grand Racing & Casino

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SHELBYVILLE, Ind. (Sept. 22, 2018) – She did it. Bold Concept, the people's horse at Indiana Grand, rallied home with a late burst of speed to break her maiden and provide the 44 owners of Grand Gesture Stable, Indiana Grand's racing club, with their first trip to the winner's circle. After five previous tries and finishing second in four of those attempts, the three-year-old filly raised the sound level tremendously in the grandstand as she and DeShawn Parker shot under the wire for the win.

There were a lot of question marks coming into the race. It was the first time Bold Concept had ever attempted two turns, it was the first time she had raced under the lights and it was the first time she had worn blinkers. But the Indiana sired daughter of Deputy Storm handled all of the challenges with no worries. She broke well from the inside post one but was never in the mix early, shuffled back to ninth in the 10-horse field as Quite A Babe and Orlando Mojica set the tempo of the race. Down the backstretch, there was still little forward movement from Bold Concept but she began to advance as the field moved into the final turn. Parker kept the filly inside to save ground and was able to split horses at the top of the stretch to get a clear shot at the leaders.

That's all Bold Concept needed as she kicked into another gear, advancing toward the leaders. She dug in gamely and rolled right on by Quite A Babe to score the victory by one and three-quarter lengths at the finish line. Good Sermon and Angel Moreno rounded out the trifecta.

"When we were pulling up after the race, I was right beside Santo (Sanjur) and he said it sounded like I had just won the Preakness," smiled Parker, who has more than 5,400 career wins. "I could really hear the owners cheering when we were coming down the stretch. I'm very happy for all of them and for Tony (Granitz) and his team."



Bold Concept, the third choice on the board, paid \$7.60, \$4.40, \$3.20 across the board. The Tony-Granitz trained filly now has in excess of \$65,000 during her career with the bulk of that amount earned since being purchased by Grand Gesture Stable. More than 30 of the owners were trackside to experience the victory.

"To me, it was just like winning the Preakness," said Mark Pufahl, one of the owners in Grand Gesture Stable. "I have to drive back to Fishers (Indiana) tonight but I think I could float home. I never thought I would ever have the opportunity to stand in a winner's circle like this and be part owner of a horse."

Grand Gesture Stable is in its second season at Indiana Grand. Shares of Bold Concept were sold for \$300 at the beginning of the season and there are a

total of 44 owners of the filly with no additional funds due during the duration of the program. At the conclusion of the season, Bold Concept will be sold and after all expenses are paid, including the purchase price of the horse, any funds left over in the Grand Gesture Stable account will be divided evenly among all owners.

"My husband, Paul (Ohman), bought the share of Bold Concept for me in May for my birthday," said Lynda Peterson-Ohman. "We had just gotten married and couldn't swing it last year, but this is the best birthday present I ever had."

Owners in Grand Gesture Stable extend all across the Hoosier state. Many of the owners come down weekly on Saturdays to take advantage of a barn visit to see Bold Concept, bringing her treats, including her favorite, carrots with the stems attached. Several of the owners were part of the inaugural group from 2017 and are experiencing their second horse with Grand Gesture Stable, including Bill Spann of Indianapolis.

"I'm just glad we got here in time," said Spann. "We were at a wedding and the reception and left. We were fortunate enough to get here in time for the race. I wasn't able to make the race last year when AJ (Pacer) won so this was my first time to get in the winner's circle. It's unbelievable. I thought early on in the race 'Ah man, she's not going to make it tonight,' but when she was clear right there at the end, it was exciting to see her win."



Grand Gesture owner Ron Sheedy of Greenwood, Ind. shared Spann's concerns.

"Honestly, I was worried at the top of the stretch," said Sheedy. "But, it worked out and she came running at the end. This has been an awesome experience and I'm already looking forward to next year."

The 16th season of Thoroughbreds and Quarter Horse racing continues through Wednesday, Nov. 7. Racing is conducted Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 2:05 p.m. with Saturday racing beginning at 6:05 p.m.

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