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## Ace of Aces Scores Second Stakes Win at Indiana Grand Racing & Casino

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SHELBYVILLE, Ind. (Oct. 9, 2018) – Ace of Aces has been nearly perfect this season and continued that streak, winning his third straight race and second straight stakes in the 20th running of the \$100,000-added Crown Ambassador Stakes. With Alex Canchari aboard, the two-year-old romped to victory in the six-furlong event in a time of 1:10.41 seconds, which was nearly a stakes record currently owned by Supreme Justice in the 2014 edition of the stakes in a time of 1:10.35.

Starting from the inside post one, Ace of Aces was unhurried out of the gate for Canchari as A Little Irradic and Rodney Prescott put a nose in front of Merocketman and Santo Sanjur down the backstretch. Around the turn, A Little Irradic had inherited the short lead as Squadron Commander and Richard Bracho began to move up on the outside. Ace of Aces was able to split horses and was in prime striking distance for the stretch drive home.



Canchari requested more speed from Ace of Aces and got another gear, striding out by more than two lengths halfway down the stretch. Late in the race, Snicker Cookie and apprentice rider Edgar Morales snuck up the rail and had good momentum to close in for second over Merocketman for third.

Owned and bred by LTB Inc. and Hillerich Racing LLC, Ace of Aces is now three for four in his career with earnings in excess of \$140,000. The grey Unbridled Express colt is trained by Bernie Flint.

“Between the time I broke his maiden and won the last stakes race, I swear he grew twice his size,” said Canchari. “I think he’s grown even more since his last race. He is very mature for a two year old and around the turn, he actually pulled me through those two horses. He’s very easy to ride and I’m lucky to have the opportunity to ride a colt like this.”

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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