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Rebel Bull Defies the Odds in \$150,000 To Much Coffee Stakes at Indiana Grand Racing & Casino

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SHELBYVILLE, Ind. (Nov. 6, 2018) – Sometimes the best wins are the ones that are unexpected. The Bone Doctors Stable had that experience Tuesday, Nov. 6 in the 21st running of the \$150,000 To Much Coffee Stakes at Indiana Grand as Rebel Bull pulled in the upset at odds of 25-1.

Starting from post nine in the full gate of 12, Rebel Bull busted out of the gate and showed the best early speed for jockey Jesus Castanon. The flashy grey son of Flashy Bull had secured the top spot before the field hit the first turn in the one and one-sixteenth mile race as Pentimento and Abel Lezcano held their ground inside and Mr Manning with Rodney Prescott aboard challenged from the outside.

Rebel Bull continued his quest on top down the backstretch and was well in hand, waiting patiently for the favorites and late closers to begin their attack. Around the turn, he was still in command and Castanon was able to scoot him into the stretch and open up on the field as they began to bunch up behind him. The Money Dance and Edgar Morales was one of the horses closing in late as was the race favorite Operation Stevie and Emmanuel Esquivel, but Rebel Bull was too dominant on the lead, scoring the victory by two and one-half lengths at the wire in a time of 1:43.30. Huntstown and Orlando Mojica saved ground inside to move into second over The Money Dance who settled for third.

“Our plan was to leave and get to the front and it worked out,” said Castanon. “They gave us a little breather down the backstretch and then he dug in for the win in the stretch.”

Trained by Aaron West, Rebel Bull earned his second win of 2018 in seven starts. The five-year-old increased his career earnings to more than \$225,000 with the win. Totally overlooked by the betting public, Rebel Bull paid \$53.00, \$25.20 and \$12.00 across the board for his victory in the To Much Coffee Stakes.

“We had a lot of confidence in this horse coming into the race,” said West. “He’s been running on the turf but we figured he would take to the dirt. He’s a half to Marina’s Legacy so we knew he had a shot to win this race.”



Marina has been a very solid brood mare for Bone Doctors Stable, which is comprised of several doctors in the Evansville, Ind. area. Dr. Phil Gilson, a urologist, is the managing partner and is joined by Dr. James Gabel, a veterinarian, Dr. J.P. Morgan, an orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Mike Zenni, a urologist and Dr. Steve Gabel, an orthopedic surgeon who passed away earlier this year. The group started off with one brood mare a few years ago and have bred and raised several of their horses. In addition to Rebel Bull, their mare, Marina, has produced the standout four-year-old filly, Marina’s Legacy, who has earned multiple stakes victories at Indiana Grand and in excess of \$336,000.

“We lost our son (Dr. Steve Gabel) earlier this year and he is the one that bought this mare (Marina),” said Dr. James Gabel. “I’m pushing 90 and this is by far the greatest win I’ve had in my (racing) career. It really means a lot.”

The To Much Coffee Stakes honors one of the first standouts in the state of Indiana. The mare, frequently referred to as the horse missing an “o” in her name, set a track record during the second season of pari-mutuel racing in the state of Indiana at Hoosier Park in 1996. To Much Coffee went on to score wins in several stakes races before her retirement in 1997.



The 16th season of Thoroughbreds and Quarter Horse racing comes to a close Wednesday, Nov. 7. Racing will resume in April 2019 with dates expected to be released by the Indiana Horse Racing Commission in December 2018.

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