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Indiana Standardbred Program Celebrates Success on Track, in Sales Ring

October has been a stellar month for the Indiana Standardbred Breed Development Program, with the Hoosier Classic Yearling Sale seeing a 17 percent increase in the sale average and 10 Indiana sired horses making it to the finals of the 34th annual Breeders Crown.

Laying claim to home field advantage, the 10 Indiana-sired entrants that took to the track for Breeders Crown eliminations last week all came out victorious to qualify for the finals being held October 27 and 28 at Hoosier Park in Anderson, Ind. Led by powerful trotting mare, Hannelore Hanover, it's one of the largest and strongest contingents representing the program in years.

Hannelore Hanover is the only mare taking on the boys, entered in the \$500,000 Open Trot. Earlier this fall, the Swan For All mare set the world record for fastest mile trotted by a mare in 1:49 2/5. She'll be facing another Indiana-sired champion, Homicide Hunter (by Mr Cantab) and eight other colts and geldings on Saturday, October 28.

Horses coming off of successful Indiana Sire Stakes campaigns are looking to finish their 2-year-old seasons with a win in the Crown. Carol's Z Tam (by Always A Virgin) looks to continue her winning ways, coming off her championship win in the Indiana Sire Stakes Super Finals Oct. 13 in the \$500,000 3-year-old Filly Pace. Rock N Tony (by Rockin Image) shocked everyone on elimination night, beating the current Number 1 3-year-old Fear the Dragon to qualify for the \$500,000 3-Year-Old Colt/Gelding Pace. Beckhams Z Tam (Always A Virgin) will join Rock N Tony on Saturday night.

Other Indiana-sired qualifiers are: Shnitzledosomethin (by Fred And Ginger) in the \$600,000 2-Year-Old Colt/Gelding Pace; Fiftydallarbill (by Swan For All) and Skyway Torpedo (by Swan For All) in the \$600,000 2-Year-Old Colt/Gelding Trot; Rock On Ladys (by Rockin Image) in the \$600,000 Filly Pace; and Seventimesavirgin (by Always A Virgin) in the \$250,000 Mare Pace.

On October 20 and 21, the Hoosier Classic Yearling Sale drew 369 yearlings from Indiana breeders. Newport Party, a filly by Indiana stallion Rockin Image and out of the Incredible Finale mare, Fox Valley Monika (Hall of Fame broodmare), brought in a record \$145,000 on the second day. The filly was consigned by Legacy Lane Farm and purchased by Bo DeLong. Sunday Clothes, another Rockin Image

colt out of Saras Lucky Charm (by Electric Yankee) brought InLaw Stables the second highest bid of \$125,000 when Anthony Lombardi raised his hand.

In total, the sale grossed nearly \$7 million, with a two-day average of \$19,527. Sale manager Steve Cross applauded the Indiana breeders for consistently growing the quality of their breeding programs. "Once again, the breeders were rewarded for their diligence and foresight in buying quality mares and breeding to marketable stallions," he said.

"This is an exciting time for Indiana, and to have the world watching our program from our home track is exhilarating," says Jessica Barnes, Director of Racing and Breed Development for the Indiana Horse Racing Commission and Indiana Standardbred Breed Development Program. "We've been saying, 'It's Indiana's Time' all year, and now it's true."

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