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Call On Linda Upsets Field in QHRAI Futurity at Hoosier Park

Call On Linda and Rodney Prescott turned in a perfect gate to wire performance Sunday, Aug. 22 to take top honors in the $100,000 QHRAI Stallion Service Auction Futurity. The Chiseled In Stone filly covered the 350-yard dash in a time of :17.884 seconds, a new stakes record for the Futurity, and the second title in a row for trainer Randy Haffner.

Starting from post one in the eight-horse lineup, Call On Linda caught everyone's eye first with a quick charge out of the gate. Prescott had her on the front by several lengths through the early stages of the race, and kept her in line and focused on the prize. Smooch and Run, with Orlando Mojica aboard, held steady most of the way and in the final strides was able to close the gap on Call On Linda, but couldn't catch her in the end, finishing second one-half length back. Stole N Loot and jockey Aron Hunt stayed close for third.

"She (Call On Linda) broke super good today," said Prescott. "She's still a little green and seems to just now be coming around. Last time, she got out of the gate and seemed to get a little lost later on, but she's starting to figure it out now. She's peaking at the right time."

Owned by Debbie Smith of Illinois and Haffner's wife, Lynn, Call On Linda won her first career race with the effort. In the process, she increased her bankroll in only four career starts to more than $60,000. The route for Call On Linda has taken the same scenario as last year's winner, Stone Heading West, also from the Haffner barn.

"We bought this filly privately from the same gentleman in Oklahoma that we claimed the other horse (Stone Heading West) from last year," said Haffner. "We got her a day or two before the deadline for the Futurity. She is all class and very professional. She's easy to deal with, which makes it easy on us."

"Randy (Haffner) has done a good job with her (Call On Linda)," said Prescott. "She is quiet behind the gate and even when you get in the gate, she's calm and stands well just waiting for the start."

Beduino Rich Strong in QHRAI Derby Final at Hoosier Park

Beduino Rich and rider Joe Ruiz set a new stakes record and earned the title in the $50,000 QHRAI Stallion Service Auction Derby at Hoosier Park Racing & Casino Sunday, Aug. 22. The duo covered the 400-yard distance in a time of :20.194.

Starting from post eight in the 10-horse final, Beduino Rich and Ruiz had a good break from the outside, but it was Stone Heading West, last year's QHRAI Futurity winner, that caught the first few calls from the gate. Ridden by Rodney Prescott, Stone Heading West was out quick and had a head in front during the first few strides. How Cool I She, with Shanley Jackson, and Beduino Rich ran side by side to get into contention. It wasn't until the final half of the race that Beduino Rich emerged with authority, coasting home to a three-quarter length win over Stone Heading West. How Cool is She was close for third.

After finishing second in the preliminary round for the Derby behind Sam Little Chic, Beduino Rich picked up his first win in his second start for 2010. The three-year-old grey son of Beduino is owned by Naia and Jeremy Giambi, who is a former Major League Baseball player. The Giambi's bred and raised Beduino Rich, who ran the majority of his 11 previous races last year near their home in Arizona at Turf Paradise.

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"We looked all across the country for a race for him and felt Indiana was a good fit," said Naia. "It's like having one of your children racing since we raised him. We've had a farm for a while and raised Quarter Horses, but we just got into Quarter Horse racing a few years ago. I've always owned Quarter Horses and anything you can do on the back of a Quarter Horse, I did it, from barrel racing to goat tying."

The son of Like A Beduino increased his career bankroll to more than $56,000 with the win in the Derby. He has only been out of the top two three times in 12 career starts. Beduino Rich is trained by Raul Hernandez, who has had the horse his entire career. Hernandez has now conditioned Beduino Rich to five career wins for the Giambis.

The QHRAI Stallion Service Auction Comittee will soon begin procurring stallions for the 2011 Stallion Service Auction. Look for details to make your stallions progeny eligible for these prestigous races or look for details coming soon at *QHRAI.NET.*