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Indiana-Breds Look to Take Center Stage at Breeders Cup for First Time

INDIANAPOLIS, IN – For the first time in program history, two Indiana bred horses are entered in the Breeders Cup World Championships, to be contested at Del Mar Turf Club in Del Mar, Calif., November 3-4.

Buccherio (Kantharos – Meetmeontime, by General Meeting) has been a consistent performer for owners Ironhorse Racing Stable LLC, but the 5 year old busted onto the national stage with a thrilling victory in the Grade 2 Woodford Stakes at Keeneland Race Course in Lexington, Ky., two weeks ago. While bettors had the chestnut pegged as a longshot at 26-1, Harlan Malter and trainer Tim Glyshaw felt confident going into the race.

“There are a lot of naysayers about this horse and saying that he won was a fluke, but anyone who watched his (Woodford Stakes) race knows that race wasn’t a fluke. You don’t just suddenly dominating a race like that,” says Malter.

While Buccherio is Ironhorse’s first Indiana bred, he’s not their only, as Malter says they are committed to the program. Buccherio has earned a total of \$638,366 in lifetime earnings, with an additional \$133,870 in Indiana Breeders Awards earnings.

Piedi Bianchi (Overanalyze – Adore You, by Tactical Cat) was first sold as a weanling at the Keeneland November Sale for \$60,000 and turned around as an \$80,000 yearling at the Keeneland September Yearling Sale for \$80,000. Doug O’Neill purchased the filly for Nice Guys Stables at the Ocala Breeders Sale March 2-Year-Olds sale for \$80,000.

The pretty gray filly was bred by Greg and Deann Baer, owners of Full Throttle Racing in Columbus, Ind. The Baers have been active breeders in the Indiana program since the start. They just happened to be at the OBS Sale sitting behind Doug O’Neill when he purchased the filly.

“I was so excited,” says Deann. “For a little bitty breeder, we always hope they go to the right home.”

The couple is excited to see how Piedi Bianchi turns out as she ages, with Deann stating that she already looks like her dam, Adore You.

“Adore You was a real hard knocking mare, so we think we have a mirror image of her,” she says.

So far, Piedi Bianchi has earned \$141,000 in lifetime earnings.

“This is a really exciting time for Indiana and for our program,” says Jessica Barnes, Director of Racing and Breed Development for the Indiana Horse Racing Commission. “It shows that our program is growing and we cannot wait to cheer on Bucchero and Piedi Bianchi in November.”

Bucchero is entered in the Turf Sprint, to be contested over five furlongs for a purse of \$1,000,000 on Saturday, November 4. Piedi Bianchi will also run on November 4 in the 14 Hands Winery Juvenile Fillies, contested over 1 1/16 miles for a purse of \$2,000,000.

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ABOUT THE INDIANA THOROUGHBRED BREED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The Thoroughbred Breed Development program was established to promote the Indiana Thoroughbred industry. In 2007, legislation was passed which approved slot machines at Indiana's pari-mutuel racetracks. Hoosier Park and Indiana Downs both opened their slot operations in June of 2008. The Indiana Thoroughbred Breed Development Fund receives 50% of the revenue generated from slot machines that is allocated for Thoroughbred Racing.

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