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***JOCKEY TAMMI PIERMARINI RECORDS 2,000<sup>TH</sup> CAREER WIN;  
BECOMES FIFTH WOMAN IN RACING HISTORY TO REACH MILESTONE***

**EAST BOSTON, MA** – Tammi Piermarini recorded the 2,000<sup>th</sup> win of her career on Monday, August 22 at Suffolk Downs, becoming just the fifth woman in racing history to reach that milestone. Piermarini piloted Sugar Trade in the third race to accomplish her feat.

“It feels excellent to get this win at Suffolk Downs,” said Piermarini, a native of Amesbury, MA who entered the day with 1,998 wins before winning with her first two mounts. “This is home. Most of these trainers and owners are who got me here.”

Piermarini, 44, joins Julie Krone (3,704), Rosemary Homeister (2,438), Patti Cooksey (2,137) and Vicki (Aragon) Baze (2,019) in the exclusive group of women with 2,000 or more career victories.

“My next stepping-stone is to move up to fourth all-time, then keep going,” Piermarini said when asked about trying to reach 3,000 wins. “I may never get to Julie. She is my idol.”

Piermarini began her riding career in 1985 as Tammi Campbell. She earned her first victory on August 30, 1985 at age 18 aboard Go Darby and Joan, also at Suffolk Downs. Despite enduring several battles with viral meningitis, she was still able to amass 986 wins through 1998, when she took some time off to address her recurring health concerns. During that time, she married John Piermarini, and upon her return to racing in 1999, she began competing under her married name with John as her agent. Since that time, Piermarini has been free from the illnesses that had plagued her earlier in her career, enabling her to win 1,014 races and reach the 2,000 mark.

Piermarini has had some time away from racing in the last decade, but it’s been by choice, having given birth to three children: Izabella (9), Johnny (4) and Sophia-Lawren (16 months). She has not let motherhood slow down her career. In 2007, Piermarini became just the third woman in Suffolk Downs history to win a meet riding title. She garnered her second title in 2010 and is currently atop this year’s jockey standings with 62 wins, 14 ahead of Jacqueline Davis. Piermarini is also a two-time recipient of the Eli Chiat Memorial Outstanding Jockey Award presented by the New England Turf Writers Association (2007 and 2010).

One of Piermarini’s earliest career highlights came in 1987 aboard Tour d’Or, who equaled the track record for 1 1/16 miles at Belmont Park while winning an allowance race. The duo would go on to compete in the 1987 Massachusetts Handicap (Grade II), finishing third behind Waquoit and Broad Brush in one of the most thrilling editions of the signature race at Suffolk Downs.

Piermarini has won races at 15 different racetracks over the course of her 27-year career, with the vast majority of her triumphs - 1,586 - coming at Suffolk Downs.