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Alfonso Lujan records his sixth consecutive riding title at Evangeline Downs

Opelousas, Louisiana—Veteran rider Alfonso Lujan continued his local domination as he recorded his sixth consecutive leading rider title at the 2012 Fall Quarter Horse season at Evangeline Downs Racetrack & Casino. Off to an uncharacteristic slow start, the 34-year-old Odessa, TX native turned in on during the second half of the meet winning races by the handful and ended up with an impressive total of 55 victories along with purse earnings of \$567,586 during the 46-night season while earning his thirteenth leading rider title in the state of Louisiana.

David Alvarez, who topped all riders in purse earnings with a total of \$785,006, finished in the runner-up spot with 38 wins. The Austin, TX native earned the bulk of those dollars with his victory aboard Open Me a Corona in the \$1,000,000 LQHBA Breeders Futurity on November 17. Bobby Ransom was third in the standings with 37 wins and purse earnings of \$374,751. Veterans John Hamilton and Danny Lavergne rounded out the top five with 32 wins apiece and earnings of \$555,118 & \$390,394, respectively.

Kevin Broussard captured his first local training title as his stable recorded 23 wins and purse earnings of \$381,371. Bobby Martinez was second in the standings with 21 wins and purse earnings of \$652,597. Six-time local training champion Kenny Roberts checked in third with 20 wins and \$336,115 in purse earnings. Randy Hebert with 17 wins, and Jeff Acuna with 16 wins rounded out the top five.

Open Me a Corona, who won both his trial and the \$1,000,000 LQHBA Breeders Futurity, was named the Horse-of-the-Meet. Owned in partnership by Charles Forbes Jr. and Tommy Hays, the Louisiana bred colt by Coronas Leaving You was bred in Louisiana by Natalie Montgomery Dvm.

Live racing will return to the Opelousas, La. oval on Wednesday, April 17, 2013 with the start of the Spring/Summer Thoroughbred racing season. The 84-night meet will feature racing on a four-evening-a-week schedule, Wednesday thru Saturday.

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