



Brethren pulls clear in the slop to win the \$125,000 Evangeline Mile

Opelousas, Louisiana—Brethren (\$20.80) pulled clear on a sloppy track in the stretch to win the \$125,000 Evangeline Mile Handicap for three-year-olds & up at Evangeline Downs Racetrack & Casino on Saturday evening. Taking advantage of a perfect tracking trip under jockey Diego Saenz, the Kentucky bred son of Distorted Humor grabbed the lead from early pacesetter Unitas on the final turn then proceeded to pull clear from his rivals to win by more than three lengths over Arkansas Martini and the even-money favorite Sabercat.

The final running time of 1:36.01, was just .26 off the track record of 1:35.75 set last month by Sunbean on Louisiana Legends Night.

Darren Fleming, Longtime Assistant to Steve Asmussen, who trains both Brethren & Sabercat, stated “It really helped that Brethren had a race over the track, plus with his pedigree we were confident he would have no problems with the wet surface, and he didn’t.” Fleming added “Sabercat is a good horse and he always gives his best, but tonight was just Brethren’s night.”

It Happened Again was next across the finish line in 4th, followed by Smoke It Right. Unitas, who lead thru the early stages, rounded out the complete order of finish. Sweetsouthernmoon was scratched.

Brethren, a five-year-old horse earned \$75,000 for the victory, his first of the year. Owned by Winchell Thoroughbreds & Winstar Farms, he has now earned in excess of \$385,000.

Racing continues on a four-evening a week schedule, Wednesday thru Saturday with a post time for of 5:40 pm, Central Time.

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