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## **High expectations for the upcoming John Franks Memorial Two-year-old in Training Sale at Evangeline Downs**

Opelousas, Louisiana-Stemmans Inc. and Evangeline Downs officials announced that 99 juveniles have been cataloged for the upcoming John Franks Memorial Two-Year-Old in Training Sale at Evangeline Downs Racetrack & Casino. The Sale, now in its eleventh year is scheduled for Sunday, March 17, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Central time and will be held in the Evangeline Downs Event Center which is located directly adjacent to the racing paddock. In addition, there will be a Preview Gallop Show on Saturday, March 16, which will begin at Noon Central time. Both the Sale and the Preview Gallop Show are free and open to the public.

Charlotte Stemmans Clavier, President of Stemmans, Inc., Administrator for the Sale, stated “We have made a concerted effort with local breeders and reached out to several out of state people in an attempt to significantly upgrade the quality of our Sale. This year’s catalog will once again feature predominately Accredited Louisiana Bred Horses but also includes promising youngsters from standout sires such as Stormy Atlantic, Big Brown, El Corredor, and Montbrook as well as a colt from the recently pensioned Holy Bull.” Clavier added “We don’t have any million-dollar youngsters but a solid group of attractive racing prospects in the mid-level range that we feel should appeal to both the local horsemen and to those from other racing jurisdictions.”

Clavier also stated “Last year’s Sale featured a total of 124 two-year-olds that sold for a total of \$1,125,700.00, an average of \$9,078.23. Those numbers were up significantly from 2011 and with what we feel is a more streamlined and attractive catalog for buyers to choose from along with an improving economy both locally and nationally we are optimistic of surpassing those numbers.”

As in past years, the Sale, named for the late Eclipse Award winning Owner/Breeder offers a pair of \$50,000 races to be held at Evangeline Downs that are restricted to two-year-olds who pass through the sales ring. The two events will be held on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, the closing night of the Spring/Summer season at Evangeline Downs and contested at the distance of 5 ½ furlongs on the main track.

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