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Numbers solid at the 2013 John Franks Memorial Two-Year-Old in Training Sale at Evangeline Downs

Opelousas, Louisiana –The 11th edition of the John Franks Memorial Two-Year-Old in Training Sale at Evangeline Downs Racetrack and Casino on Sunday, March 17 recorded solid results.

Charlotte Stemmans Clavier, President of Stemmans Inc., Administrator for the Sale stated “We were pleased with our results. The bar was set pretty high after last year’s outstanding Sale and despite not having any six-figure headliners we were able to match last year’s average sales price.” Clavier added “We felt going in to the Sale that this year’s catalog featured many attractive athletes who we graded in the mid-level range and that indeed proved to be the case as no less than 15 of the 87 horses that went thru the sales ring sold for \$15,000 or more.”

A total of 87 youngsters were sold for a total of \$788,200, an average of \$9,059.77. Last year’s average was \$9,078.00 for the 113 sold.

The Sales topper was Hip #72 Sweet Alice Benbow for \$43,000. The bay filly by Wildcat Heir breezed a furlong in 10.38 the day before the Sale, the fastest time recorded during the Preview Show at that distance and was purchased by noted Local owner Lee Young. The Accredited Louisiana bred is by the multiple producing dam Sweet Twiney Winey and was sold by Boutte Sales Agent. Hip #83 Forerun, from the first crop of Forefathers, who is a son of Gone West was the highest priced colt or gelding sold as he was purchased for \$42,000 by Rodney Verret. Trainer Allen Landry signed the ticket for the bay gelding that caught the eye of many after breezing a furlong in a sharp 10.66 the day before. Consigned by Hebert Quarter Horses & I. Lee Lange, Forerun is out of the stakes-winning Rubiano mare Daisy for Rubiano.

Thoroughbred Racing will return to Evangeline Downs for the 48th consecutive season here in Cajun Country with an 84-Night Season on Wednesday, April 17 that will run through Saturday, September 7. As in past seasons, racing will be conducted on a four-evening-a-week schedule, Wednesday-Saturday, with a first post of 5:40 pm Central Time.

For more information contact Evangeline Downs at 337-594-3000.