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## Lattin Devil in a track record performance in the Inaugural Stakes at Evangeline Downs

Opelousas, Louisiana—Lattin Devil (\$5.40) captured the \$50,000 Inaugural Stakes for three-year-olds in a track record performance at Evangeline Downs Racetrack & Casino on Wednesday, the opening night of the 2013 spring/summer thoroughbred racing season. Despite breaking a step slow under veteran jockey Donnie Meche, the Louisiana bred Latent Heat gelding was able to work his way to the front heading into the far turn from early pacesetters Prior Restraint and Mr D's Runaway, then proceeded to pull away from his rivals en route to a more than 7 length victory in a track record time of 1:08.63 for the six furlongs on a track labeled fast, erasing the previous mark of 1:08.93 set by last year's Horse-of-the-Meet Heavyonthemister. The fractional splits were 21.02 & 44.34 for the opening quarter and half-mile.

Hardrock Eleven, the 1.30 to 1 post-time favorite rallied in the stretch to finish second, a neck in front of Successful Story. Prior Restraint and Mr D's Runaway, who duelled for the lead in the early stages, weakened to 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, respectively. Knockitdownhard rounded out the field of six.

Owned by Terrell Jarrett Jr. and trained by Jorge Lara, Latin Devil earned \$30,000 for the win, his third in six career starts and first in a black-type event. Bred locally by Highclere Farms, he has now bankrolled more than \$104,000.

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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