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Sadie's Soldier repeats in the \$50,000 John Henry Stakes at Evangeline Downs

Opelousas, Louisiana—For the second consecutive year Sadie's Soldier (\$10.00) unleashed a strong late rally to win the \$50,000 John Henry Stakes for three-year-olds and up at Evangeline Downs Racetrack & Casino on Saturday evening. Relaxed in the early stages and sitting in the second half of the field for most of the race, Sadie's Soldier and jockey Diego Saenz rallied into contention on the final turn, taking command in mid-stretch, then drawing clear to win by more than five lengths covering the about one & one sixteenth on a turf course labeled firm in 1:42.91.

Bauers Got Hours, who was in contention throughout, grabbed the runner-up spot, a neck in front of longshot It Mr Slew to You who rallied from dead last in the twelve-horse field. The Tom Amoss trained Quality Control was next across the finish line, followed by entrymates Rules of Honor and Midnight Mischief. Watch My Smoke finished in 7th position, followed by Global Stage, Borego's Barbarian, and Batter Up. Hit the Road Lee, who chased early pacesetter Redhotrush thru fractions of 23.67, 47.04, & 1:11.18, finished next to last, with Redhotrush completing the official order of finish.

Coming off a terrific 2012 campaign in which he recorded four victories from just eight starts and earnings of more than \$170,000, Sadie's Soldier, a now six-year-old horse by Lost Soldier, earned \$30,000 for the win, his first in four starts this year. The Louisiana bred is owned by Harry L. Benoit and trained by Brett Brinkman.

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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