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## Silent Legacy scores in the \$50,000 Opelousas Stakes at Evangeline Downs

Opelousas, Louisiana—Silent Legacy (\$15.00) outfinished the favored Little Polka Dot after a length of the stretch duel to record her first stakes win Saturday evening at Evangeline Downs Racetrack & Casino in the \$50,000 Opelousas Stakes for fillies & mares three-year-olds and up. The four-year-old Louisiana bred daughter of Silent Name was able to work out a perfect stalking trip under jockey Kirk Leblanc outside of Little Polka Dot through moderate fractions of 24.59, 48.89, & 1:12.82 before poking her head in front in the upper stretch and maintaining that slim lead to the wire winning by a head in a time of 1:38.39 for the about distance of one mile on a turf course that was labeled firm.

Winning jockey Kirk Leblanc stated “We had a perfect trip. I asked her to run at the quarter-pole and she was able to quicken up and grab the lead. The favorite was certainly a tough opponent, but my filly kept on giving me her all and in the end it was enough for the win.”

Little Polka Dot, a multiple-stakes winner of more than \$460,000 finished one length in front of Queenie Vic. Paoli was next across the finish line in 4<sup>th</sup>, followed by Beverly Belle and Cho Cho Cat. Patty’s Pride, Miss Addison, and Osi Posse were scratched.

Owned and bred locally by I. Lee Lange and Eugene Patin, Silent Legacy earned \$30,000 for the win, her sixth overall and pushed her lifetime earnings past the \$145,000 mark. She is trained by Bunky Richards.

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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