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## Sittin at the Bar bounces back in the \$50,000 Acadiana Stakes at Evangeline Downs

Opelousas, Louisiana—Sittin at the Bar (\$4.40) bounced back with a winning effort Friday evening at Evangeline Downs Racetrack & Casino in the Acadiana Stakes for Louisiana bred three-year-old fillies. After checking in sixth in a bulky field of 13 in the Grade III Eight Belles Stakes at Churchill Downs on Kentucky Derby Day, the daughter of Into Mischief returned home to South-Central Louisiana and parlayed a perfect stalking trip into the fourth stakes victory in her career after holding off the late charge of Ante Up Annie. Ridden by veteran jockey Mark Guidry, the winning margin was a head and the running time for the seven furlongs on a track labeled fast was 1:23.13.

Winning trainer Brett Brinkman stated “After the trip to Kentucky we brought her home to regroup with our ultimate goal the \$100,000 Fillies Mile on Louisiana Legends Night on Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, but she was feeling so good and training well that we put her in the entry box and then she put us in the winner’s circle.”

For the connections of Ante Up Annie the result was bittersweet. The Majestic Warrior filly put in a strong late rally to just miss catching the winner, but was subsequently disqualified from that spot and placed fifth for causing interference at the top of the stretch. Miss Goodthing was elevated to the runner-up spot, with Tactical Gift and Coin Toss moved up to 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> respectively. Snappy Girl and Mischievous Mama, who dueled in the early stages thru splits of 22.63 & 44.93 weakened in the final quarter-mile and finished in the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> spots, with Dawn’s Cherokee rounding out the complete order of finish.

Purchased out of the 2011 Bossier City Yearling Sale for \$30,000, Sittin at the Bar earned \$30,000 for the win and pushed her lifetime bankroll past the \$322,000 mark for owner P. Dale Ladner.

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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