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Lattin Devil leads all the way in the \$50,000 Ragin Cajun Stakes at Evangeline Downs

Opelousas, Louisiana—Lattin Devil (\$4.00) fresh off a track record performance in the Inaugural Stakes on opening night back in April, posted a front-running victory in the \$50,000 Ragin Cajun Stakes for Louisiana bred three-year-olds on Saturday evening at Evangeline Downs Racetrack & Casino. Benefitting from an easy early lead under regular rider Donnie Meche, the Latent Heat gelded set moderate early fractions of 23.84 & 46.22 before accelerating away from his four opponents in the stretch to win by 3 ½ lengths while covering the seven furlongs in a sharp 1:22.83 on a track labeled fast.

Winning rider Donnie Meche stated “He broke nice and smooth tonight and was very relaxed. I kept him on the outside so he would stay comfortable, I had plenty of horse underneath me and when I asked him to run he spurted away and it was a pretty easy win all things considered.”

Warren’s Rebel & Don’t Be Mad chased the winner the entire stretch while finishing second and third respectively, separated by a nose at the finish. Hero Force, who finished out of the top three for the first time in his nine-race career, and Skinny rounded out the order of finish.

Sold at auction a total of three times, the Louisiana bred Lattin Devil was purchased by his current owner Terrell Jarrett Jr. at the Fasig-Tipton Texas Two-year-old in Training Sale for \$47,000 in April 2012. Winning for the third time in four starts this season and fourth overall, the Jorge Lara trainee pushed his lifetime bankroll past the \$134,000 mark with the \$30,000 winner’s share of the purse.

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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