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Fields are set for the 9th annual Louisiana Legends Night program at Evangeline Downs on Saturday, July 6th!

Opelousas, Louisiana—Evangeline Downs Racetrack and Casino will once again offer purses totaling more than \$925,000 on the 9th edition of Louisiana Legends Night, a twelve-race program featuring eight stakes races including seven with a six-figure purse that are restricted to Louisiana bred horses on Saturday, July 6th. Created during the opening season of racing at the new facility in Opelousas, La. Louisiana Legends Night has been a resounding success popular with both horsemen and race fans alike and has solidified itself as the marquee event of the spring/summer thoroughbred racing season here at Evangeline Downs. This year's event, like prior editions has drawn most of the top Louisiana bred horses in training including divisional champions Heavy On Themister, Sittin at the Bar, Top Cat Boogie and others. The betting public has responded positively to the series as well with more than \$14 Million wagered on the previous editions including three separate \$2 Million dollar nights.

Heavy On Themister the one to beat in the Legends Night Classic

Rebeccas Farms & T. J. Dickey's Heavy On Themister, freshened since an uncharacteristic dull effort at the Fairgrounds in March, looks to bounce back as he returns to his favorite oval and squares off against eleven rivals in the \$100,000 Legends Night Classic. The Shawn David trainee looked to be the successor to Star Guitar after winning the 2012 Evangeline Mile along with a pair of state-bred races before his 5th place finish in the Costa Rising Stakes. He enters the Classic off a pair of bullet workouts here at Evangeline Downs and has been installed as the 5/2 favorite. Rosie Napravnik, who rode him to victory in those two state bred stakes races over the winter, is in from her summer base of Churchill Downs for the mount.

Racing Secretary Coleman Lloyd stated "We are pleased with the response we've gotten not just from our locally based horsemen but from those stabled elsewhere throughout Louisiana and the Southwest. While we don't have Star Guitar (the four-time Louisiana Bred Horse-of-the-Year and all-time leading money earning Louisiana bred was retired last summer) we have plenty of talented and fast horses and we should see some very exciting and competitive racing."

Carded as the 11th race on the program, the \$100,000 Louisiana Legends Night Classic has an approximate post time of 9:50 pm Central Time.

Here is the field in program order for the \$100,000 Louisiana Legends Night Classic

1. Hit the Road Lee	Joe Patin Jr.	15/1
2. Lee's Spirit	Mark Guidry	15/1
3. Arkansas Martini	Donald Simington	20/1
4. Beauty's Pioneer	Diego Saenz	12/1
5. Hud's Rebellion	Corey Lanerie	8/1
6. Watch My Smoke	Richard Eramia	8/1
7. The Wolf is Back	Kerwin Clark	12/1
8. Ideformthebayou	Kirk LeBlanc	15/1
9. Twin City Thunder	Donnie Meche	20/1
10. Heavy on The Mister	Rosie Napravnik	5/2
11. Populist Politics	Gerard Melancon	7/2
12. Top Cat Boogie	Randall Toups	10/1

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