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## **Separatist Firstdown the one to beat in the \$200,500 EVD Futurity at Evangeline Downs Racetrack & Casino**

Opelousas, Louisiana—Separatist Firstdown, a Texas bred son of Separatist and a winner of six of nine races including a track record performance in his trial on November 23<sup>rd</sup> has been installed as the 2 to 1 favorite in the morning-line and is the one to beat in the \$200,550 EVD Futurity, a 400 yard event for two-year-old Quarter Horses to be run on Saturday, December 14, 2013 at Evangeline Downs Racetrack & Casino.

In his trial win Separatist Firstdown displayed a devastating turn of speed as he pulled away from his rivals to win by more than two lengths and establish a new track record of 19.373 for the 400 yards, eclipsing the previous mark of 19.411 set by Jls Mr Bigtime while winning the LQHBA Breeders Futurity in November, 2010. The winner of more than \$180,000 for owners Oscar Ramirez and Isidro Flores has drawn post position #2 and will be ridden by Martin Rubalcava, who piloted him to that track record victory.

Secrets Fly & Mr Runaway, both proven performers and convincing winners in their respective trial appear to be the main challengers and also figure to attract strong support from the betting public. Secrets Fly, an Oklahoma bred No Secrets Hero gelding has an enviable race record of seven wins in ten starts and more than \$147,000 earned for owner Cynthia Allen and trainer Van Haywood. Secrets Fly has drawn post position #4 and Jerry Yoakum is slated to ride the 7/2 second choice in the morning-line. Mr Runaway has landed the outside post #10 and will be handled by David Alvarez. Trained by Jorge Lopez for his owner/breeder Gerardo Luna, the Texas bred son of prolific sire Ocean Runaway is the third choice in the morning-line at 4-1 off his easy trial victory in which he recorded the third fastest qualifying time of 19.532.

Carded as the 10<sup>th</sup> race on Saturday's eleven-race program, the approximate post time for the EVD Futurity is 9:25 pm Central Time.

Here is the field in program order with odds for the \$200,550 EVD Futurity to be run at Evangeline Downs Racetrack & Casino on Saturday, December 14, 2013.

1. Bedouin in View	Alfonso Lujan	8/1
2. Separatist Firstdown	Martin Rubalcava	2/1
3. Jess Spicy	Gilbert Ortiz	15/1
4. Secrets Fly	Jerry Yoakum	7/2
5. My Glory Dash	Danny Lavergne	12/1
6. Jess Shazoom Yall	Jose Vega	15/1
7. Mauis Mountain Gone	Eddie Cox	20/1
8. Cristata	Eleazar Hernandez	10/1
9. Im Carvin Waves	Cipriano Vidana	20/1
10. Mr Runaway	David Alvarez	4/1

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