



## **Solid Sender & Montbrooks Miracle take divisions of the \$50,000 John Franks Sales Stakes at Evangeline Downs**

Opelousas, Louisiana—Solid Sender (\$2.40) & Montbrooks Miracle won their respective divisions of the \$50,000 John Franks Memorial Sales Stakes for two-year-olds at Evangeline Downs Racetrack & Casino on Saturday evening, the final night of the 2013 Spring/Summer Thoroughbred racing season. Solid Sender, ridden by Gerard Melancon, grabbed the lead from the pacesetter and eventual second-place finisher Sweet Alice Benbow at the top of the stretch and under confident handling gradually edged clear to record her third victory in as many starts, while Montbrooks Miracle responded to the urging of his jockey to turn back the challenge of runner-up Risky Forest in the stretch and record the first victory of his career. Both races were contested on the main track at the distance of 5 1/2 furlongs with Montbrooks Miracle registering the slightly faster of the two clocking's, 1:05.32 compared to 1:05.79 on a track labeled fast.

Restricted to horses that ran thru the Sales ring during the 2013 John Franks Memorial Two-year-old in Training Sale held this past March at Evangeline Downs, Solid Sender & Montbrooks Miracle both earned more than their purchase price with their \$30,000 winner's share of the purse. Solid Sender, a \$10,500 yearling purchase by owners Michael, Barry, & William Scott, was a \$10,000 buyback and that decision has proved fruitful as the Louisiana bred daughter of Early Flyer has earned more than \$116,000 in just three starts. Trained by Sam Breaux, the filly is now a two-time stakes winner having won the filly division of the "Shine" Futurity back in July. Montbrooks Miracle, a colt by Montbrook, was haltered out of the sale for \$27,000 from breeder Ronald Magnon by owner Jefferies Alston Jr. and trainer Ray Sibille.

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