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## ***Double-header for the girls on Friday***

Horseplayers who enjoy classy races can look forward to double the stakes action tomorrow (Friday) at Assiniboia Downs.



Figure 1 - Adventcia winning her first start of 2009 (photo by Gerry Hart)

## ***The \$50,000 R. C. Anderson Memorial: Can anyone best Adventcia?***

Adventcia, winner of last year's Buffalo Stakes as a 2-year-old, appears to be the horse to beat.

Trained by Carl Anderson, Adventcia was a winner in open allowance company in her first start of the year. And, in early June, the filly sired by Petionville out of Ms Tenacious finished a very credible third to Lady Countdown in the \$30,000 Chantilly Stakes. Adventcia was bred and is owned by Dr. Ross McKague of Brandon.

If there is one filly that could come close to Adventcia, she could come from the same barn. Bound To Thrill, owned by the Dark Cloud Racing Stable, could be that ray of light. She won two in a row in the high maiden-claiming and claiming ranks last month.

Improving with every start Bound to Thrill, by Bound by Honour and out of Itsacolddayinmay, could warm things up on the track Friday night.

## ***The \$30,000 Debutante Stakes: A Charlie Smith massacre?***

The first stakes race for the babies (2-year-old fillies) in 2009, the Debutante could be all trainer Charlie Smith who has a whopping three horses in the seven-horse field. He won this race the last two years: Miss Missile got the job done in 2007 and then went on to dominate the filly stakes in 2008. And last year, Smith won the Debutante with Lady Countdown.

His three horses include morning-line favourite Ruby's Big Band, Rule of Twelfths and Party Treats.

Ruby's Big Band and Rule of Twelfths have two starts and each have won their last start at Canterbury Park in Minneapolis. Party Treats has finished second to both of them.

Smith has come to Assiniboia Downs and conquered the local horses many times before. Is this race going to be a Charlie Smith massacre?

One local hope comes from the barn of Clayton Gray. Honorable Lady won going away in the first 2-year-old race of the year in late June. The connections have switched from apprentice Alyssa Harder to current leading rider Larren Delorme to give them every opportunity to defend home turf.



**Figure 2 - Honorable Lady wins first 2-year-old race of the year (photo by Gerry Hart)**

The other winner in the field is No Maddy. A win by No Maddy would make it an all-ladies affair because No Maddy is owned by Mandy McDonald and trained by first year trainer Shelley Brown.