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## ***Torevell and Gray capture first baby races***



Veteran trainer Chad Torevell could wipe the sweat from his brow Saturday evening when Battle Advance, his Manitoba-bred 2-year-old, got the job done in the second baby race of the year.

With four of 10 horses in two baby races, the win almost felt like a necessity. His Skippin Home and Genuine Ruckus ran Friday in the filly race and, on Saturday, Tiger Magic ran against the winning Battle Advance in the colt race.

Battle Advance broke quickly on the sloppy track and led wire to wire under the guidance of jockey Tim Gardiner, winning by almost two lengths.

Honorable Lady, trained by Clayton Gray, won the first 2-year-old race of the year on Friday as the longest shot on the board at 10-1. Honorable Lady, ridden by apprentice Alyssa Harder, broke behind horses and ran down the leader, Mondiva, in late stretch.

Gray, the only other trainer with horses in both 2-year-old races, finished second with Cherokee's Goal in Saturday's colt race.

### ***Jared Brown's plan seems to be working***

After finishing second to nine-time leading trainer Ardell Sayler in the 2008 trainer's race, Jared Brown vowed to be sitting on top in 2009.

With that goal in mind, Brown devised a plan that seems to be working: refresh your stable throughout the season.

Back in 2008, he won the first four races of the season but, by August, his horses were tired and Ardell Sayler sailed past him in the trainer standings.

So Brown worked a deal with trainer friends in Delta Downs in Louisiana and Portland Meadows in Oregon to refresh his stable throughout the year. New horses have been added to his stable every two weeks or so.



Jared is also playing the numbers game with the largest stable on the grounds—69 horses and counting. It is not uncommon to see Brown's name multiple times each night with multiple horses in a race.

Can Brown keep up the pace he has set? If he can keep his horse population high and free of injury, Brown should be the happy recipient of the trainer trophy at the end of the season. Jared Brown currently leads all trainers with 22 wins out of 130 starts. Tom Gardipy is second with 15 wins from 71 starts.

### ***Andy Neufeld will be missed!***

Assiniboia Downs has expressed its condolences to the family of Andy Neufeld.

A six-year valet at ASD, Andy suffered a fatal heart attack on Friday night which caused the cancellation of the last two races. Emotions ran high in the jock's room after many witnessed the ordeal as horses paraded in the paddock for the seventh race.



Neufeld was to celebrate his 43<sup>rd</sup> birthday Sunday, June 28. He is survived by his wife, two young children who were the light of his life, and many friends.

An impromptu memorial service and moment of silence was observed in the paddock before the first race on Saturday to honour the fallen friend. Andy Neufeld was a jovial guy who always had a smile on his face and that smile will be missed terribly.

## ***Canada Day Celebrations at ASD***

The parading of the most unusual horse in Canada (black and white with blue eyes), at Track Invasion, a \$30,000 stakes race and free family fun will be part of a full afternoon of festivities at Assiniboia Downs on Canada Day. The post time for the Wednesday holiday card is 1 p.m.

In the \$30,000 Canada Day Stakes for older fillies and mares, Perservata, winner of the LaVerendrye Stakes, will be looking for four wins in a row.

The Honourable Steven Fletcher will be on hand to present the trophy for the Canada Day Stakes.

Free activities for the kids will include pony rides, petting farm and giant inflatable rides.

After the races everyone will have the opportunity to step onto the track and into the starting gate as part of Track Invasion. The 2009 jockey colony will be on hand to autograph a commemorative photograph and answer questions and pose for pictures.

Assiniboia Downs's big red gate will be pulled up close to allow everyone the thrill of "racing" from the gate.

The second annual all-jockey foot race will also highlight the Invasion. And everyone at the track has come under the "spell" of Ellusive Spell, the painted thoroughbred. The only one of his kind racing, the blue-eyed horse will be paraded in the paddock so fans can admire his unique beauty.

