

Devious Man returns to Hoosier for Erskine

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Freehold, NJ --- Devious Man missed his opportunity to race in last weekend's Breeders Crown championship for 3-year-old male trotters at Hoosier Park Racing & Casino, but the colt returns to the Anderson, Ind., track for Saturday's (Nov. 4) \$235,000 Carl Erskine Trot.

The Erskine's 10-horse field includes the three best finishers from the Breeders Crown -- winner What The Hill, runner-up Lindy The Great, and International Moni. Two other Crown finalists, Dover Dan and Top Flight Angel, are also in the field.



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Devious Man, who adds Lasix for the Erskine, has won four of 15 races and finished second on six occasions. His wins include the Beal Memorial and Empire Breeders Classic while his runner-up finishes include the Hambletonian (third-placed-second), the Kentucky Futurity, and a division of the Stanley Dancer Memorial. He was third in the Yonkers Trot and Zweig Memorial.

Devious Man, the richest 3-year-old male trotter of the season with \$921,219 in purses, finished sixth in his Breeders Crown elimination Oct. 21 and failed to advance to the final. It was only the second time he finished off the board this year.

"He got caught too far back and they trotted slow fractions," said Andy Miller, who drives Devious Man for his wife, trainer Julie Miller. "Off of slow fractions on that track it's hard to make up a lot of ground. I was disappointed."

"He's showed up all year other than the Breeders Crown," Miller said. "You can't map out a much bigger year. It would have been nice to win a couple of those, but he's put up some great numbers. We've got two more races left (Erskine and Matron) so hopefully we can do something in those two."

Miller and Devious Man will start from post seven in the Erskine.

"I wish he had drawn a little better, but I think he will put in a good effort," Miller said.



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Top Flight Angel has banked \$390,603 this year in 16 starts.

Top Flight Angel, also from Team Miller, will start the Erskine from post eight. The colt went off stride in the Breeders Crown final and finished last.

"He bumped a knee coming off the last turn," Miller said. "He was sitting in a great spot. He was sitting on the rail with a lot of trot. I hadn't even pulled the earplugs yet. I was very optimistic about his chances. It was disappointing. I think he will be fine this week and put in a good effort."