

# FALL CLASSIC, IT'S A HAT TRICK!

There's a saying that things happen in threes and the 12<sup>th</sup> running of the Fall Classic, held on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, was evidence of that. It should go down in Alberta Thoroughbred racing history as a day of "hat tricks" as there were a number of them throughout Saturday.

Trainer Red Smith pulled off the first hat trick at the Fall Classic by being the winning trainer of three races; the first race of the day, the Fall Classic Distaff, and the Northlands Marathon #3. The Distaff, which was sponsored by Highfield Stock Farm Inc., was won by Alberta bred Minimus.

Jockey Quincy Welch got the second hat trick at the Fall Classic by riding the winners of the following races; the first race of the day, the Fall Classic Distaff and the Alberta Oaks. Bear Stables Ltd. were the owners of Bears Artiste, Alberta bred winner of The Alberta Oaks.

The biggest hat trick of the day however had to be that of the team of Ab Brewster, Cody Anderson, Real Simard and Devil's Favour. The final three races of the day were won by this incredible combination of breeder, trainer, and jockey, not to mention an unbelievable brood mare! Cool Ventura, winner of the Beaufort Stakes; Cool Synsation, winner of the Red Diamond Express; and Cool Diablo, winner of the Alberta Premier's Futurity were all foals out of Devil's Favour. It will definitely be interesting to watch what this combination will be able to accomplish in the future.

By the way, the final hat trick was by the Alberta bred gelding, Cool Ventura. The Beaufort Stakes was the third race he's won this year.