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PAPPACITO SETS FASTEST TIME FOR THE \$90,755 FIRECRACKER DERBY AT DELTA DOWNS

OLD SOUTH DERBY WINNER STAMPS HIS TICKET TO THE JULY 7 FINAL

VINTON, LA. – Delta Downs conducted a pair of qualifying trials for this year's \$90,755 Firecracker Derby (G3) on Friday night and the fastest qualifier was a familiar name, Pappacito. The Robbin L. Redding charge came into his trial off a smashing win in the \$109,000 Old South Derby on May 19. His regular jockey, Gilbert Ortiz, was aboard for the ride.

Pappacito broke outward at the start of his Firecracker Derby trial and had to rally late to get the win. Once the Heath Taylor trainee straightened away, he put in a determined run that got past his rivals as he hit the finish line of the 400-yard race in a time of 20.034 seconds. That time earned him a speed index of 88 while running over a fast track.

Overall Pappacito has now won five of eight career starts and has only finished worse than third once. He earned \$3,000 for the win on Friday and now owns a lifetime bankroll of \$103,895.

Bred in Texas by Bobby D. Cox, Pappacito is a 3-year-old gray gelding by Ivory James, out of the Apollitical Jess mare Apollitical Pac.

Listed below are the 10 qualifiers for the Firecracker Derby final from the fast time down.

HORSE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	TIME
1. Pappacito	Gilbert Ortiz	Heath Taylor	20.034
2. Sumpns Up	Arturo Alvarez	Willie Simien, Jr.	20.054
3. Apollitical Magic	Victor Urieta, Jr.	Juan Diaz, Jr.	20.198
4. One Fine V	J. R. Ramirez	Dale Keith	20.250
5. Im First in Firstout	Leonardo Rodriguez	Jose Luis Sanchez, III	20.275
6. Lil Freighttrain	Benito Baca	Jose Luis Sanchez, III	20.298
7. Masseto	Mario Trujillo	Mario Trujillo, Jr.	20.323
8. A Secret to Catch	Cesar Segura	Jaime E. Gonzalez	20.437
9. Hez Hunters Rogue	Jose Rodriguez	Benjamin R. Wilbanks	20.440



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10. Jess Perry Pretty

Guadalupe Lucio, Jr.

Phillip Calais

20.468

Delta Downs will close out its race week on Saturday night with a nine-race program starting at 6:10 pm. The action will include five qualifying trials for this year's \$261,595 Firecracker Futurity (G2).

For more information about the season, visit the track's website at www.deltadownsracing.com.

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