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AJ TRAIN ROLLS TO FASTEST TIME IN THE LADDIE FUTURITY TRIALS AT DELTA DOWNS

JOCKEY JUAN GARCIA, JR. QUALIFIES TWO AND RIDES THREE WINNERS ON THE CARD

VINTON, LA. – Delta Downs hosted 12 qualifying trials for this year’s \$280,271 Laddie Futurity on Friday night. The fastest qualifier was Adelita Lopez’s Aj Train, who won the third trial of the evening under jockey Juan Garcia, Jr. The rich final for the Louisiana-bred event for 2-year-old colts and geldings will take place on Saturday, May 27.

Aj Train, who is trained by Dwayne Breaux, was making his career debut in the Laddie trials and was ultra-impressive breaking from post position two. The sorrel colt made quick work of his rivals and stopped the clock in a time of 16.980 seconds for 330 yards. The effort earned him a speed index of 85.

Bred in Louisiana by Steve A. Holt, Aj Train is by Freighttrain B, out of the Apollitical Jess mare Apollotah. He was purchased for \$67,000 at the 2022 Louisiana Quarter Horse Breeders Association Yearling Sale.

Each trial carried a purse of \$10,000 on Friday and the share for each winner on the night was \$6,000. The winner of the final will take home a paycheck of \$140,135.

In addition to his win aboard Aj Train, Garcia also scored victories with Corona123 in the fifth race and longshot Mr Habits Running in the seventh. Other jockeys with riding multiples on the card included Guadalupe Lucio, Jr. (three wins), and Rolando Cabrera (2).

Listed below are all 10 finalists for this year’s Laddie Futurity from the fastest time down.

| | Horse | Jockey | Trainer | Time |
|---|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| 1 | Aj Train | Juan Garcia, Jr. | Dwayne Breaux | 16.980 |
| 2 | Hogwartz | Guadalupe Lucio, Jr. | Phillip Calais, Jr. | 17.026 |
| 3 | Cartel Roses Z | Guadalupe Lucio, Jr. | David Bustamante | 17.048 |
| 4 | One Cool Corona | J. R. Ramirez | Arturo Juarez Flores | 17.056 |
| 5 | Apollitical Force | Arturo Alvarez | Miguel Pizana | 17.079 |
| 6 | Kp Paintmeasymphony | Benito Baca | Kenneth Roberts, Sr. | 17.082 |



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| 7 | Kryptic | Daniel Torres | Shawna Manriquez | 17.087 |
| 8 | Hijack a Train | Nestor Duran | Josue Ponce | 17.087 |
| 9 | Corona123 | Juan Garcia, Jr. | Fernando Valdez | 17.101 |
| 10 | Grand Hercules | Jorge Garcia | Adrian Huitron | 17.126 |

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