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STREAKIN FAST BLOOD SETS FASTEST TIME FOR THE \$170,840 OLD SOUTH FUTURITY AT DELTA DOWNS

TRAINER JOSE LUIS SANCHEZ, III WINS FIRST FOUR RACES ON THE PROGRAM

VINTON, LA. – Delta Downs hosted a nine-race program on Saturday night to close out opening weekend of the 2023 American Quarter Horse season. Each race served as a qualifying trial for this year's \$170,840 Old South Futurity, which will be contested at the track on Saturday, May 20.

The fastest qualifier of the night came in the eighth race as Maria Guadalupe Araiza's Streakin Fast Blood stayed undefeated by winning her trial in a time of 17.103 seconds under jockey J. R. Ramirez. The Willie Simien, Jr. trainee earned a speed index of 81 for her effort.

Streaking Fast Blood broke her maiden at Louisiana Downs on March 23 before running at Delta Downs on Saturday night. Each Old South trial carried a purse of \$5,000 and she earned \$3,000 for the most recent score. Her overall bankroll now stands at \$6,600 but could grow substantially if she takes the final in a few weeks.

Bred in Texas by her owner, Streakin Fast Blood is a 2-year-old filly by Apollitical Blood, out of the Streakin La Jolla mare Southern La Jolla.

Streakin Fast Blood's feat wasn't the only impressive performance on the program at Delta Downs as trainer Jose Luis Sanchez, III saddled the first four winners of the night and qualified two for the final. Also, jockey Arturo Alvarez enjoyed a riding triple and qualified a pair for the big race.

Listed below are the 10 finalists for this year's Old South Futurity from the fastest time down.

	Horse	Jockey	Trainer	Time
1	Streaking Fast Blood	J. R. Ramirez	Willie Simien, Jr.	17.103
2	San Lorenzita	Rolando Cabrera	Jesus Marquez	17.117
3	Frankie Jr	Arturo Alvarez	Jose Luis Sanchez III	17.152
4	Mad Indian	Modesto Pina	Wendy Garcia	17.199
5	Lightning Trend	Guadalupe Lucio, Jr.	David Bustamonte	17.201
6	Woopaa123	Cipriano Vidana	Jose R. Espinosa	17.264



7	Whirlaway Party	Gilbert Ortiz	Justin Powell	17.274
8	Docs Best Medicine	Jose Herbert	Juan Diaz	17.314
9	Regardlezz	Arnulfo Gutierrez	Kenneth Roberts, Sr.	17.318
10	Ec Temp Gl	Arturo Alvarez	Jose Luis Sanchez III	17.327

Delta Downs will conduct live racing next week, Wednesday through Saturday. Qualifying trials for this year's Lassie Futurity will be conducted on Wednesday and Thursday. There will be 12 Laddie Futurity trials on Friday with a special early post time of 5:25 pm that night. Saturday's card will start at the normal 6:15 pm post time.

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

<u>Delta Downs Racetrack Casino Hotel</u>, a property of <u>Boyd Gaming Corporation</u>, is the premier racing and gaming entertainment venue in Vinton, LA. Named "America's Best Horse Racing Track" by readers of USA TODAY 10Best, Delta Downs features a six-furlong oval track, 15,000 square feet of casino space and more than 1,500 of the most popular slot machines. Amenities include two restaurants, chart-topping entertainment at the Delta Event Center and the FanDuel Sportsbook.

Delta Downs is located in Vinton, Louisiana, on Delta Downs Drive. From Lake Charles, take Exit 7 and from Texas, take Exit 4.

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