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## PAPPACITO ROLLS TO VICTORY IN THE \$108,615 OLD SOUTH DERBY AT DELTA DOWNS

### HEATH TAYLOR TRAINEE REPEATS HIS STRONG TRIAL PERFORMANCE IN THE FINAL

VINTON, LA. – Delta Downs hosted the \$108,615 Old South Derby on Friday night and the winner was the fastest qualifier for the event, Robin L. Redding’s Pappacito under jockey Gilbert Ortiz. The Heath Taylor trainee made quick work of his eight rivals to snare the first stakes win of his career.

Breaking from post position three in a field of nine, Pappacito broke sharply before getting down to business and driving clear for a decisive 1-1/4 length victory over Pk Pure Rogue in the 350-yard showdown. Jj Freight Star was another 3/4 of a length behind the top pair finishing third. Pappacito covered the distance over a fast track in a time of 17.617, which earned him a speed index of 91.

The win by Pappacito was the fourth of his seven-race career and his third in four starts at Delta Downs. The \$54,308 first place paycheck raised his career bankroll up to \$100,895.

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.

Sent off as the heavy 3-5 wagering favorite, Pappacito paid \$3.20 to win, \$2.40 to place and \$2.10 to show. Pk Pure Rogue was worth \$3.60 to place and \$2.20 to show. Jj Freight Star returned \$5.20 to show.

Delta Downs will close out its fourth week of American Quarter Horse racing on Saturday night with another nine-race program. The featured event will be the \$170,840 Old South Futurity for 2-year-olds who qualified on April 29.

For more information about the season, visit the track’s website at [www.deltadownsracing.com](http://www.deltadownsracing.com).

[Delta Downs Racetrack Casino Hotel](http://www.deltadownsracing.com), a property of [Boyd Gaming Corporation](http://www.boydgaming.com), 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.

