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WOOPAA123 PULLS THE UPSET IN THE \$170,840 OLD SOUTH FUTURITY AT DELTA DOWNS

TALENTED GELDING MAKES GOOD IN SECOND FUTURITY APPEARANCE

VINTON, LA. – The \$170,840 Old South Futurity served as the featured race at Delta Downs on Saturday night and the event was won by 11-1 longshot Woopaa123 under jockey Cipriano Vidana. The Jose Espinosa trainee was making his second stakes appearance after finishing fifth in the Louisiana Downs Futurity on March 25.

Starting from post position one in a field of nine, Woopaa123 wasting no time leaving the gate as he launched a quick start before taking the lead over his talented rivals. The property of Party Tyme Racing was under pressure throughout the 330-yard test but proved best by hitting the finish line 1-1/2 lengths in front of runner-yup Frankie Jr, while Docs Best Medicine checked in another nose behind in third.

Woopaa123 covered the distance of the Old South Futurity in a time of 16.656 seconds. That time equaled a speed index of 94.

The win by Woopaa123 was the second of his four-race career and he earned \$85,420 for the effort. His career bankroll now stands at \$107,863.

Bred in Texas by his trainer, Woopaa123 is a 2-year-old sorrel gelding by Flying Cowboy 123 out of the Moon Shake mare Shalinashake. He was purchased for \$11,500 at the 2022 Heritage Place September Yearling Sale.

Fans who backed Woopaa123 were rewarded with payoffs of \$25.80 to win, \$10.20 to place and \$7 to show. Frankie Jr paid \$7.60 to place and \$4.40 to show. Docs Best Medicine was worth \$9.60 to show.

Delta Downs will return to live racing next Wednesday through Saturday, May 24 - 27. First post time each night is at 6:10 pm. Next week's stakes activity includes the \$327,272 Lassie Futurity (RG2) on Friday as well as the \$280,271 Laddie Futurity (RG2) and \$40,000 Vinton Stakes on Saturday.

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



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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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