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## POP A TOP CORONA FASTEST FOR OPEN GRADUATION STAKES AT DELTA DOWNS

THE \$135,690 FINAL TAKES PLACE ON JULY 5

VINTON, LA. – Delta Downs conducted seven qualifying trials for this year’s \$135,690 Open Graduation Stakes on Wednesday night. The fastest qualifier for the 350-yard final, which will take place on July 5, was Bobby J. Barnett’s Pop a Top Corona (\$3.60), who won the third trial of the evening under jockey Guadalupe Lucio, Jr.

The win by Pop a Top Corona was ultra-impressive as the 3-year-old colt burst from the gate and lead every step of the way, reporting home with a final running time of 17.747 seconds. That clocking equaled a speed index of 87.

Pop a Top Corona, who is trained by Fernando Valdez, has now won two consecutive races during his nine-race career. He broke his maiden at Delta Downs earlier this meet on May 11. Each trial on Wednesday carried a purse of \$5,000 and winner’s share was \$3,000. Pop a Top Corona has now earned a total of \$26,780.

Bred in Louisiana by his owner, Pop a Top Corona is a bay colt by Open Me a Corona out of the Dashin Bye mare Corona Dashin Bye.

Listed below are the 10 finalists for the Open Graduation Stakes from the fastest time down.

	<b>Horse</b>	<b>Jockey</b>	<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Time</b>
1	Pop a Top Corona	Guadalupe Lucio, Jr.	Fernando Valdez	17.747
2	Ja Zooms	Ubaldo Luna	Joel Huitron	17.873
3	Illegal Candy	Everardo Rodriguez	Heath Taylor	17.875
4	Jess the One	Eleazar Hernandez	Leonel Hernandez	17.895
5	Favorititaka	Arturo Alvarez	Willie Simien	17.913



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6	El Capi	J. R. Ramirez	Alberto Solis	17.941
7	Jet Black Dasher	Juan Garcia, Jr.	Dwayne Breaux	17.949
8	Dress Me in Blue	Guadalupe Lucio, Jr.	Phillip Calais, Jr.	18.019
9	Golden Doc	Gilbert Ortiz	Justin Powell	18.022
10	Code Name Lethal	Everardo Rodriguez	Heath Taylor	18.042

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

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