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SARAHS PATRIOT TAKES SECOND STRAIGHT VIRGIL BOND STAKES AT DELTA DOWNS

BENITO BACA RIDES THE 5-YEAR-OLD MARE TO VICTORY

VINTON, LA. – Delta Downs hosted the \$x Virgil Bond Stakes on Saturday night and the result was the same as it was last year as Sarahs Patriot prevailed in the 870-yard event for 3-year-olds and up. The Gilbert Matthews owned and Phillip Calais, Jr. trained 5-year-old mare has now won five of 20 starts during her career and has finished in the top two nine consecutive times.

Breaking from post five in a field of seven, Sarahs Patriot was in contention throughout the race and had to do her best running late. She took the lead just a few yards before the finish line and held off Louie B Quick, who made a late surge to get into second, finishing just a neck behind the winner. Jess Louisiana Boo caught a wide trip and dead heated with Freakin Patriot Dash in third another $\frac{3}{4}$ of a length behind the top pair.

Sarahs Patriot covered the distance of the Virgil Bond in a time of 47.145 seconds. That time equaled a speed index of 82.

Bred in Louisiana by Perform Stables, Inc., Sarahs Patriot is a bay mare by Game Patriot, out of the Into Mischief mare Sarahsintomischief.

Set off at odds of 2-1, Sarahs Patriot paid \$6.60 to win, \$4 to place and \$2.60 to show. Louie B Quick returned \$4 to place and \$2.60 to show. Jess Louisiana Boo, who is also trained by Calais, was worth \$2.60 to show while Freakin Patriot Dash paid \$2.60 to show.

Delta Downs will continue its Quarter Horse season next Wednesday through Saturday. First post time each night is at 6:10 pm. Next week's action includes trials for the Firecracker Derby on Friday night and trials for the Firecracker Futurity on Saturday.

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

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