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HAWKABYE BABY SETS FASTEST TIME FOR THE \$213,210 OLD SOUTH FUTURITY AT DELTA DOWNS

THE RICH FINAL WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY, MAY 18

VINTON, LA. – Delta Downs hosted a nine-race program on Saturday night to close out opening weekend of the 2024 American Quarter Horse season. Each race served as a qualifying trial for this year's 213,210 Old South Futurity, which will be contested at the track on Saturday, May 18.

The fastest qualifier of the night came in the fourth trial as Heavy Hitters Racing Stables' Hawkabye Baby rocketed down the racetrack to score an easy win in her debut while posting at time of 16.641 for 330 yards. That clocking equaled a speed index of 97.

Ridden by jockey Victor Urieta, Jr., who got a leg up by trainer Juan Diaz, Jr., Hawkabye Baby scored her win while breaking from the inside post position in a field of nine. Each race on the program was contested over a fast track and with a strong crosswind from the south.

Hawkabye Baby is a 2-year-old chestnut filly by Hawkeye, out of the Jodys Money Pop mare Little Affection. She was bred in Texas by Tyler & Naia Graham and was purchased at the 2023 TQHA Sale for \$8,500 as a yearling.

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

	Horse	Jockey	Trainer	Time
1	Hawkabye Baby	Victor Urieta, Jr.	Juan Diaz, Jr.	16.641
2	Dm Nite Hawk	Eleazer Hernandez	Daniel Luna	16.762
3	Captain Tal	Sabino Reyes	Jose R. Espinosa	16.887
4	Ghost Power	Claudio Aguilar	Adrian Huitron	16.889
5	Freckles Brown	Sabino Reyes	Jose R. Espinosa	16.893
6	Konfettis Dynasty	Leonardo Rodriguez	Larry Keith	16.916
7	Tempting Grand Gl	Arturo Alvarez	Jose Sanchez	16.955
8	Cc Valiant	Martin Osuna	Adalberto Miranda	16.957



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9	Ca Onefamouscorona	David Alvarez	Fidel Perez	16.986
10	A Fabulous Fling	Arturo Alvarez	Jose Sanchez	16.996

Delta Downs will conduct live racing next week, Wednesday through Saturday. A total of 12 qualifying trials for this year's Lassie Futurity will be conducted on Wednesday and another dozen trials for the Laddie Futurity will take place on Friday. There will be a special early post time of 4:45 pm on those trial nights. The regular post time of 6:15 will be in effect on Thursday and Saturday.

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

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