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## **FASTEST QUALIFIER HAWKABYE BABY WINS THE \$213,210 OLD SOUTH FUTURITY AT DELTA DOWNS**

### **TALENTED YOUNG FILLY RUNS BACK TO HER TRIAL PERFORMANCE**

VINTON, LA. – Delta Downs hosted the \$213,210 Old South Futurity on Saturday night and the event was won by Heavy Hitters Racing Stables' Hawkabye Baby under jockey Victor Urieta, Jr. The Juna Diaz, Jr. trainee posted the fastest qualifying time for the race back on April 27 and was just as sharp in the final.

Breaking from the inside post position just as she did in her trial, Hawkabye Baby ran with the early leaders before pulling away in the final yards to score a  $\frac{3}{4}$  length victory over A Fabulous Fling. Freckles Brown was a game third, finishing another head behind the runner up. The 330-yard running time for the winner was 16.739 seconds, which equaled a speed index of 94.

The win by Hawkabye Baby earned her a paycheck of \$106,605, which raised her fledgling bankroll to \$109,605 on two wins in as many starts.

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

Sent to the gate as the wagering favorite of the fans. Hawkabye Baby paid \$4 to win, \$3.20 to place and \$2.60 to show. A Fabulous Fling was worth \$16.20 to place and \$7.40 to show. Freckles Brown returned \$6 to show.

Delta Downs will conduct its fifth week of Quarter Horse racing for 2024 next week, Wednesday through Saturday. Post time each night is set for 6:15 pm. Next week's highlights include the \$291,125 Lassie Futurity (RG2) on Friday and the \$291,932 Laddie Futurity (RG2) on Saturday.

Delta Downs Racetrack Casino and Hotel, a property of Boyd Gaming Corporation (NYSE:BYD), features exciting casino action, live horse racing and fun dining experiences. 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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