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RF FAST DASH N TRAIN PREVAILS IN CLOSE \$291,125 LASSIE FUTURITY AT DELTA DOWNS

ALWAYS ME WINS THE \$40,000 LASSIE STAKES

VINTON, LA. – This year's \$291,125 Lassie Futurity (RG2) came down to a photo finish on Friday night as Jaime Cardenas' Rf Fast Dash N Train just nosed out an ultra-game San Lorenzo Princess to score the big win under jockey Jorge Garcia.

The Lassie Futurity featured a field of eight 2-year-old Louisiana-bred fillies after two scratches but the race came down to just two runners in the end. Rf Fast Dash N Train and San Lorenzo Princess pulled clear of their rivals in the final 100 yards of the 330-yard test before the Juan Diaz, Jr. trainee put her head down on the line first.

Rf Fast Dash N Train covered the distance over a fast track in a time of 16.890 seconds, which equaled a speed index of 90. Finishing another ¾ of a length behind the top pair was Golden Answer in third.

Rf Fast Dash N Train has now won two of three career starts. She broke her maiden in her debut during the Mardi Gras Futurity trials at Louisiana Downs on March 9 before winning her Lassie trial at Delta Downs on May 1. She earned \$145,563 on Friday night and now has a bankroll of \$151,763.

Bred in Louisiana by Rogers Farm/Tim/Jennie Rogers, Rf Fast Dash N Train is a bay filly by Freighttrain B out of the Heza Fast Dash mare Fast Dash N Deb. She was purchased for \$57,000 at the 2023 Louisiana Quarter Horse Breeders Association Yearling Sale.

Sent to the gate at odds of 9-2, Rf Fast Dash N Train paid \$11.40 to win, \$5 to place and \$3.60 to show. San Lorenzo Princess returned \$3.60 to place and \$2.60 to show. Golden Answer was worth \$3.20 to show.

The \$40,000 Lassie Stakes served as a consolation race for the Lassie Futurity. A field of nine fillies who did not make it to the Futurity went to the gate and it was Glenn Fontenot's Always Me (\$20.80) who took the win under jockey Richardo Hernandez, Jr. The David Bustamante trainee defeated Lady Coco Piloto by a half-length while Ruse Gold finished another half-length behind the runner-up in third.

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Always Me reported home in a time of 16.926 seconds while covering 330 yards. That time equaled a speed index of 88.

Always Me won her Lassie Futurity trial while making her career debut but wasn't quite fast enough to make it to the final. On Friday night she scored a winner's paycheck of \$24,000 to add to the \$6,000 show won in her trial.

Bred in Louisiana by Karen Darling Falgoust, Always Me is a 2-year-old brown filly by Carters Cartel, out of the First Comment mare Come An Get Me.

Delta Downs will close out the race week on Saturday with another nine-race program that includes a pair of stakes races. The \$291,932 Laddie Futurity (RG2) will be the featured event with the \$40,000 Laddie Stakes taking place on the undercard. First post time is set for 6:15 pm.

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

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