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## **GOTAGOGH SCORES BIG WIN IN THE \$145,205 FIRECRACKER DERBY AT DELTA DOWNS**

### **JUAN DIAZ, JR. TRAINEE TALLIES FIRST STAKES VICTORY OF HIS CAREER**

VINTON, LA. – Fastest qualifier Gotagogh made quick work of nine rivals on Friday night in the \$145,205 Firecracker Derby (G3) at Delta Downs. The Juan Diaz, Jr. trainee was the one to beat in the final and under jockey Jorge Javier Garcia he did not disappoint, winning the first stakes race of his career after qualifying for several graded stakes races as a 2-year-old in 2023.

Gotagogh, who is owned by Triple Five, broke well before gaining a clear advantage midway through the 350-yard race. In the final strides there was not doubt about the outcome as the speedy colt reported home 1-3/4 lengths in front of runner-up Motion of Grace. Regardlezz finished another 3/4 of a length behind the top pair in third. The winner covered the distance over a fast track in a time of 17.435 seconds, which equaled a speed index of 98.

Gotagogh has now won six of 10 career starts. His \$72,603 first-place prize on Friday raised his overall bankroll up to \$213,475.

Bred in Texas by Boddy D. Cox, Gotagogh, is a 3-year-old brown colt by Favorite Cartel, out of the Shazoom mare Signs Zoomer. He was purchased for \$150,000 as a yearling at the 2022 Texas Quarter Horse Association Sale.

Fans sent Gotagogh to the gate as an overwhelming 1-2 favorite and he paid \$3 to win, \$2.40 to place and \$2.40 to show. Motion of Grace was worth \$10.20 to place and \$6.20 to show. Regardlezz returned \$9.40 to show.

Delta Downs will finish the next-to-last week of its season on Saturday night with a 10-race program that features the \$303,490 Firecracker Futurity. First post time is set for 6:15 pm.

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

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