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RELETLESS POLITICS PREVAILS IN THE \$303,490 FIRECRACKER FUTURITY AT DELTA DOWNS

DIAZ AND GARCIA SWEEP BOTH FIRECRACKER RACES ON HOLIDAY WEEKEND

VINTON, LA. – Delta Downs hosted its richest open-bred stakes race of the season on Saturday night when a field of eight 2-year-olds went to the post in the \$303,490 Firecracker Futurity (G2). After the dust settled, it was Javier Garza and Marco Ramirez's Reletless Politics who was victorious under jockey Jorge Javier Garcia, who got a leg up trainer Juan Diaz, Jr. The same jockey/trainer team won the Firecracker Derby (G3) on Friday night with the talented colt Gotagogh.

Reletless Politics broke sharply in the Firecracker Futurity but had to work hard while racing on the lead during the 350-yard event, battling with Temptedtogotothebar and Perry Bogart all the way to the finish. In the end it was Reletless Politics who recorded the win by a half-length over Temptedtogotothebar while Perry Bogart settled for third, another neck behind the runner-up.

Reletless Politics covered the distance over a fast track in a time of 17.643 seconds. That time equaled a speed index of 92.

The win by Reletless Politics was the second of his four-race career. His other tally came in the Firecracker Futurity trials on June 15. The sorrel gelding earned \$151,745 for his big score on Saturday and now boasts a lifetime bankroll of \$157,560.

Bred in Texas by Cuatro Garzas Farm LLC, Reletless Politics is a gelded son of Chilitos, out of the Hes Relentless mare Relentless Lil Lady.

Fans who backed Reletless Politics were rewarded with payoffs of \$14.20 to win, \$6.80 to place and \$5.20 to show. Temptedtogotothebar paid \$3.20 to place and \$2.80 to show. Perry Bogart was worth \$8.80 to show.

Delta Downs will conduct the final week of American Quarter Horse racing Wednesday through Saturday, July 10-13. First post time Wednesday and Thursday is set for 6:15 pm. There will be a special post time of 5:15 pm on Friday and Saturday. The closing night program on Saturday will feature nine stakes races for Louisianabred horses highlighted by the \$654,014 Lee Berwick Futurity (RG1).



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

<u>Delta Downs Racetrack Casino Hotel</u>, a property of <u>Boyd Gaming Corporation</u>, is the premier racing and gaming entertainment venue in Vinton, LA. Named "America's Best Horse Racing Track" in 2023 by readers of USA TODAY 10Best, Delta Downs features a six-furlong oval track, 15,000 square feet of casino space and more than 1,500 of the most popular slot machines. Amenities include two restaurants, chart-topping entertainment at the Delta Event Center and the FanDuel Sportsbook.

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