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BLUE EYED JANE SETS FASTEST TIME FOR FIRECRACKER FUTURITY AT DELTA DOWNS

THE \$303,490 FINAL TAKES PLACE ON JULY 6

VINTON, LA. – The filly Blue Eyed Jane (\$2.10) won the second of six qualifying trials for this year's \$303,490 Firecracker Futurity (G2) on Saturday night and in the process set the fastest time for the July 6 final. Jockey Jorge Javier Garcia rode Blue Eyed Jane for trainer Juan Diaz, Jr. and owner David L. Martinez.

After breaking her maiden in the Sam Houston Juvenile Challenge on May 10, Blue Eyed Jane broke from the inside post position on Saturday and quickly built a lead throughout the 350-yard test for 2-year-old open-breds. At the finish line she was 2-1/4 lengths better than the runner-up Seis No More. Blue Eyed Jane's time in the trial was 17.590, which earned her a speed index of 93.

Blue Eyed Jane has now won two of her four career starts. She put another \$3,000 into her bankroll on Saturday and now has a total of \$53,096 to her credit. She can bank another \$151,745 if she takes the Firecracker final, which will take place on Saturday, July 6.

Bred in Texas by Valerie Moya, Blue Eyed Jane is a brown filly by Tarzanito, out of the Jess Louisiana Blue mare Blue Eyed Fance. She was purchased for \$16,500 as a yearling at the 2023 Texas Quarter Horse Association Yearling Sale.

In addition to their win with Blue Eye Jane, Garcia and Diaz enjoyed two other trips to the winner's circle on the program Saturday. They also scored with Firecracker Futurity qualifiers Tempting Grace, who won the sixth trial, and Reletless Politics, who took the fourth trial. Diaz also qualified three horses for this year's \$145,205 Firecracker Derby (G3) at Delta Downs on Friday night.

Listed below are all 10 finalists for this year's Firecracker Derby.

	Horse	Jockey	Trainer	Time_
1	Blue Eyed Jane	Jorge Javier Garcia	Juan Diaz, Jr.	17.590
2	Sweet Pie Corona	Arturo Alvarez	Noe R. Sanchez	17.610
3	Temptedtogotothebar	J. R. Ramirez	Raul E. Galvan	17.655
4	Tempting Grace	Jorge Javier Garcia	Juan Diaz, Jr.	17.685
5	Perry Bogart	Ricardo Hernandez, Jr.	Ray Robbins	17.787



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6	Reletless Politics	Jorge Javier Garcia	Juan Diaz, Jr.	17.807
7	Justaperfect Moment	Leonardo Rodriguez	David Bustamante	17.849
8	Mh Coronas Diamond	Yaidel Rodriguez	Vann E. Haywood	17.855
9	Sir Runaway Star	Martin Osuna	Noe R. Sanchez	17.864
10	The Legend of Corona	Leonardo Rodriguez	David Bustamante	17.873

Delta Downs will conduct another week of live American Quarter Horse racing Wednesday, June 19 through Saturday, June 22. There will be a special 12-race program on Friday night beginning at 4:45 pm to accommodate trials for this year's richest race, the Lee Berwick Futurity (RG1). The regular post time of 6:15 pm will in effect on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday.

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

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