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SAN LORENZO JEZZ TAKES THE \$654,014 LEE BERWICK FUTURITY AT DELTA DOWNS

LOUISIANA SHOWCASE NIGHT CAPS OFF TREMENDOUS 2024 QUARTER HORSE SEASON

VINTON, LA. – A large crowd turned out at Delta Downs on Saturday night for another edition of Louisiana Showcase Night, an annual event that closes out each Quarter Horse season. The program featured the season's richest race, the \$654,014 Lee Berwick Futurity (RG1). In all, there were nine stakes races for Louisiana-bred horses during the 11-race card.

The Lee Berwick field included nine 2-year-olds competing at 350 yards and it was Rogelio Marquez, Jr.'s San Lorenzo Jezz who outdueled stablemate San Lorenzo Hustle to get the win by a head under jockey Ubaldo Luna. Ace Trains R Forever finished another half length behind the top pair in third.

San Lorenzo Jezz, who is trained by Jeremy Derozin, covered the distance over a muddy track in a time of 17.669 seconds. The time equaled a speed index of 91.

San Lorenzo Jezz won her trial for the Lee Berwick after finishing fourth in the \$291,000 Lassie Futurity (RG2) earlier in the season. Her \$327,007 first-place prize on Saturday raised her career bankroll up to \$359,386.

Bred in Louisiana by her owner, San Lorenzo Jezz is a 2-year-old bay filly by American Hustle, out of the Jess Louisiana Blue mare Jezz Chick.

Rogelio Marquez, Jr. has now won four Lee Berwick Futurities in the last seven years. His first came with Dashnuner Afullmoon in 2017 before San Lorenzo took the race in 2020. He also won the race with San Lorenzo Jet in 2022.

"I am humbled to win this race again this year," said Marquez. "This is a race that defines Louisiana Quarter Horse racing and means a great deal to me and my family since the first time we won in 2017.

"To just qualify for this race is very difficult. Personally, I thought that San Lorenzo hustle was going to get the job done, but we also saw that San Lorenzo Jezz Jess had a lot of grit. She's the type of runner who likes to go get them. "

Sent to the gate at odds of 7.5-1, San Lorenzo Jezz paid \$17 to win, \$6 to place and \$4.60 to show. San Lorenzo Hustle was worth \$4 to place and \$3.20 to show. Ace Trains R Forever returned \$6.40 to show.

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Luna's score aboard San Lorenzo Jezz marked his fourth winner on the Louisiana Showcase Night program. The incredible feat capped of a season that saw him win his first leading rider title at Delta Downs. Earlier in the meet he reached a personal milestone of 500 career wins.

Hoztile Takeover (\$3) was the fastest qualifier for the \$137,415 Delta Downs Derby (RG3) and he did not disappoint his backers in the final as he won the event easily under jockey Ubaldo Luna.

The win by Hoztile Takeover completed a perfect three-for-three season and it marked his seventh win from 15 career starts for owners Amanda St. Amant and Luis Armando Castellanos as well as trainer Juan Diaz, Jr.

Hoztile Takeover was bred in Louisiana by Roland Frederick and Triple Lynn Farms and is a 3-year-old sorrel gelding by One Sweet Jess, out of the Identity Theft mare Ms Pilot Id.

The \$139,647 Delta Downs Oaks was won by the favorite, Sheza Bye Bye (\$4.20), with jockey Eleazar Hernandez in the saddle for trainer Leonel Hernandez. Sheza Bye Bye ran second in her trial for the Oaks but was dominant in the final for owner/breeder Israel Flores. The Oaks win was her first in stakes company.

Bred in Louisiana, Sheza Bye Bye is a 3-year-old black filly by Hezadashinbye, out of the My Friend Max mare Madam Maggie.

Ubaldo Luna and owner Rogelio Marquez, Jr. also teamed up to win the \$75,000 Louisiana Classic RG2 with Into The Grey (\$28.60), who is trained by Jeremy Derozin. The win was the fifth of Into The Grey's 23-race career and his first in stakes company.

Into The grey is a 5-year-old gray gelding by Sir Runaway Dash, out of the Chicks A Blazin mare Sass That Chick. He was bred in Louisiana by Phatt Kat Ranch.

There was a big upset in the \$75,000 Louisiana Juvenile Stakes, which serves as a consolation race for the Lee Berwick Futurity, as 40-1 maiden longshot Nbc Mr Booz (\$89.80) came home first under jockey Rene Hernandez. The winner is owned by 3L Horse Ranch and trained by Noe R. Sanchez.

Bred in Louisiana by Neal Cormier, Nbc Mr Booz is a 2-year-old bay gelding by Freighttrain B, out of the Mr Jess Perry mare Swingin Miss Jess.

The \$50,000 Flashy Hemp Stakes was won by 12-1 outsider Apolitical Queen (\$26.20) under jockey Juan Garcia, Jr. The David Bustamante trainee defeated five rivals in the 330-yard event for fillies and mares and it was her fifth win from 27 career starts. She is owned by Wilson One Consulting, LLC.

Bred in Louisiana by her owner, Apolitical Queen is a 3-year-old gray filly by Apollitical Blood, out of the Jess Louisiana Blue mare Dianas Queen Bee.

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The \$50,000 Live Oak Stakes was the only distance race on the night, and it was won in come-from-behind style by One Fast Cajun (\$2.40) under jockey Ubaldo Luna. The Shane Ladner trainee was a perfect three-for-three on the season. He came into the Live Oak off a win in the Virgil Bond Stakes on June 8.

One Fast Cajun is a 6-year-old bay gelding by Heza Fast Dash, out of the Lion Tamer mare Cajun Rocket. He was bred in Louisiana by Terry L. Gabriel and is owned by Darrin Ladner and Norman Ladner.

Jose Antonio De La Rosa's Caliente Operator (\$7.80) drew clear to win this year's \$50,000 Flying Breed Stakes with jockey Eleazar Hernandez in the saddle for trainer Santiago Riojas, Jr. The 7-year-old gelding has now won seven of 21 career starts and Saturday's score was his third win in a row. Caliente Operator was bred in Louisiana by Ocie Lee Charles, Jr. He is a son of Corona Caliente, out of the Dashing Val mare A Dashing Operator.

The \$40,000 Louisiana Starter was won by Jess Corona Blue (\$7.60) under jockey Rolando Cabrera, who got a leg up from trainer Emily Jeanne. It was the fifth career win for the 7-year-old gelding, who is owned by Jose Martin Pargas. Bred in Louisiana by Brent Cody LaBlanc, Jess Corona Blue is a sorrel son of Jess Louisiana Blue, out of the Corona Cartel mare Corona Catrina.

Delta Downs will now prepare for its 2024-25 Thoroughbred season, which gets under way on October 10 and runs through February 22. First post time each night during the season is scheduled for 4:50 pm.

For more information about Delta Downs visit the track's website at www.deltadownsracing.com.

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