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DEL CID, BROBERG AND END ZONE ATHLETICS REPEAT AS LEADING HORSEMEN FOR 2023-24 THOROUGHBRED SEASON AT DELTA DOWNS

TOP HONORS WERE AWARDED ON CLOSING NIGHT, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

VINTON, LA. – The 2023-24 Thoroughbred season at Delta Downs wrapped up on Saturday and the leading horsemen awards were handed out during the nine-race program. Top honors for leading jockey, trainer and owner mirrored those of last year as Vicente Del Cid finished atop the rider standings; Karl Broberg retained his grip on the leading trainer crown; and End Zone Athletics, Inc. won another leading owner title.

Del Cid won his second consecutive title as leading rider with 116 wins from 438 mounts and \$2,624,265 in mount earnings. He won with 26% of his mounts and his horses finished in the money a season high 58% of the time.

The Guatemala native's first career win came at Delta Downs on October 21, 2021, and he finished second in the voting for the Eclipse Award for Outstanding Jockey in 2022. In addition, Del Cid also won the title of leading jockey at Boyd Gaming's Evangeline Downs in 2022 and 2023.

Following Del Cid in the jockey standings this season were Tim Thornton (83 wins), Juan Vargas (56), Joel Dominguez (56), Thomas Pompell (49), Jansen Melancon (44), Alex Birzer (26), Carlos Lozada (21), Joe Stokes (21), and Casey Fuselier (20).

Broberg continued his dominance at Delta Downs in 2023-24 by sending out 65 winners and totaling \$1,353,610 in barn earnings to lead each category. It was the 13th straight time the Broberg barn has led the standings dating back to the 2011-12 season. During the 2018-19 season his horses set the current records for Thoroughbred trainers with 107 wins and earnings of \$2,017,120.

Rounding out the list of leading trainers for the Delta Downs meeting were Allen Landry (40), Brett Brinkman (27), Eduardo Ramirez (26), Juan Larrosa (23), Sam Breaux (19), Jon Arnett (18), Kent Knudsen (16), Justin Evans (14), and Tom Amoss (14).

End Zone Athletics, Inc. saw 50 of their runners win and earn a total of \$983,560 during the meeting to lead both categories for owners. It was the ninth consecutive title and 12th overall for End Zone, which includes trainer Karl Broberg and Matt Johanson.

Rounding out the top owners for the season were Elite Thoroughbred Racing, LLC (Michele Rodriguez) (11), Norman Stables, LLC (Robert A. Norman) (11), Lothenbach Stables, Inc. (Jack Lothenbach) (11), Redwood QH Racing LLC (Jose Barrientos) (8), Mark N. Hibdon (7), Gerald L. Averett, Jr. (7), World War IV Racing (Warren McFatter & John Christmann) (7), L and G Racing Stables (Silvia & Genesis Castillo) (6), and Israel Flores Horses LLC (Israel Flores) (6).

Delta Downs now looks forward to its upcoming American Quarter Horse season which gets underway on April 26 and runs through July 13. The 46-day meeting will feature live racing each Wednesday through Saturday night with first post time set for 6:15 pm Central Time.

For more information about the Delta Downs Quarter Horse season, including specific race days, go to the track's website at www.deltadowns.com/race. Fans can also follow the track on Facebook and Twitter.

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