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JESS PRETTY N BLACK SETS FASTEST TIME FOR LEE BERWICK FUTURITY AT DELTA DOWNS

THE \$654,014 FINAL TAKES PLACE ON CLOSING NIGHT, JULY 13

VINTON, LA. – Delta Downs hosted the most important trials of the season on Friday night as 12 heats took place to qualifying 10 horses for this year’s richest race, the \$654,014 Lee Berwick Futurity (RG1).

Fans didn’t have to wait long to witness the fastest qualifier of the night as Eleazar Martinez, Sr.’s Jess Pretty N Black (\$10.40) won the opener with a time of 17.663 (91 speed index) seconds for 350 yards under jockey Jasiel Aquino. The score came over a fast track.

Breaking from post position five in a field of eight, Jess Pretty N Black had her mind on business and led throughout her trial. The Guillermo Martinez trainee won by a neck over Ace Trains R Forever, who also qualified for the final. Jess Pretty N Black’s running time held up throughout the evening as it gave her the quickest qualifying time for the second time this season. She also won her trial for the Lassie Futurity (RG2) with the top time before finishing a troubled seventh behind Rf Fast Dash n Train in the final.

Friday’s tally by Jess Pretty N Black gave her two wins from four starts during her brief career. Each Lee Berwick trial carried a purse of \$10,000 and the winner’s share was \$6,000. That gave Jess Pretty N Black an earnings mark of \$18,592. The talented filly can add another \$327,007 to that number with a win in the final on July 13.

Bred in Louisiana by Grant Farms, LLC, Jess Pretty N Black is a 2-year-old black filly by The Louisiana Cartel, out of the Mr Jess Perry mare Jess Pretty In Black. She was purchased for \$33,000 at the 2023 Louisiana Quarter Horse Breeders Association Yearling Sale.

Listed below are the 10 finalists for this year’s \$654,014 Lee Berwick Futurity.

	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Jockey</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Time</u>
1	Jess Pretty N Black	Jasiel Aquino	Guillermo Martinez	17.663
2	San Lorenzo Hustle	Martin Osuna	Jeremy Derozin	17.699
3	Dropping Dimes	Luis Ruiz	Luis Daniel Garcia	17.704
4	Ace Trains R Forever	Guadalupe Lucio, Jr.	Leonel Hernandez	17.713
5	Golden Answerr	Leonardo Rodriguez	Paul Leal	17.714

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6	San Lorenzo Jezz	Martin Osuna	Jeremy Derozin	17.721
7	Making the Bar	Victor Urieta, Jr.	Juan Diaz, Jr.	17.723
8	Beleavin	Arnulfo Gutierrez	Kenneth Roberts, Sr.	17.727
9	Carte Blanch	Juan Garcia, Jr.	Heath Taylor	17.746
10	San Lorenzo Patrona	Arturo Alvarez	Jeremy Derozin	17.751

Delta Downs will finish the race week on Saturday with a nine-race program. The action is set to get underway at 6:15pm.

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

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