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## **CORONA BLUE ESTRELLA WINS THE OPEN ME A CORONA STAKES; PK PURE ROGUE TAKES THE MISS POLLY CLASSIC ON OPENING NIGHT AT DELTA DOWNS**

### **B SECOND COWBOY QUALIFIES FASTEST FOR THE \$110,420 OLD SOUTH DERBY**

VINTON, LA. – Delta Downs kicked off its 2024 American Quarter Horse season on Friday night with a nine-race program featuring two stakes races and four qualifying trials. The \$50,000 Miss Polly Classic (G3) was won by Corona Blue Estrella and the \$40,000 Open Me a Corona Stakes (RG2) was taken by Pk Pure Rogue. The fastest qualifier from the Old South trials was B Second Cowboy.

The win by Corona Blue Estrella came as a bit of a surprise as the 3-year-old filly left the gate at 11-1 odds and lead nearly every step of the way, as she recorded an easy win by 1-1/2 lengths under jockey Ricardo Hernandez, Jr. Mr. Crawfish finished second and race favorite Moonin Rusty was another head back in third.

The property of Lester Colomb, Jr. and Raymond Loup scored her first stakes win in the race as she covered 400 yards in a time of 19.747 seconds over a fast racetrack, earning her a speed index of 97.

Corona Blue Estrella, who is trained by Kenneth Weeks, has now won four of eight career starts. She banked \$30,000 for her win on Friday and now has a lifetime bankroll of \$78,220.

Bred in Louisiana by Tom Hill Selman, Corona Blue Estrella is a bay filly by Jess Louisiana Blue, out of the Corona Cartel mare Corona De Estrellas.

Fans who backed Corona Blue Estrella was rewarded with payoffs of \$24.60 to win, \$12.80 to place and \$5.20 to show. Mr Crawfish paid \$12.20 to place and \$4.80 to show. Moonin Rusty was worth \$2.40 to show.

Jose H. Rodriguez's Pk Pure Rogue took it to them early and often in the Open Me a Corona Stakes as the gelding burst from the gate with the lead and was sharp all the way to the wire in the 300-yard showdown for



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Louisiana-bred runners. Dynasty Blood finished second in the race, a half-length behind the winner while Tlc Willie Cartel was another neck behind in third.

Under jockey Everardo Rodriguez, Pk Pure Rogue covered the distance over a fast track in a time of 15.243 seconds, which equaled a speed index of 97.

It was the fifth win from 20 career starts for Pk Pure Rogue, who is trained by Barbara Alcantara. He earned \$24,000 for the effort and has now bankrolled \$126,245 during his career. His win on Friday night marked his first score in stakes company.

Bred in Louisiana by Phatt Kat Ranch, Pk Pure Rogue is a 4-year-old bay son of Heza Fast Rogue, out of the Agouti mare Kinky Boots.

The fastest qualifier for this year's Old South Derby came out of the first trial as Party Tyme Racing's B Second Cowboy won his heat under jockey Sabino Reyes in a time of 16.588 seconds for 330 yards, which equaled a speed index of 99. It was the sixth career win from 10 overall starts for the sorrel gelding by Flying Cowboy 123, out of the Favorite Cartel mare Nsm Favorite Zoomer.

Each trail for the Old South Derby carried a purse of \$5,000 with each winner taking home \$3,000. The final is worth total purse money of \$110,420 and will be contested on Friday, May 17.

Listed below are the 10 qualifiers for this year's Old South Derby from the fastest time down.

	<b>Horse</b>	<b>Jockey</b>	<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Time</b>
1	B Second Cowboy	Sabino Reyes	Jose R. Espinosa	16.588
2	Woopaa 123	Sabino Reyes	Jose R. Espinosa	16.684
3	Kas Delivers Gl	Arturo Alvarez	Jose Sanchez	16.709
4	One Sweet Sugar	Jasiel Aquino	Jesus Marquez	16.743
5	Lgm Flirting Hero	Rolando Cabrera	Santiago Villaseca	16.748
6	Ttt Golden Cup	Jasiel Aquino	Jeremy Derozin	16.809
7	Jess Jumpn Dynasty	Guadalupe Lucio, Jr.	Alex P. Clark	16.839
8	Trixiee	Jorge Garcia	Janessa Lee Muniz	16.887
9	Shakeupmyblood	Rolando Cabrera	Guillermo Martinez	16.898
10	Easy One	Jorge Garcia	Janessa Lee Muniz	16.924

Delta Downs will conclude its opening weekend of racing on Saturday night with another nine-race program starting at 6:15 pm. The action will include nine trials for this year's \$213,210 Old South Futurity.

For more information about the season, visit the track's website at [www.deltadownsracing.com](http://www.deltadownsracing.com).



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