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OLD HOMESTEAD TAKES THE SAM'S TOWN; LUYV WINS THE ORLEANS STAKES AT DELTA DOWNS

SPRINTERS TOOK CENTER STAGE ON THE FRIDAY NIGHT PROGRAM

VINTON, LA. – Delta Downs hosted a pair of five-furlong sprint stakes on Friday night as Old Homestead won the \$75,000 Sam's Town Stakes under jockey Vicente Del Cid while Luyv took the \$75,000 Orleans with jockey Sergio Munoz in the saddle.

Old Homestead's victory came in front-running style as he quickly grabbed the lead after the break before setting fractional times of 22.52 seconds for the opening quarter mile and 45.38 for the half. Longshot Empire of Gold gave chase throughout the race but was no match for the talented winner as he finished 1-3/4 lengths behind the Brett Brinkman charge at the wire. Hap Hot was no factor and wound up third, another 1-1/2 behind.

Old Homestead, who is owned by his breeder Marablue Farm LLC and Pegasus Stud, covered the distance over a fast track in 57.70 seconds.

The win by Old Homestead was the sixth of his 12-race career. He earned \$45,000 for the effort and now owns a career bankroll of \$382,920.

Bred in Florida, Old Homestead is a 6-year-old bay horse by Overanalyze, out of the Songandaprayer mare Pearl de Vere.

Sent to the gate as the solid favorite in a field of six, Old Homestead returned \$3.60 to win, \$2.60 to place and \$2.20 to show. Empire of Gold was worth \$8.60 to place and \$4.80 to show. Hap Hot paid \$2.80 to show.

The Orleans field was full of early speed and the Garland Goins owned and trained mare Luyv used that to her advantage as she closed ground late to tally the victory and reward her backers with a win payoff of \$33.40. The early pacesetter in the race was Jumpin Judy, who clicked off split times of 21.98 seconds for the opening quarter and 45.80 for the half before the hot pace got to her in deep stretch and she was overtaken.

At the wire Luyv notched a ¾ length win over Makeup. Jumpin Judy settled for third, another neck behind the top pair. Luyv stopped the timer in 59.22 seconds.

Luyv has now won five times from 20 career starts. She put another \$45,000 into her earnings column Friday night and has now made a total of \$245,970.

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Bred in Louisiana by John R. Cunningham & Chad White, Luyv is a 5-year-old dark bay or brown mare by Yockey's Warrior, out of the Laabity mare Southpine.

Delta Downs will close out the race week on Saturday night with a nine-race program starting at 4:50pm.

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

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