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DAVSAM RALLIES FOR BIG WIN IN THE \$263,305 FIRECRACKER FUTURITY AT DELTA DOWNS

FORTUNE SEIS ACES PULLS HUGE UPSET IN THE \$130,100 FIRECRACKER FUTURITY

VINTON, LA. – An enthusiastic crowd turned out at Delta Downs on Friday night as the track hosted a special Independence Day program featuring the \$263,305 Firecracker Futurity (G2) and the \$130,100 Firecracker Derby (G3).

The Firecracker Futurity was won by Davsam, with jockey Juan Garcia, Jr. in the saddle for trainer Vivian Hill and owner Chance Kiehne. The victory came after Davsam posted the fastest qualifying time for the race while breaking his maiden on June 13.

Breaking from the inside post position in a field of 10, Davsam broke behind the early leaders Swing Time and San Lorenzo Knockout. With 100 yards to go in the 350-yard showdown, Davsam gained momentum before collaring the leaders and driving to win by a head on the finish line over runner-up Swing Time. San Lorenzo Knockout wound up another 1-3/4 lengths back in third.

Davsam covered the distance over a fast track in a time of 17.619 seconds, which was faster than the 3-year-old ran in the Firecracker Derby just two races earlier. The clocking by Davsam equaled a speed index of 95.

Davsam earned \$131,652 for the Firecracker Futurity win and now owns a bankroll of \$155,054.

Bred in Oklahoma by Paul Tonderum, Davsam is a 2-year-old bay colt by Apollitical Jess, out of the Corona Cartel mare Little Kool Corona. He was purchased for \$45,000 at the 2024 Heritage Place September Yearling Sale.

Sent to the gate as the wagering favorite, Davsam paid \$3.80 to win, \$2.60 to place and \$2.60 to show. Swing Time returned \$5.20 to place and \$5 to show. San Lorenzo Knockout was worth \$6.80 to show.

There was a huge upset in the Firecracker Derby as 41-1 longshot Fortune Seis Aces (\$84.60) edged out a fast-closing Flyin Chilitos by a head and get the win with jockey Noe Castaneda in the saddle for trainer Kenneth Roberts, Sr. and owner Fortune Seis Aces Venture (Riley Blanchet). Mark 536 finished third, another head behind the runner-up. The 350-yard running time for the winner was 17.712 (92 SI) seconds for 350 yards.

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Fortune Seis Aces finished second in his Firecracker Derby trial breaking from an outside post position. On Friday night he started his winning run from the rail post and used a lightning quick start to garner the lead. Midway through the race he enjoyed a commanding lead before Flying Chilitos surged in the final strides to make it close. The win was only the second of Fortune Seis Aces' career and he earned \$65,050 for the tally. His lifetime bankroll now stands at \$79,990.

Bred in Oklahoma by Rj Ranch LLC, Fortune Seis Aces is a 3-year-old bay gelding by Tres Seis, out of the Carters Cartel mare Cartels Fortune.

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

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