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BE MY VALENTINE DOMINATES THE BIG EASY STAKES AT DELTA DOWNS

- RED RPG AND COSINO ROGUE WIN UNDERCARD STAKES ON THE PROGRAM -

VINTON, LA. – Delta Downs kicked off its final weekend of American Quarter Horse racing on Friday night as the track hosted three stakes races on a 10-race program. The headliner was the \$159,740 Big Easy Futurity for 2-year-olds who qualified for the race on August 7. The undercard featured the \$26,100 Desaix and the \$35,000 Faubourg St. John.

The Big Easy turned into a runaway for J Lazy Six Racing's Be My Valentine as she broke quickly in the 350-yard event for 2-year-olds and completely dominated her rivals under jockey Leonardo Rodriguez. The Viviane Hill trainee defeated Sleepy Chilitos by 1-1/4 lengths while Gold Eye Eagle checked in third, another half-length behind the runner-up.

Be My Valentine covered the distance over a fast racetrack in time of 17.513 seconds, which equaled a speed index of 99.

The win by Be My Valentine was her first in stakes company and her second overall from five career starts. She broke her maiden in the Old South Futurity trials at Delta Downs in April before finishing second in the final. Her win on Friday earned her \$81,531 and she now has a bankroll of \$113,112.

Bred in Utah by McColee Land & Livestock LLC, Be My Valentine is a 2-year-old bay filly by Apollitical Jess, out of the Valiant Hero mare Valiantinecandyrocks.

Sent the gate at odds of 7-2, Be My Valentine paid \$9.40 to win, \$5.40 to place and \$4.40 to show. Sleepy Chilitos returned \$7 to place and \$4.80 to show. Gold Eye Eagle was worth \$5.20 to show.

The \$26,100 Desaix Stakes was won by Red Rpg (\$27.20), who got the win under jockey Jose Ariel Rodriguez for owner T. C. Flack and trainer Paul Leal. Red Rpg took the 350-yard showdown for 2-year-olds over Pyc Socialite, who finished second, and Channings Magic who wound up third. The final time for the winner was 17.794 seconds, which was a speed index of 91.

Red Rpg is a 2-year-old sorrel gelding by Speed Dynasty, out of the Big Daddy Cartel mare Jq Jess A Cartel. He was bred in Oklahoma by Taos River Ranch LLC.

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And finally, it was a 14-1 upset in the \$35,000 Faubourg St. John Stakes as Cosino Rogue (\$31.40) went gate-to-wire and held off heavy favorite One Fast Cajun to record the win under jockey Donell Blake. Dead Winner was a non-threatening third.

Cosino Rogue, who is owned and trained by Ray Robbins, covered 870 yards in the Faubourg St. John in a time of 46.622 seconds, which equaled a speed index of 88.

Bred in Louisiana by Matthew K. Smith, Cosino Rogues is a 5-year-old sorrel gelding by Heza Fast Rogue, out of the Cosino mare Cosino De Oh.

Delta Downs will close out the season on Saturday night with a 10-race program featuring seven stakes races. The headliner is the \$561,000 LQHBA Sale Futurity going as the nightcap.

For more information about the season visit the track's website at www.deltadowns.com/race. Fans can also follow the track through social media on Facebook and X.

[Delta Downs Racetrack Casino Hotel](#), a property of [Boyd Gaming Corporation](#), is the premier racing and gaming entertainment venue in Vinton, LA. Delta Downs features a six-furlong oval track, 15,000 square feet of casino space and more than 1,500 of the most popular slot machines. Amenities include two restaurants, chart-topping entertainment at the Delta Event Center and the Delta Downs Sportsbook.

Delta Downs is located in Vinton, Louisiana, on Delta Downs Drive. From Lake Charles, take Exit 7 and from Texas, take Exit 4.