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DROPPING DIMES TAKES THE HDJ BUTLER STAKES AT DELTA DOWNS

- JOSUE PONCE TRAINEE COLLECTS SECOND STAKES WIN OF THE SEASON -

VINTON, LA. – Jaime Cardenas’ Dropping Dimes scored his second stakes win of the season on Saturday night as he stormed home to capture the \$50,000 HDJ Butler Stakes (RG2) under jockey Jorge Javier Garcia. The Josue Ponce trainee previously won the Miss Polly Classic on opening night of the season, April 24.

After a sharp break from the starting gate, Dropping Dimes battled with Paint Me Onis in the initial strides of the 400-yard showdown for Louisiana-bred 3-year-olds and up. With 100 yards to go, the black runner edged clear before hitting the finish line a half-length in front of Paint Me Onis, who couldn’t keep pace late. One Sweet Boss picked up the pieces to be third, another neck behind the runner up.

Dropping Dimes covered the distance over a muddy racetrack in a time of 19.708 seconds. The time equaled a speed index of 101.

Dropping Dimes has now won eight of his 17 trips to the starting gate. He earned \$30,000 for his effort on Saturday and now owns a bankroll of \$180,813.

Bred in Louisiana by Ryan and Danielle Robicheaux, Dropping Dimes is a 4-year-old gelding by Apollitical Blood, out of the Freighttrain B mare Depositing Chex.

Sent to the gate at odds of 3-5, Dropping Dimes paid \$3.40 to win, \$2.60 to place and \$2.40 to show. Paint Me Onis was worth \$3.20 to place and \$3.40 to show. One Sweet Boss returned \$5.40 to show.

Delta Downs will begin a three-days-per-week schedule next week, June 25-27. First post time each night through the end of the season, July 18, will be a 6:15pm.

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 Twitter.

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