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LOUISIANA SHOWCASE NIGHT TAKES CENTER STAGE ON SATURDAY AT DELTA DOWNS

THE \$602,705 LEE BERWICK FUTURITY HIGHLIGHTS RICHEST CARD OF THE YEAR

VINTON, LA. – Delta Downs will host the richest American Quarter Horse program of the year on Saturday, July 11 when Louisiana Showcase Night takes center stage. The annual event is devoted to horses bred in Louisiana with nine stakes races during a 10-race card. The main event will be the \$602,705 Lee Berwick Futurity (RG1), which will serve as the nightcap. First post time will be at 6:15pm.

The fastest qualifier for the Lee Berwick Futurity was Rogelio Marquez, Jr.'s Rdd Reason For B, who has been installed as the 7-2 second choice in the morning line. The Juan C. Garcia trainee will be ridden by Leonardo Rodriquez, who has been aboard for each of her three career starts. On June 19 she won the 10th of 11 qualifying trials with a time of 17.577 seconds for 350 yards.

The 3-1 morning line favorite for the Lee Berwick Futurity is Rene Perez's Vigilanty, who is on a three-race winning streak, which includes a score in the \$297,965 Laddie Futurity (RG2) on May 23. The Josue Ponce trainee will be ridden by jockey Victor Urieta, Jr., who was also aboard when he won the Laddie. A win on Saturday would add \$301,352 to his field-leading bankroll of \$165,383.

The second richest race on the program is the \$131,287 Delta Downs Derby (RG1), where 8-5 morning line favorite Valiant Heart Z will attempt to win his fourth straight race. The Santiago Villaseca trainee will have jockey Jorge Javier Garcia in the saddle and comes into the race as the fastest qualifier from trials held on June 18. Valiant Heart Z is owned by Luis Armando Castellanos.

The \$113,427 Delta Downs Oaks will also get a lot of attention on the Showcase Night card, as 3-5 morning line favorite Mamma Im Leaving You will go to the post under jockey Noe Castaneda. Castaneda will get a leg up from trainer Jose U. Lopez. Mamma Im Leaving you will attempt to win for the seventh time in 13 career starts for owner Jeantile M. Deville. Earlier in the year she took the Mardi Gras Oaks (RG3) at Louisiana Downs.

Listed below are each of the Louisiana-bred stakes races that will take place Saturday night.

<u>Race No.</u>	<u>Stakes Race</u>	<u>Purse</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Distance</u>
2	Live Oak	\$50,000	Open	3-years-old & up	870 yards

3	Louisiana Starter	\$40,000	Open	3-years-old & up	300 yards
4	Flashy Hemp	\$50,000	FM	3-years-old & up	330 yards
5	Louisiana Classic	\$75,000	Open	3-year-olds & up	440 yards
6	Nag Nest	\$50,000	Open	3-years-old & up	220 yards
7	Delta Downs Oaks	\$113,427	Fillies	3-years-olds	400 yards
8	Louisiana Juvenile	\$75,000	Open	2-year-olds	350 yards
9	Delta Downs Derby	\$131,287	C&G	3-year-olds	400 yards
10	Lee Berwick Futurity	\$602,705	Open	2-year-olds	350 yards

The Louisiana Quarter Horse Breeders Association will conduct drawings for five \$2,000 college scholarships totaling \$10,000 during the Louisiana Showcase Night program. Scholarship entrants must be Louisiana high school graduates or a Louisiana high school student graduating in 2026 and planning to attend a higher education institution in the state. Those eligible may sign up at the LQHBA Scholarship registration table beginning at 5 pm. Registration will close promptly after the fourth race, and the winners will be announced in the winner's circle after the fifth race. All entrants must be present to win.

After Saturday, Delta Downs will close out its season next Thursday through Saturday, July 16-18. Post time each night is at 6:15pm.

For more information about live racing at Delta Downs, visit the track's website at www.deltadowns.com/race.

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