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MC BLUE CARTEL STAYS UNDEFEATED IN THE \$302,335 LASSIE FUTURITY AT DELTA DOWNS

- FULLMOONOVRRMANHATTAN WINS THE LOUISIANA STAKES -

VINTON, LA. – Delta Downs hosted a pair of important stakes races on Friday night as an enthusiastic crowd of race fans were treated to the \$302,335 Lassie Futurity (RG2) for 2-year-old Louisiana-bred fillies and the \$50,000 Lassie Stakes.

All eyes were on Jaime Cardenas' Mc Blue Cartel in the Futurity as she recorded the fastest qualifying time for the event and was attempting to win the second major stakes race of her brief career while staying undefeated in four starts. Her first big score came in the \$431,000 Mardi Gras Futurity (RG2) at Louisiana Downs in March.

Friday's test for Mc Blue Cartel under jockey Jorge Javier Garcia came in the form of nine rivals but nothing was going to stop her as she powered past her competition to win by a neck over Rdd Reasons For B, who took second. Mucho Man Shortstop wound up third, another half length back in third. Mc Clue Cartel covered 330 yards over a fast track in a time of 16.776, which equaled a speed index of 94.

Mc Blue Cartel, who is trained by Josue Ponce, took home \$151,167 for her Lassie win and now owns an impressive bankroll of \$355,497 from her quartet of victories.

Bred in Louisiana by Bottoms Up Racing, Mc Blue Cartel is a 2-year-old bay filly by Carters Cartel, out of the Jess Louisiana Blue mare Mc Bluecorona.

Sent to the gate as the heaviest of favorites at odds of 1-9, Mc Blue Cartel paid \$2.10 to win, \$2.10 to place and \$2.10 to show. Rdd Reasons For B paid \$7.80 to place and \$4.60 to show. Mucho Man Shortstop was worth \$2.80 to show.

The \$50,000 Lassie Stakes served as a consolation race for fillies that didn't make it to the Lassie Futurity. The race was won by Fullmoonovrmanhattan (\$15), who was ridden by Pedro Espinosa for trainer Alex P. Clark. The 2-year-old filly is owned by David Dunn and L and S Greenhouse Inc.

After breaking sharply from the middle of the gate in a field of 10, Fullmoonovrmanhattan battled with Sheza Streakin Bayou for the first 100 yards of the 330-yard race before winning by a half-length at the finish line over her determined rival. Krs Dream rallied late on the outside to grab third, another neck behind the runner-

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up. Fullmoonovrmanhattan covered the distance in a time of 17.071 seconds, which equaled a speed index of 85.

Fullmoonovrmanhattan broke her maiden in the Lassie Stakes. In the only other start of her career, she finished second in the trials for the Lassie Futurity. She earned \$30,000 for the win and now has a bankroll of \$32,000.

Bred in Louisiana by Spring Hill Farms LLC, Fullmoonovermanhattan is a sorrel filly by San Lorenzo, out of the Dash Ta Fame mare Full Moon Dasher.

Delta Downs will close out the race week on Saturday with another nine-race program starting at 6:15pm. The featured race will be the \$297,965 Laddie Futurity (RG2) for 2-year-old Louisiana-bred colts and geldings.

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.

[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.