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MC BLUE CARTEL SETS FASTEST TIME FOR THE LASSIE FUTURITY AT DELTA DOWNS

- THE \$302,335 LASSIE FUTURITY FINAL TAKES PLACE ON FRIDAY, MAY 22 -

VINTON, LA. – Delta Downs conducted an expanded 13-race program on Thursday night to accommodate qualifying trials for this year’s \$302,335 Lassie Futurity (RG2). The rich event for Louisiana-bred 2-year-old fillies is scheduled to take place on Friday, May 22.

The fastest qualifier of the night came out of the 10th trial as Mardi Gras Futurity winner Mc Blue Cartel scorched the track in a time of 16.654 seconds for 330 yards. Her win was never in doubt from start to finish as she earned a speed index of 98 for the effort over a fast racetrack.

Mc Blue Cartel is now three-for-three in her career for owner Jaime Cardenas and trainer Josue Ponce. She was ridden to victory on Thursday by regular rider Jorge Javier Garcia. Each trial on Thursday carried a purse of \$10,000 and Mc Blue Cartel put another \$6,000 into her bankroll, which now stands at \$204,330.

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.

Listed below are the 10 qualifiers for the Lassie Futurity in order of qualifying time.

	Horse	Jockey	Trainer	Time
1	Mc Blue Cartel	Jorge Javier Garcia	Josue Ponce	16.654
2	Mucho Man Shortstop	Claudio Aguilar	Ricardo Romero	16.968
3	Ivory Toasted	Victor Urieta, Jr.	Miguel Pizana	17.025
4	Goldaintyourcolour	Randy Edison, Jr.	Phillip Calais, Jr.	17.033
5	Caracara Dreamin	Servando Ramirz	Kenneth Weeks	17.042
6	Guidrysboodietrain	Noe Castaneda	Jose U. Lopez	17.075
7	Rdd Reasons for B	Leonardo Rodriguez	Juan C. Garcia	17.088
8	Jrs Cos I Shine	Randy Edison, Jr.	J. Ray Bustamante	17.120
9	Whoozthatlady	Pedro Espinosa	Kenneth Roberts, S.	17.141
10	Luziana Women	Noe Castaneda	Jose U. Lopez	17.180

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