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## CHILLEY PUTS THEM ON ICE IN THE OLD SOUTH DERBY AT DELTA DOWNS

**- JOSUE PONCE TRAINEE EDGES OUT SHEZA A WHIRLAWAYTOO TO GET THE WIN -**

VINTON, LA. – Delta Downs hosted the \$112,225 Old South Derby for 3-year-olds on Friday night, and the winner was Jaime Cardenas' colt Chilley under jockey Jorge Javier Garcia. The Josue Ponce trainee just edged out a very game filly in Sheza A Whirlawaytoo to score the first stakes win of his career.

Chilley's win did not come easily in the 330-yard test as he broke sharply but was quickly engaged by Sheza A Whirlawaytoo about halfway to the finish line. Neither runner was giving up as they approached the wire where Chilley just edged out his tenacious rival by a nose. Race favorite Hi Octane rallied belated but was no threat to the top pair finishing another half length behind in third.

Chilley covered the distance over a fast track in a time of 16.678. The clocking equaled a speed index of 97.

The win marked the third of Chilley's eight-race career. He took home \$56,113 for the score and now owns a bankroll of \$79,048.

Bred in Texas by Tommy and/or Johanna Bullard, Chilley is a sorrel colt by Chilitos, out of the Shazoom mare Zoom In On Me. He was purchased at the 2024 TQHA Yearling Sale for \$19,500.

Sent to the gate at odds of 6-1 on the toteboard, Chilley paid \$15.80 to win, \$7 to place and \$4.20 to show. Sheza A Whirlawaytoo was worth \$18 to place and \$7.80 to show. Hi Octane returned \$2.60 to show.

Delta Downs will close out the race week on Saturday night with another nine-race program. The featured race on the card is the \$151,650 Old South Futurity for the 2-year-olds who qualified back on April 25.

For more information about the season visit the track's website at [www.deltadowns.com/race](http://www.deltadowns.com/race). Fans can also follow the track through social media on Facebook and Twitter.

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