

# LAST TO FIRE

Brown g. Walk Thru Fire-Last Shall Be First by Strawfly Special

**RACE RECORD:** 6-2-1-1 \$147,393

**QUALIFYING TIME:** 19.724

JESUS AVILA AND JESUS CUEVAS' LAST TO FIRE blew away his trial field while posting the :19.724 fastest qualifying time for the Los Alamitos Two Million. He won the 400-yard race by 3 lengths over Eye For FDD and third-place finisher First Outburst, who was fourth in the Golden State Million Futurity (G1). Last To Fire broke his maiden in his trial to the Golden State Million Futurity and posted the fastest qualifying time to that race. In the \$1,173,400 final, he finished third behind Igotyourtac and Jess Lips. The colt was a \$9,200 bargain purchase at the 2010 Heritage Place Yearling Sale.

**BREEDER:** Legendary horseman Spencer L. Childers bred and raced American Quarter Horses for 50 years, beginning with Black Easter Bunny, the champion mare he purchased as a gift for his wife, Florence. Among the many top horses he bred is world champion Be A Bono (\$1,313,347) and champions Uncas (\$398,504), Jet View (\$328,627) and Black Sable (\$271,592). Childers was inducted into the American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame in 2002.

**OWNER:** Jesus Avila and Jesus Cuevas are cousins who campaigned former track record holder and 2007 Los Alamitos Winter Derby (G1) winner A Stoli Mate. Avila and Cuevas also raced Kool Cowboy, the runner-up in last year's Kindergarten Futurity (G1), plus 2005 Kindergarten Futurity fourth-place finisher Eye Jess Cant Wait and this year's Ed Burke Million Futurity finalist (G1) A Country Boy Can. Avila lives in Long Beach, California, and Cuevas in Fresno, and both own transportation businesses.

**TRAINER:** Juan Aleman in 2009 had Deuce fastest qualifier Apollitical Jess, who ran second to Good Reason SA. "I think the best thing we did was give him time off," Aleman said of Last To Fire. "After his second outing, we gelded him and turned him out. I knew after his second start that he had a lot of talent. I told the guys that there was no need to race

him all year long. I believe that fresh horses win these races at the end of the year. I thought that with time off that this horse would be tough, especially for this distance. After we rested him, he came back and had a great work. He had a little bit of trouble in his first start back, but he has looked good ever since. We went with a flipping halter because he was doing a few things that I didn't like in the starting gate. He got used to it, and he has been lights out ever since. He has been leaving fast and finishing strong each time."

**QUALIFYING JOCKEY:** Francisco Rubio has since 2008 ridden the winners of 342 races in 2,253 starts, with more than \$4.6 million in earnings. His Grade 1-winning mounts include world champion Freaky, The Goodbye Kisser, Fighter On Fire and Restricted Grade 1 winner Hot Hitter.

**PEDIGREE:** Walk Thru Fire was a Grade 1-qualifier during his racing career but is making his mark in the history books as a sire. A product of the magical First Down Dash-Beduino (TB) cross, he is a son of all-time leading sire First Down Dash out of the Beduino (TB) mare Sweet Beduino. From his first crop to race, he got champion Higher Fire (\$1,314,742) and Grade 1 winner Gold Nugget Rd (\$122,543). From seven crops to race, he has 208 winners and 38 stakes winners from 322 starters. His get have earned more



than \$11.1 million, and he is also the sire of champion Pink Boots RM. Walk Thru Fire is this year's leading sire by money earned, with \$3.4 million. The 14-year-old stallion is owned by Dr. Ed Allred and Mike Abraham and stands at Dr. Steve and Jo Burns' Burns Ranch at Menifee, California.

Last Shall Be First was bred and campaigned by Spencer Childers, and she earned \$168,302 while winning five of 17 starts, which included wins in the 2002 Governor's Cup Derby (RG1) and Dash For Speed Handicap. She was also second in the Governor's Cup Futurity (RG1) and third in the Golden State Derby (G1). She is a fifth-generation Childers-bred on the distaff side from the good mare Hop Skip And Jump, and from seven starters, she has six winners, including stakes winners Jazz Be First (by Bono Jazz, \$126,273) and Last To Check Him (by Check Him Out, \$19,485). Last To Check Him is also in the Los Alamitos Two Million as the seventh-fastest qualifier.



SCOTT MARTINEZ PHOTOS

# I LIKE THE ODDS

Sorrel g. Corona Cartel-Fancys First Affair by First Down Dash

**RACE RECORD:** 6-2-2-0 \$7,640  
**QUALIFYING TIME:** 19.868

I LIKE THE ODDS WAS A \$150,000 REPURCHASE AT the 2010 Ruidoso Select Yearling Sale. The gelding competed in trials for the three major futurities at Ruidoso Downs over the summer but broke his maiden on his first out over the Los Alamitos surface. He next contested the Golden State Million Futurity trials, finishing second behind qualifier Regardless. In his Los Alamitos Two Million trial, he held well to finish a half length ahead of fellow qualifier BPS Jumpin Frisco.

**BREEDER/OWNERS:** I Like The Odds was bred by Tom Bradbury and Kim Kessinger, who repurchased him at the Ruidoso Select sale and sold a third interest to Howard Nichols.

Bradbury and Kessinger campaigned I Like The Odds' dam Fancys First Affair, who won the 2007 La Primera Del Ano Derby (G1). Bradbury owns and raced in partnership with Marvin Willhite stakes winner Dolls Prodigy, who produced stakes winner Shazooms Doll (by Shazoom, \$92,275). Bradbury also owned and campaigned world champion Dash For Speed in partnership with Bob Blakeman. Kessinger, in partnership with Jim Geiler, raced world champion Whosleavingwho (\$1,334,842).

**TRAINER:** Joe "Bear" Bassett, the son of trainer John Bassett, has since 2005 sent out the earners of more than \$3.2 million. They include world champion Blues Girl Too and I Like The Odds' dam Fancys First Affair. "I feel like I can go out there and kick a 50-yard field goal," said trainer Joe Bassett after the Two Million trials. "I thought this horse was my best shot to qualify to this race. I also trained his mother (Fancys First Affair), and he reminds me a lot of her. He looks just like her, he acts just like her, and he has the gate speed that she had. He reminds me of her a ton. The only difference between the two is that this horse took a little bit of time to figure things out, but Fancys First Affair got it right from the start. He is figuring it out, and that's exciting."

**QUALIFYING JOCKEY:** Saul Ramirez Jr. has since 1983 ridden 1,292 winners from 8,936 starts, with earnings of more than \$19 million. His Grade 1 mounts include champions Blues Girl Too, One Famous Eagle and Prankster CE, as well as Igotyourtac, Planet Holland, A Touch Of Victory, Sixes Liaison, GJR Snowman, Cayenne Smash, Fancys First Affair, Vital Time, First Down Runner, Eyesaf flash, Bungalow Bud and Victory Defined.



**PEDIGREE:** The 17-year-old Corona Cartel won the Million in 1996 when it was still the Los Alamitos Million Futurity (G1). Retiring with earnings of \$557,142, the Holland Ease stallion out of all-time leading dam Corona Chick has from 11 crops sired the earners of more than \$36 million. His foals include five champions, 118 stakes winners and 663 winners from 939 starters. He is the sire of the all-time leading distaffer by earnings and the third-leading all-time earner, world champion Blues Girl Too (\$2,032,328). Corona Cartel stands at Lazy E Ranch in Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Fancys First Affair is a Grade 1-winning daughter of First Down Dash out of Party Girl Affair (by Streakin La Jolla, \$210,340) and has produced one winner from two starters.



# EYE ON CORONA

Brown c. Corona Cartel-Louisiana Eye Opener by Mr Eye Opener

**RACE RECORD:** 5-1-3-0 \$6,053

**QUALIFYING TIME:** 19.916

EYE ON CORONA BROKE HIS MAIDEN IN HIS TWO Million trial, winning by a nose over fellow qualifier Hit It Big. In his previous outs, he competed at Remington Park and Ruidoso Downs in futurity trials. Eye On Corona was a \$40,000 purchase at the Ruidoso Select Yearling Sale.

**BREEDER:** The Louisiana-bred colt was bred by J.E. Jumonville and his sons, D.C. and C.T. Jumonville Farms at Ventress, Louisiana, is and has been home to a number of top horses. The Jumonville family has bred horses such as top sires Feature Mr Jess and champion Jess Louisiana Blue and Grade 1 winner A Stoli Mate. They also bred Eye On Corona's dam, the stakes winner Louisiana Eye Opener.

**OWNER:** Desiree Princess Ranch LLC of Laredo, Texas, has owned the winners of six of 33 starts, with earnings of \$96,750.

**TRAINER:** Jose Flores took over training duties for Eye On Corona just before the horse's start in the Two Million trials. "Eye On Corona came to my barn about three weeks ago," Flores said after the trials. "He came in good shape, and he's a good horse. I was happy with the way he ran in his first start under the lights at Los Alamitos. (Jockey Rodrigo

Aceves) has helped me a lot with this horse. We worked him out of the gate, and Rodrigo was happy with his work. He told me that the horse had amazing talent. I was first impressed with him in his last race at Ruidoso Downs. He broke terrible, and he made up ton of ground to finish in second place. We tried a couple of different things with him for this trial, and everything seems to have worked out well. If he comes back well and repeats this effort in the final, then we'll be OK. He's a very sound horse and thrilled with his race." Flores has trained the winners of 939 races from 6,847 starts, with earnings of more than \$10.4 million. His Grade 1 winners include West Coast Hawk, Startlet Hawk, Headturner, Blushin Bugs, IB Quick and A Tempting Dash.

**QUALIFYING JOCKEY:** Rodrigo Aceves won the Two Million last year with 29-1 longshot One Quick First Down. Aceves' mounts have earned more than \$19.2 million and include Grade 1 winners First Down Illusion, A Stoli Mate, Startlet Hawk, T Gold J, Willie Works, Hulapai, What A Performance and Sheza Bad Habit.

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Louisiana Eye Opener is a Mr Eye Opener mare out of the Louisiana Slew (TB) mare The Louisiana Girl, making her a half sister to champion Jess Louisiana Blue (by Mr Jess Perry, \$170,682) and stakes winners Call Me Fed Ex (by Call Me Together, \$80,437), Fed Ex Together (by Call Me Together, \$111,784), Jessthelouisianagirl (by Mr Jess Perry, \$122,904) and The Louisiana Cartel (by Corona Cartel, \$127,941). Louisiana Eye Opener won seven of 10 starts, including the 2005 La Primera Del Ano Derby (G2), and was a finalist in the Grade 1 Golden State Million Futurity and All American Derby. She earned \$151,254 on the track. She has produced six winners



# HIT IT BIG

Brown c. Walk Thru Fire-Chickasis by Chicks Beduino

**RACE RECORD:** 3-1-1-0 \$3,450

**QUALIFYING TIME:** 19.926

HIT IT BIG'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY HAS SEEN MUCH success at Los Alamitos, and the colt's connections hope he follows in their footsteps. The most inexperienced of the field with only three starts under his belt, Hit It Big won his first two starts at Los Alamitos, although he was disqualified to fifth in his first start for interference. He finished second, a nose back, to Eye On Corona in his Los Alamitos Two Million Futurity trial. Hit It Big was a \$100,000 purchase at the 2010 Los Alamitos Equine Sale.

**BREEDER:** Dr. Ed Allred has bred the winners of 2,876 races from 18,153 starts, including 192 stakes wins. Horses he has bred have earned more than \$33.5 million. Their ranks include champions Freaky, Catchmeinyourdreams, Hawkish, Hawkinson, Way Maker and Separatist. Dr. Allred, who has 10 times been the sport's champion breeder, plus one nod shared with Spencer Childers, owns Los Alamitos Race Course, as well as the Rolling A Ranch at Atascadero, California.

**OWNERS:** Edward and Theresa DeNike of Kent, Washington, have campaigned Ancient Ruler, who won the 2007 PCQHRA Breeders' Futurity (G1), Jumpn Beduino, who won the 2009 edition of that race, and Kaniska, who won the 2006 La Primera Del Ano Derby (G1).

**TRAINER:** Patricia Visscher was the trainer of all of the DeNike's Grade 1 winners. Visscher has trained 162 winners from 1,106 starters, with earnings of more than \$2.4 million. She is also the trainer of Restricted Grade 1 winner Soul Of Silence.

**QUALIFYING JOCKEY:** Cody Jensen's mounts have earned more than \$23 million since he began riding in 1993. The two-time All American Futurity winner has booted home the winners of 1,301 races from 7,619 starts. In 2011, Jensen has ridden the earners of more than \$1 million and winners at a 14 percent clip (and in the money at a 45 percent clip), including Robert L. Boniface Los Alamitos

Invitational Championship (G1) winner Jess You And I and John Deere Juvenile Challenge Championship (G2) winner Shez Jess Toxic.

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The Chicks Beduino mare Chickasis was stakes-placed on the track and has produced 17 winners and three stakes winners from 21 starters. They include Hit It Big's full brother, Restricted Grade 1 winner Hot Hitter (\$501,952), and half brother and Restricted Grade 1 winner Hard Hitting (by TR Dasher, \$358,923) and Grade 1-placed Lassen County (by Pritzi Dash, \$146,229) as well as the Raise A Secret mare Chickasecret, who produced world champion Freaky (by TR Dasher, \$975,722).



# TERRIFIC SYNERGY

Sorrel g. FDD Dynasty-Terrific Energy by Mr Jess Perry

**RACE RECORD:** 6-4-0-0 \$144,920

**QUALIFYING TIME:** 19.938

TERRIFIC SYNERGY WAS A \$27,000 PURCHASE AT the Los Alamitos Equine Sale. Making his first start since a strong comeback to finish fourth in the June 26 Ed Burke Million Futurity (G1), Billy Smith and Pat Guthrie's Terrific Synergy flew past his rivals to win the fourth trial to the Golden State. Ridden by G.R. Carter Jr., who picked up the mount in place of the injured Jacky Martin, Terrific Synergy broke fourth before rolling powerfully in the second half of the race to post a half-length victory in :19.805.

**BREEDER:** Terrific Synergy is the first foal out of the multiple Grade 1-winning Terrific Energy, who was campaigned by the Parsons Family. The Parsons Family Trust bred Terrific Synergy and also bred 2011 stakes winner Azshecanfly.

**OWNERS:** Patrick D. Guthrie and Billy G. Smith, in partnership with Vessels Stallion Farm, campaigned FDD Dynasty. The partners also ran Jess Delightful in Planet Holland's Rainbow Futurity (G1) and Jess Satin in DM Shicago's All American Futurity (G1). Smith is a real estate developer in New Mexico, where he also owns other businesses. Guthrie retired in 1998 at age 44 after selling

his company, Health Care Financial Advisors, which provides financial consulting services for hospitals around the nation.

**TRAINER:** Cody Joiner, the son of trainer Mike Joiner, has since 2005 had 65 wins from 341 starts, with earnings of more than \$870,000. Among his runners are Grade 2 winner Forgive Him and stakes winners Call Me Fisher, Warm It Up, Blazin Son and Bud Cheeks.

**QUALIFYING JOCKEY:** G.R. Carter Jr. is the sport's all-time leading money earning jockey, with 3,330 wins in 21,022 starts and earnings of more than \$56 million. The eight-time champion has twice won the Los Alamitos Two Million Futurity, with First Place Queen (2002) and Value The Man (2005). Carter, who has won 311 stakes, set the single-season earnings record in 2008, when his mounts earned \$5,027,173.

**PEDIGREE:** From the first crop of champion FDD Dynasty (\$1,173,001), Terrific Synergy is the first foal out of Grade 1 winner Terrific Energy (\$181,919). FDD Dynasty won eight of 11 races over two years, competing in a crop that included world champion Blues Girl Too, All American Futurity (G1) winner No Secrets Here and champion Jess You And I. He won the Ed Burke Million Futurity (G1),



was second in the Los Alamitos Two Million Futurity (G1) and third in the Golden State Million Futurity (G1). He went on to win the Governor's Cup Derby (RG2) and Go Man Go Handicap (G1), and was the sport's champion 2-year-old colt and champion 3-year-old colt in the two seasons he raced. The stallion stands at Vessels Stallion Farm in Bonsall, California, and has sired 32 winners from 67 starters, including four stakes winners.

The Mr Jess Perry mare Terrific Energy is out of a First Down Dash daughter of Tinsy Effort (by Special Effort), dam of Tiny First Effort (by First Down Dash, \$445,393), Tiny First Down (by First Down Dash, \$317,881), Tiny Dash Of Cash (by Dash For Cash, \$209,452), etc. Terrific Energy won the 2009 Charger Bar Handicap (G1) and Mildred N. Vessels Memorial Handicap (G1) and was second in the Merial Distaff Challenge Championship (G1).



# BPS JUMPIN FRISCO

Brown g. Jumpn-Frisco Fling by Dash For Cash

**RACE RECORD:** 6-2-1-1 \$92,918

**QUALIFYING TIME:** 19.941

BPS JUMPIN FRISCO OPENED HIS CAREER IN HIS home state of Oklahoma, winning his first out, a trial to the Remington Park Futurity (R). He finished fourth in the \$780,000 final, giving way grudgingly after leading partway through the race. He was next third in the Easy Jet Stakes (RG3), then headed to Ruidoso where he won an allowance start and contested the All American Futurity (G1) trials. In his Los Alamitos Two Million Futurity trial, he was second by a half length to second-fastest qualifier I Like The Odds.

**BREEDER/OWNER:** Bill Price has bred and raced a number of top horses, including champion A Real Man, a half-brother to BPS Jumpin Frisco. The Thackerville, Oklahoma, resident also raced Grade 1 winner Ima Ladys Alibi. The 20-year cumulative breeder has bred the earners of more than \$5.8 million, including

Grade 1-placed runner and sire Southern Cartel (\$360,361), two-time Grade 1 winner A Snowy Cartel (\$316,925) and Grade 1 winner Southern Takes All (\$369,093).

**TRAINER:** Trainer Jaime Gomez took over the training of BPS Jumpin Frisco before the Two Million trials. Gomez is a master of Los Alamitos futurities, winning the Two Million when it was the Los Alamitos Million Futurity with Corona Cartel, and winning 18 open Grade 1 futurities at Los Alamitos since 1992. Gomez's runners have won 1,009 of their 6,735 starts, with earnings of more than \$19.7 million. The AQHA Professional Horseman trained champions Jess You And I, Higher Fire, Carters Cartel and Secret Card, as well as Grade 1 winners Corona Cartel, LD Fire, Sixish, Tac It Like A Man, Sassy Smith, Romeo Ryon, Vachetta, Make It Anywhere, Twin Spires, Chicks Like Us, Gold Nugget Rd, Docs Apollo, Not A Full Moon, A Tempting Dash, Sound Dash and Coast Express.



**QUALIFYING JOCKEY:** Alejandro Luna won the Los Alamitos Million Futurity in 2003 with A Regal Choice and has earned 622 wins from 4,431 starts, with \$10.6 million in money earned. His mounts have included world champion Whosleavingwho, champions Carters Cartel and Jess You And I, as well as Grade 1 winners LD Fire, Vachetta, Twin Spires, Docs Apollo, Not A Full Moon, A Tempting Dash, Spike It And Fly, Short Czech and Deefirst.

**PEDIGREE:** The 9-year-old Chicks Beduino stallion Jumpn won three of his 20 starts and earned \$187,555. He was a Restricted Grade 3 winner and was Grade 1 placed before retiring to stud. From three crops to race, his foals have earned more than \$824,000, with 43 winners and two stakes winners from 80 starters. Dam Imjumpn, who is out of champion and top broodmare Jumping Tac Flash, also produced Grade 1 winners Headturner (by Check Him Out, \$294,032) and Jumpn Beduino (by Chicks Beduino, \$267,825).

Frisco Fling, a 1990 mare, was bred by the B.F. Phillips Jr. Estate and is out of Go Mitey Mite by Alamitos Bar. From 11 starters, she has produced 10 winners, including champion A Real Man (by Heza Fast Man, \$308,819), stakes-placed Thats The Man (by Heza Fast Man, \$106,989) and stakes winner A Cartel Fling (by Corona Cartel, \$73,355), as well as five other stakes-placed runners.



# LAST TO CHECK HIM

Bay f. Check Him Out-Last Shall Be First by Strawfly Special

**RACE RECORD:** 8-2-2-1 \$19,485

**QUALIFYING TIME:** 19.964

ALREADY A GREAT BARGAIN, LAST TO CHECK HIM may soon prove to be an amazing bargain. The Check Him Out filly sold for \$2,000 at the 2010 Los Alamitos Equine Sale and is now in the hunt for the Los Alamitos Two Million's winners share of \$903,966. Making all of her eight starts at Los Alamitos, Last To Check Him broke her maiden and became a stakes winner in the California Breeders' Freshman Fillies Stakes (R). She won her Two Million trial by a half length and earned the seventh-fastest time.

**BREEDER:** Legendary horseman Spencer L. Childers bred and raced American Quarter Horses for 50 years, beginning with Black Easter Bunny, the champion mare he purchased as a gift for his wife, Florence. Among the many top horses he bred is world champion Be A Bono (\$1,313,347) and champions Uncas (\$398,504), Jet View (\$328,627) and Black Sable (\$271,592). Childers was inducted into the American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame in 2002.

**OWNER/TRAINER:** Ugo De La Torre's trainees have won 64 of 407 starts and earned more than \$1.8 million. Ugo trains One Sweet Jess for his brothers Jose and Gustavo. The Mr Jess Perry colt has earned \$953,592 in two years, with wins in the Golden State Million Futurity (G1) and Ed Burke Memorial Juvenile, a second in the Los Alamitos Super Derby (G1), fourth-place finishes in the Los Alamitos Two Million Futurity (G1) and All American Derby (G1) and a sixth in the Ruidoso Derby (G1).

**QUALIFYING JOCKEY:** Adrian Loza has since 2007 ridden 73 winners in 586 starts, with mount earnings of more than \$925,000. His mounts include stakes winners One Ramblin Lady and Flaming Out.

**PEDIGREE:** The Zory Kuzyk-bred Check Him Out is by the Thoroughbred Hennessy out of Grade 1 winner Check Her Twice. Check Him Out was a two-time Grade 1 winner who earned \$418,528. From six crops to race, he has sired the earners of more than \$5.9 million. They include 251 winners from 405 starters, and 13 stakes winners.



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# MADOFF

Sorrel c. Separatist-Dash For Kate by First Down Dash

**RACE RECORD:** 4-2-0-0 \$5,390  
**QUALIFYING TIME:** 19.969

THE SEPARATIST COLT MADOFF COMES INTO THE LOS Alamitos Two Million Futurity off just four starts, but has been sharp in his two most recent outs. The colt ran twice this spring, finishing fourth in a maiden race each time. In his Governor's Cup Futurity (RG2) trial, Madoff won by 1 1/2 lengths, then rested until the Two Million trials. In his trial, he won by a half length. Madoff is named for Bernie Madoff, who in 2009 was convicted of multiple felonies resulting from a Ponzi scheme that defrauded thousands of investors of billions of dollars. "(Partner John Davies) thought of the name," said partner Dominic "Bud" Alessio. "John said, 'Well he stole everyone's money – so we're going to name this horse "Madoff" and steal everyone's money!'"

**BREEDER/OWNER:** Homebred Madoff races for the partnership of Alessio/Brown/Davies LLC. Partners Dominic "Bud" Alessio and John Davies were partners for more than a decade, and C. Terry Brown joined them about five years ago. Davies died in May from pancreatic cancer, but his partners kept his name as a way

to honor him. Alessio is a businessman and president of the Pacific Coast Quarter Horse Racing Association. Brown owns several hotels, including the Carriage Inn in Ridgecrest, California, and the Town & Country hotel in Mission Valley, California. Davies was a lawyer and was very involved in civic affairs, including seven years serving appointments as judicial adviser to Govs. Arnold Schwarznegger and Pete Wilson.

**TRAINER:** Dennis Ekins won the 2004 Los Alamitos Million Futurity with champion Ocean Runaway. His horses have won 1,191 of 10,795 starts and earned more than \$12.8 million. In addition to Ocean Runaway, he also trained to Grade 1 victories champions Tolltac and Eastex, Finding Nemo, Dash On A Mission, Not For Long, Waverino, Sterling Sport and Dashing Dee Dee.

**QUALIFYING JOCKEY:** Francisco Rubio has since 2008 ridden the winners of 342 races in 2,253 starts, with more than \$4.6 million in earnings. His Grade 1-winning mounts include world champion Freaky, The Goodbye Kiss and Fighter On Fire and Restricted Grade 1 winner Hot Hitter.



**PEDIGREE:** Three-time champion Separatist was a seven-time stakes winner who earned \$889,044 on the track while racing at Los Alamitos for two seasons. The Chicks Beduino stallion out of dam of distinction Separate Ways has from eight crops sired the earners of more than \$15.1 million. He is the sire of 38 stakes winners and 499 winners from 746 starters, and his foals include world champion DM Chicago (\$1,873,730) and champion Inseperable.

The First Down Dash mare Dash For Kate has produced five winners from five starters, including stakes winner and Grade 1-finalist Girlie Man (by Snowbound (TB), \$58,810). Dash For Kate is a full sister to stakes winners First Special Dash (\$162,860) and Dashin With Johnny (\$71,933) and a half sister to Grade 1-placed A Streakinson (by Hawkinson, \$68,667).



# IGOTYOURTAC

Bay c. Tac It Like A Man-Budderfly Effect by Strawflyin Buds

**RACE RECORD:** 7-4-1-1 \$512,498

**QUALIFYING TIME:** 19.985

AFTER MAKING IT INTO THE GOLDEN STATE MILLION Futurity (G1) by the narrowest of margins – winning a shake for the 10th position – Igotyourtac ran away with the whole \$1,173,400 final, winning by a head over Jess Lips and Last To Fire. The colt was also fifth in the Heritage Place Juvenile Invitational (R). He won his Two Million trial by a half length and made it into the final by another narrow margin – Igotyourtac and Hez Our Secret tied for the ninth-fastest time at :19.985. Igotyourtac could become the fifth horse to win both the Golden State Million and Los Alamitos Two Million Futurity. The others are Dashing Knud (2000), First Place Queen (2002), Ocean Runaway (2004) and Tres Passes (2008).

**BREEDER/OWNER:** Igotyourtac is bred and owned by Sharon Dawn and Rhonda Rae List's Double Bar S Ranch LLC of Moreno Valley, California. In recent years, the farm has sent out such homebred luminaries as champion

Carters Cartel and Igotyourtac's sire Tac It Like A Man, as well as champion Jess You And I, who at 7 will contest the Champion of Champions (G1) with the hope of becoming a two-time winner of the prestigious race.

**TRAINER:** Racing's all-time leading trainer, Paul Jones has trained, as of mid-November, the winners of 3,313 of 17,683 starts, with earnings of more than \$63.8 million. Jones also holds the single-season earnings record, set in 2009, of \$7,484,434. Jones has won this race twice – the 2009 Los Alamitos Two Million Futurity with Good Reason SA and the 2003 Los Alamitos Million Futurity with A Regal Choice.

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Time, First Down Runner, Eyesaflash, Bungalow Bud and Victory Defined.

**PEDIGREE:** A homebred racing for Double Bar S Ranch LLC of Moreno Valley, California, Igotyourtac is one of four stakes winners by Double Bar S Ranch's homebred Grade 1 winner and freshman sire Tac It Like A Man (\$417,763). The colt is one of four starters – all winners – out of Double Bar S Ranch's homebred graded-stakes-winning Strawflyin Buds mare Budderfly Effect and is a half brother to the stakes-winning Hawkinson mare Here Comes The Budder (\$14,939).



# HEZ OUR SECRET

Gray c. First Down Dash-Secret Separation by Separatist

**RACE RECORD:** 4-2-1-0 \$22,282

**QUALIFYING TIME:** 19.985

A \$110,000 RUIDOSO SELECT YEARLING SALE purchase, Hez Our Secret tied with Igotyourtac for the ninth-fastest qualifying time to the Two Million. Hez Our Secret qualified for the Rainbow Futurity (G1) in only his second start, but his connections were forced to scratch him when he colicked and underwent surgery. Recovered, he returned in early November to finish second in a Los Alamitos allowance, then won his trial by a length despite encountering traffic during the race.

**BREEDER:** Hez Our Secret was bred by the venerable Vessels Stallion Farm of Bonsall, California, which in its own name has bred the earners of more than \$20.6 million, as well as countless other runners in partnership. Among their horses are Million winners Your First Moon (2001) and A Regal Choice (2003), as well as All American Futurity winners Royal Quick Dash (1991), Dash Thru Traffic (1992) and No Secrets Here (2006).

**OWNER:** AQHA Executive Committee member Johnny Trotter of Hereford, Texas, has raced

in his own name the earners of more than \$2 million, including Grade 1 winner Bodacious Dash, Grade 2 winner Gage Man, Grade 3 winner Royal N Rowdy and stakes winner Jess Cranky. He bred and raced in partnership champion One Famous Eagle, who won the 2007 Los Alamitos Two Million Futurity (G1) before going on to win the Grade 1 Golden State and Los Alamitos Super derbies and retiring with earnings of \$1,387,453. Trotter also races in partnership Los Alamitos Super Derby (G1) winner Miss Racy Jess (\$466,363).

**TRAINER:** Trey Wood, the son of trainer Blane Wood, has since 2006 trained the winners of 153 of 644 starts, with earnings of more than \$3.5 million. His runners include Grade 1 winners Bodacious Dash, Miss Racy Jess and Valiant War Hero, as well as Restricted Grade 1 winner Jody's Money Pop.

**QUALIFYING JOCKEY:** Ricky Ramirez has since 2003 ridden 535 winners from 3,135 starts. His mounts have earned more than \$11 million and include Grade 1 winners Bodacious Dash, Miss Racy Jess, First Painted Sign and Varsity Girl.



**PEDIGREE:** Hez Our Secret is by all-time leading sire First Down Dash, who with more than \$76.5 million in progeny earnings is in his own division as a sire. First Down Dash, who died last year, has sired 35 champions, 231 stakes winners and 1,207 winners from 1,677 starters. He is also the only stallion to sire more than three All American Futurity winners – he currently has six. Hez Our Secret's dam is a half sister to one of those All American winners, No Secrets Here, and is a stakes placed runner herself. Secret Separation has produced six winners from seven starters, including Grade 1 finalist Nosecretswhosefirst (by First Down Dash, \$85,000).

