

## REMINGTON PARK OKLAHOMA BRED FUTURITY

# LAST JUMP EFFORT PROVIDES BIG WIN FOR CORONADO CARTEL



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Coronado Cartel (10) got up at the wire for the win.

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REMINGTON PARK—With the determination one might expect from a seasoned gelding, the two-year-old colt Coronado Cartel took the \$720,000 Remington Park Oklahoma Bred Futurity on April 20.

With Jimmy Brooks up, the royally-bred Corona Cartel colt became the nation's second two-year-old to win three races this year by nipping Houdini at the wire in the \$720,000 Remington Park Oklahoma-Bred Futurity at this Oklahoma City track.

The victory in this the nation's richest race that will be run in the first five months of 2013 made the colt who was bred by Weetona Stanley and Ed Smith the nation's No. 1 money earner at \$309,428.

"You've got to give Eddie and Jimmy

a lot of credit for this," Gary McKinney of Reliance Ranches was quick to say after the expected win by Coronado Cartel as he credited his trainer (Eddie Willis) and jockey (Jimmy Brooks).

The win by Coronado Cartel was by a whisker (:16.755 for Coronado Cartel, :16.760 for runnerup Houdini). Coronado Cartel got \$288,000 for first; Houdini took \$122,400 for second.

It was another one-fourth of a length back to Ellens Regard in third, who got \$79,200 for her effort.

In his barn on the Remington Park backside at dawn less than eight hours after Coronado Cartel had scored his big win, Willis was quick to say that the colt would not run again this spring at the Oklahoma City track.

"He's done all he needs to do here," Willis told TRACK. "He's been over this track all he needs. He's won a schooling

race, a maiden, a trial and a futurity in that short a period of time (February 13 through April 20). He's done everything we have asked him and it is time for a rest.

"He probably won't be out again until the Rainbow (trials July 4 at Ruidoso). He doesn't have anything to prove."

Indeed, Coronado Cartel does not have anything to prove.

The colt whose dam First Carolina \$415,047 won the Heritage Place Futurity G1 (2006) and Remington Park Derby G2 (2007) here was impressive in a training race win here on February 14 then broke his maiden in his first try on March 15, drawing off late to win by nearly a length at 250 yards.

In his trial for the Remington on April 6, he "drew off" to be the fastest qualifier among 158 head in 18 heats that were run in two nights. He won that one by two lengths.

The way he finished the Remington Futurity, Coronado Cartel looks like he wants to go on down the track.

“He looks like he might really like it at 350 and further,” said Micah McKinney, Gary McKinney’s son who manages the Reliance Ranches racing and breeding operation.

“Dad picked this horse out, and we’re really proud of him (both Dad and the horse, we assume). This is a family operation, and this easily is the biggest thing we have done in the nine years we’ve been racing.”

The elder McKinney picked Coronado Cartel out of the 6666 Ranch consignment on the second night of last summer’s Ruidoso Select Yearling Sale, paying \$290,000 for him.

With this win, Coronado Cartel became the 131st stakes winner for his sire Corona Cartel. And it puts the lifetime earnings for offspring of Corona Cartel at \$41.1 million, who is No. 2 behind all-time leading sire First Down Dash and about \$100,000 ahead of Mr Jess Perry.

This victory was the latest in a long string of major Remington Park wins for this female family. In addition to this win and the two aforementioned wins by Coronado Cartel’s dam First Carolina, this pedigree has a Remington Park Futurity G1 win by First Prize Leeza \$488,270, a Remington Park Futurity G1 win by First Prize Robin \$295,147 and a Heritage Place Futurity G1 win by Fast First Prize \$244,929.

Houdini, a gelded son of leading sire Valiant Hero, races for the Ellen Kennedy Living Trust and was bred by the estate of that late eastern Oklahoma school teacher. Trained by Luis Villafranco and ridden by

veteran Juan Vasquez, Houdini is out of the Grade III winner and \$38,000 earning Takin On The Cash mare Pure Oklahoma.

Houdini is a half-brother to graded stakes winner Adios My Amigos \$232,000, graded stakes winner Oklahoma Bandido \$166,000, graded stakes placed winner Kinky Boots \$72,000 and graded stakes winner Oklahoma Cartel \$59,000. This is the female family of Champion Ima Ramblin Girl \$163,000, Grade I winner Heza Ramblin Man \$751,000, Grade II winner First To Ramble \$349,000 and Grade I winner Little Bit Of Aha \$316,000.

Third place finisher Ellens Regard is a daughter of Chicks Regard and the Heza Fast Man mare Diamonds For Casey. Owned by HTR Stables and trained by Stacey Capps, Ellens Regard was bred by veteran horseman Kenneth Harlow and was purchased by the partnership at last year’s Heritage Place Yearling Sale for \$14,000. Ellens Regard is a half-sister to 2013 winner Volcom Jr \$35,000. The second dam is the Hempten (TB) mare Patsy Patrick \$40,000.

With \$87,484 in earnings, Ellens Regard is easily the richest runner in the first four generations of this female family. Diamonds For Kasey is a half-sister to the dam of Grade III stakes placed winner Miss Kara \$62,247.

The remaining order of finish: 4th—BB Secrets Zoom; 5th—Walking Perry; 6th—Smokealittlesmoke; 7th—Jess One More Thing; 8th—Runaway Renata and 9th—Quik Shooter. Send Me This Wagon was scratched.

The Remington Park Futurity was a trifecta for nearby Lazy E Ranch, which was the home Corona Cartel, Valiant Hero and Chicks Regard when the 1-2-3 horses



Winning trainer Eddie Willis.



Winning jockey Jimmy Brooks.

across the wire in this race were bred. Corona Cartel and Valiant Hero are still at Lazy E while Chicks Regard has returned to New Mexico.



<b>CORONADO CARTEL (#10), 2011 c.</b>		
Remington Park OK-bred Futurity • \$720,000		
4/20/13 RP • 330 in :16.755 (SI-92)		
Earning \$288,000		
Lifetime: 3-0-0 in 3, earning \$309,428		
O—Reliance Ranches LLC. B—Weetona Stanley and William Smith. T—Eddie Willis. J—Jimmy Brooks.		
2nd by nose Houdini; 3rd by ¼ Ellens Regard.		
<b>CORONA CARTEL</b>	Holland Ease	First Down Dash Easy Henryetta
	Corona Chick	Chicks Beduino Sizzling Lil
<b>FIRST CAROLINA</b>	Mr Jess Perry	Streakin La Jolla Scoopie Fein
	First Prize Dash	Dash For Cash First Prize Rose



Leslie and Micah McKinney with Gary and Sheila McKinney.