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GUNNEVERA HEADS FULL FIELD OF AMBITIOUS 2-YEAR-OLDS ENTERED IN NEXT SATURDAY'S \$1,000,000 DELTA DOWNS JACKPOT

TRIPLE CROWN WINNING TRAINER BOB BAFFERT WILL SEND OUT HOT SEAN

VINTON, LA. – Delta Downs’ racing office saw a flurry of activity on Friday morning as final entries and post positions were drawn for next Saturday’s \$1,000,000 Delta Downs Jackpot (Gr. III). The 5-2 morning line favorite for the 14th running of the track’s signature event is Gunnevera, winner of the Saratoga Special (Gr. II) in August. Gunnevera hails from the barn of Antonio Sano. A total of 10 talented 2-year-olds were entered for the 1-1/16 mile race.

The 7-2 second choice in the morning line is Bob Baffert’s trainee Hot Sean. Baffert is a Hall of Fame conditioner who is best known for his work with 2015 Triple Crown winner American Pharoah. Hot Sean will be making his stakes debut in the Jackpot after winning consecutive races at Santa Anita in October. Baffert’s best finish in the Jackpot came in 2006 with Pirates Deputy.

Doug O’Neill, who won this year’s Kentucky Derby with Nyquist and the 2013 ‘Run for the Roses’ with I’ll Have Another, will saddle Dangerfield next Saturday. Dangerfield will try to give O’Neil his second win in the Jackpot after Goldencents took the race in 2012.

The \$1,000,000 Delta Downs Jackpot is the centerpiece of an 11-race program that will feature eight stakes races, two graded stakes, and over \$2.3 million in total purse money.

The entire field for the \$1,000,000 Delta Downs Jackpot is listed below along with morning line odds for each horse.

Post #	Horse	Jockey	Trainer	ML
1	Pat On the Back	Robby Albarado	Kenneth McPeek	15-1
2	Line Judge	C. J. McMahan	Joe Sharp	6-1
3	Thirstforlife	Florent Geroux	Mark Casse	8-1
4	Our Stormin Norman	Julien Leparoux	Mark Casse	8-1
5	Dangerfield	Flavien Prat	Doug O’Neill	12-1
6	Gunnevera	Javier Castellano	Antonio Sano	5-2
7	Balandeen	Channing Hill	Chris Hartman	10-1
8	Hot Sean	Martin Pedroza	Bob Baffert	7-2

9	J Boys Echo	Corey Lanerie	Dale Romans	8-1
10	Tip Tap Tapizar	Gerard Melancon	Steve Asmussen	10-1

The winner of Saturday’s main event will earn a \$600,000 paycheck and 10 points toward a possible starting position in next year’s Kentucky Derby by way of the ‘Road to the Kentucky Derby’ series. Since 2002, a total of 14 horses have participated in the \$1,000,000 Delta Downs Jackpot before going on to compete in the Kentucky Derby as 3-year-olds. There have been eight horses make it to the Kentucky Derby after running in the \$1,000,000 Delta Downs Jackpot since 2013.

Saturday’s program will also feature the \$400,000 Delta Downs Princess (Gr. III). The one-mile race for 2-year-old fillies is headed by 7-2 morning line favorite Golden Mischief, who won the My Trusty Cat Stakes at Delta Downs in her most recent start on October 21. Golden Mischief is a Kentucky-bred filly by Arch who is trained by Steve Asmussen. Golden Mischief will get the riding services of two-time \$1,000,000 Delta Downs Jackpot winning jockey Gerard Melancon.

Delta Downs will offer a special guaranteed \$200,000 all stakes Pick 4 on Jackpot Day which includes the nation’s lowest takeout rate of 12%. The wager has been available during each of the 12 previous editions of the Jackpot Day program. The record payoff for a \$2 winning ticket was \$22,225.80 in 2006. The minimum wager amount for the Jackpot Day Pick 4 is .50 cents.

There is a special early post time for the Jackpot Day program Saturday of 1:45 p.m. CT. Listed below is the entire Jackpot Day Pick 4 sequence of races, along with their scheduled post times.

Race 4	\$250,000 Delta Mile	Post Time 3:13 pm CT
Race 5	\$75,000 Sam’s Town	Post Time 3:43 pm CT
Race 6	\$400,000 Delta Downs Princess (Gr. III)	Post Time 4:15 pm CT
Race 7	\$1,000,000 Delta Downs Jackpot (Gr. III)	Post Time 4:45 pm CT

For more information about the \$1,000,000 Delta Downs Jackpot visit www.deltadownsjackpot.com. Additional information can also be found on the ‘Delta Downs Racing’ page on Facebook, and by following Delta Downs on Twitter with the account @deltaracing.

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