

IDAHO BARREL FUTURITY

Idaho Horse Park – May 5-7, 2017 – Nampa, ID

Futurity Champion

VAUNA WALKER & FAMOUS GOODBYE LANE

VAUNA WALKER...

Famous Goodbye Lane placed third in both goes of the futurity running a 17.574 on the first go and a 17.648 on the second go.

We call him Fletcher, and he is owned by Ruby Walker, who is my mother-in-law. My husband, Randy helps me ride and train the colts, and I find this to be an advantage since he knows the colts as well as I do. He often has input on putting together a run plan that helps it be successful. We all had high expectations for Fletcher because he has been running very consistently and getting a little bit more confident all the time. It was held at the Nampa Center indoor warm-up arena, a standard set, and we thought that he could run very well there with his speed being a huge benefit on the larger set and sandy ground. It is a central entry with a lot of room and a long run to the first barrel. I personally prefer a long run to the first barrel because it gives the colt time to get set up in good position for the turn. I rarely circle to start them, but Fletcher will sometimes start on the wrong lead if he is anxious, so since the alleyway was wide enough, I did a nice slow circle in it to help him relax and get on the right lead both runs.

It was a particularly good weekend because my filly, owned by Randy and I, placed fifth in the first go with a 17.802, second in the second go with a 17.526 and ended up placing fourth in the average. Her name is Famous Dark Horse by Dash Ta Fame and out of Show Me Your Hyde and sired by Darkelly. We call her Peach.

We always have a great time at the Idaho Barrel Futurity and have supported it for many years. They worked very hard to make the ground good, using the Black Widow and Kiser groomers. The ground is somewhat sandy and can get a little deep, but I thought they did well in their efforts to have it be consistent. The Nampa Center is a great facility and the producers of Idaho Barrel Futurity make good use of it.

FAMOUS GOODBYE LANE...

Fletcher had three outs on the track as a two-year-old, trained by Wes Smith of Weston, Idaho. We saw him race at Rupert, Idaho where he got out of the gate really late, but by the finish line he caught up and placed third. We were pretty excited because even though he didn't win the race it was evi-

FUTURITY AVERAGE

1D

1. Vauna Walker, **FAMOUS GOODBYE LANE** g by **The Goodbye Lane**, 17.611, \$1155.35
2. Sara Cheeney, **PAINTED FLING** c by **A Streak of Fling**, 17.640, \$945.28
3. Jill Atkinson, **A VICTORY LAP** g by **Winners Version**, 17.648, \$700.21
4. Vauna Walker, **FAMOUS DARK HORSE** m by **Dash Ta Fame**, 17.664, \$455.14
5. Kelsie Miller, **GUYS DRAMA QUEEN** m by **Frenchmans Guy**, 17.727, \$245.07

2D

1. Autumn Keller, **NEMOS FURY** m by **Finding Nemo**, 18.633, \$495.15
2. Chrissy Van, **SPRINKLESFORWINNERS**, 18.672, \$405.12
3. Mimi Argyle, **MOONS PROPHECY** g by **Frenchmans Easy Doc**, 18.754, \$300.09
4. Becky Dannaker, **OH NO SHES DASHIN** m by **JL Dash Ta Heaven**, 18.772, \$195.06
5. Chandra Eng, **FIREWATERS SHOW GIRL** m by **Bugged with Honor**, 18.778, \$105.03

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dent that he could really run. In the fall, as a two year old, Cody Hyde rode him and then I spent a little time on him just to get to know him. I liked him immediately because he was so willing and nice to ride. I rode him out of the arena most of the fall and just got to know him.

We started him on the barrels the spring he was a three year old and it was fun because he felt so quick-footed and picked things up so easily. Probably the only frustration with him was that when we took him places, he would show his excitement by switching leads randomly during the warm-up circles as he looked at all the other horses. We soon learned that he was all business on pattern when I ran him, and he stayed on the correct leads. We just continued to patiently correct him during the warm up, doing exercises to keep his attention, and he has gotten much better.

I ride in Pozzi barrel saddles and I love how they feel to me and they fit the horse. I run Fletcher in an Ed Wright medium shank bit with a dog-bone in the mouth piece. We use Back-On-Track Boots and blankets and would like to thank our sponsors Mike and Cindy Holland @ Besthorsegear.com.

TRAINING TIP...

I like to just ride the colts and get to know them as two year olds and I don't want them going around barrels until they can do all the things I want for several reasons. It is really easy to hurt two year olds by working them in deep ground or asking too much of them at a young age. I want them to be in really good condition before I ask very much, again, to prevent possible injuries. I want them to flex, counter-arc at a lope, run with some speed, know their leads, etc. If they are having difficulty getting something, I want to get it sorted out away

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from the barrel pattern. When I take them to their first time only runs I take it pretty slow until I am sure they can find the turn position I want. Sometimes if they are really excited by the loudspeaker and other horses, their first time only is just a long trot and I gradually ask them to get faster as they get used to performing under stress. I think if you are pushing them to run hard and they are really upset by all the confusion, it can cause them to make a mistake that can be hard to correct such as running past a barrel, getting too tight in the turns, etc.

Our plans include going to the Southwest Desert Classic Barrel Futurity in Salina, UT, Old Fort Days Futurity in Fort Smith, Red Desert Classic in Rock Springs, WY, and Dash For Dollars in Ogden, UT. Fletcher will have about a month break from racing from June to July during which we will trial ride

and do other things to keep him conditioned but let him relax. We plan to run at the Glacier Chaser in Kalispell, MT, Parker-Wood Memorial in Heber City, UT, Copper Spring Ranch in Bozeman MT, the Western States Futurity in Ogden UT, and the BFA in Oklahoma City in December.

GIVING THANKS...

I feel like my whole family is behind me and willing to help me whenever needed. I would like to thank my husband Randy for his unwavering support. His confidence in me always gives me courage. My son Colin, daughter Deena and grandson Daniel have traveled with me to help me at some of the futurities that Randy hasn't been able to attend; I appreciate the sacrifices from them and their families to make this happen.

Vauna

FUTURITY 1ST GO

1D

1. Jill Atkinson, **A VICTORY LAP** g by [Winners Version](#), 17.410, \$1,155.00
2. Sara Cheeney, **PAINTED FLING** c by [A Streak of Fling](#), 17.509, \$945.00
3. Vauna Walker, **FAMOUS GOODBYE LANE** g by [The Goodbye Lane](#), 17.574, \$700.00
4. Holly Wienker, **SMART RED TUCKER** m by [Red](#), 17.668, \$455.00
5. Vauna Walker, **FAMOUS DARK HORSE** m by [Dash Ta Fame](#), 17.802, \$245.00

2D

1. Abby Michaelis, **FRENCHY MOVES TO VEGAS** m by [French Streaktovegas](#), 18.422, \$495.00
2. Hayley Campbell, **TEXAS SHARE OF FAME** m by [Lions Share of Fame](#), 18.481, \$405.00
3. Stacey Rule, **CP SHAWNE** m by [Darkelly](#), 18.536, \$300.00
4. Autumn Keller, **NEMOS FURY** m by [Finding Nemo](#), 18.537, \$195.00
5. Kayce Ferrin, **SVCOOKIEDOUGH** m by [Twoforthedough](#), 18.544, \$105.00

FUTURITY 2ND GO

1D

1. Kelsie Miller, **GUYS DRAMA QUEEN** m by [Frenchmans Guy](#), 17.517, \$1155.00
2. Vauna Walker, **FAMOUS DARK HORSE** m by [Dash Ta Fame](#), 17.526, \$945.00
3. Vauna Walker, **FAMOUS GOODBYE LANE** g by [The Goodbye Lane](#), 17.648, \$700.00
4. Sara Cheeney, **PAINTED FLING** c by [A Streak of Fling](#), 17.772, \$455.00
5. Holly Wienker, **SMART RED TUCKER** m by [Red](#), 17.817, \$245.00

2D

1. Megan Lewis, **FRENCHMANS PRITZI** m by [Frenchmans Guy](#), 18.542, \$495.00
2. Stacey Rule, **CP SHAWNE** m by [Darkelly](#), 18.658, \$405.00
3. Chandra Eng, **HAB PANTS ON FIRE** m by [Honors a Bounding](#), 18.667, \$300.00
4. Chrissy Van, **SPRINKLESFORWINNERS** by [Nemos Fury](#), 18.683, \$195.00
5. Autumn Keller, **NEMOS FURY** m by [Finding Nemo](#), 18.729, \$105.00

MATURITY AVERAGE

1D

1. Sara Cheeney, **MISS MAC N FAME** m by **Mac N Fame**, 17.311, \$351.58
2. Jill Atkinson, **UPSTREAM JACK** g by **Winners Version**, 17.352, \$287.65
3. Terri Wood-Gates, **DASHIN DARBI** m by **Blazin Jetolena**, 17.406, \$213.08
4. Buffy Walchli, **JL STACCATO** g by **Dash Ta Fame**, 17.460, \$138.50
5. Kali Jo Parker, **MY ROYAL LYDIA** m by **Justaheartofawarrior**, 17.488, \$74.58

2D

1. Kali Jo Parker, **KN FABS LADY FAME** m by **Frenchmans Fabulous**, 17.816, \$159.97
2. Ariel Doughty, **LS MISS ME IN PARIS** m by **First Down French**, 17.817, \$130.89
3. Jan Brangle, **WRANGLIN STARLIGHT** m by **Starlight Midnight**, 18.051, \$96.95
4. Stacie Stephenson, **ADULATE** m by **Hawkinson**, 18.116, \$63.02

MATURITY 1ST GO

1D

1. Hope Jordan, **SMOKEUM DIAMOND** g by **Diamond J Star**, 17.286, \$351.47
2. Jill Atkinson, **UPSTREAM JACK** g by **Winners Version**, 17.294, \$287.57
3. Sara Cheeney, **MISS MAC N FAME** m by **Mac N Fame**, 17.342, \$213.01
4. Terri Wood-Gates, **DASHIN DARBI** m by **Blazin Jetolena**, 17.391, \$138.46
5. Shanae Baron, **KISS ME CORONA**, 17.410, \$74.55

2D

1. Kristy Yerrington, **THEY CALL ME GATOR** g by **Starlitas Check Mate**, 17.860, \$150.68
2. Cathy Morgan, **JETS BLAZIN FAME** m by **Blazin Jetolena**, 18.001, \$123.29
3. Kali Jo Parker, **KN FABS LADY FAME** m by **Frenchmans Fabulous**, 18.026, \$91.32
4. Vauna Walker, **CP BOLT** g by **Dash Ta Fame**, 18.058, \$59.36
5. Amanda Waller, **STREAK A ROSES** m by **Streak a Dash**, 18.072, \$31.96

MATURITY 2ND GO

1D

1. Sara Cheeney, **MISS MAC N FAME** m by **Mac N Fame**, 17.280, \$351.47
2. Buffy Walchli, **JL STACCATO** g by **Dash Ta Fame**, 17.339, \$287.57
3. Jill Atkinson, **UPSTREAM JACK** g by **Winners Version**, 17.410, \$213.01
4. Terri Wood-Gates, **DASHIN DARBI** m by **Blazin Jetolena**, 17.421, \$138.46
5. Kali Jo Parker, **MY ROYAL LYDIA** m by **Justaheartofawarrior**, 17.431, \$74.55

2D

1. Hope Jordan, **SMOKEUM DIAMOND** g by **Diamond J Star**, 17.908, \$150.63
2. Stacie Stephenson, **ADULATE** m by **Hawkinson**, 17.950, \$123.24
3. Ariel Doughty, **LS MISS ME IN PARIS** m by **First Down French**, 18.083, \$91.29
4. Cody Hyde, **KELLIES DARK CHILD**, 18.317, \$59.34
5. Stephanie Bake, **LACI BUG**, 18.354, \$31.95