

SOUTHERN REBEL BARREL FUTURITY

The Hippodrome Equine Complex – December 29-31, 2017 – North Augusta, SC



Futurity Champion

CRAIG BROOKS & DASHIN IN HEAVEN

FUTURITY AVERAGE

1D

1. Craig Brooks, **DASHIN IN HEAVEN** c by **JL Dash Ta Heaven**, 28.560, \$1,535.00
2. Brett Monroe, **BYE FELICIA** g by **Eddie Stinson**, 28.573, \$1,316.00
3. Craig Brooks, **WOOD BEA FRENCH GIRL** m by **Woodbridge**, 28.724, \$1,096.00
4. Marne Loosenort, **SAWYERS MOON FROST** g by **Sawyer Wood**, 28.957, \$877.00
5. Craig Brooks, **LUVBNFRENCHNFAMOUS** m by **Frenchmans Guy**, 28.998, \$658.00
6. Morgan Henning, **A LITTLEBITOFFAME** m by **Dash Ta Fame**, 29.132, \$512.00
7. Marne Loosenort, **PT JONES IS DASHING** m by **Dash Ta Traffic**, 29.171, \$439.00

2D

1. Marne Loosenort, **LLP PERFECT PATIENC** m by **Streakin Again**, 29.619, \$366.00
2. Trey McFarlin, **SHINEY CARTEL** m by **Tee Cos**, 29.645, \$292.00
3. Joseph Sistare, **PRESCRIPTION PERKS** m by **Perks Alive**, 29.813, \$219.00

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DASHIN IN HEAVEN aka 'JUD' runs leading to the average win...

Jud drew up first of my crew, as he has the first two futurities this year. He was 4th on the ground at the very beginning so I was really happy with how well he clocked. Jud is a very 'turny' horse and really wanted to work. He really overturned his third barrel and bumped it a bit leaving and zig-zagged coming out but still clocked well to place 2nd in the round with a 14.253. The second go when Jud ran he was in the last drag. He gave himself a little too big of a pocket at the second and was going to drag it over so I had to hold it up. I wasn't sure that he had gotten it done, but he did – running a 14.307.

Jud won about \$5,000 for the weekend. He placed 2nd in the 1st go rolling over to be 6th in the open; and 3rd in the 2nd go and rolled over to 6th in the open once again as well as winning the average and placing in some side pots.

DASHIN IN HEAVEN aka 'JUD'...

Jud's owner, Jordan Diaz and I picked him out at Juds Little's Ranch out of his field. He is by JL Dash Ta Heaven out of the great mare Nicky Brick House who was a great barrel horse herself. I had a JL Dash Ta Heaven mare I was running futurities on that year and many other JL Dash Ta Heavens were doing well so we wanted to try another one. We sent him to Trey McFarlin for a couple weeks to get him broke and I took him from there – training and eventually hauling him to put him on the clock.

Did you have any setbacks during the training process...

Wouldn't say I had a lot of setbacks but Jud took some time to stay on the move through the turn. He was and is a playful horse but laid back at the same time; so trying to find a happy median to get the play out of him but not wear him out was tough and still can be. He was just so *worky* as a colt, he'd lose momentum and come back over the barrels. With time and maturity he is learning to stay on the move.

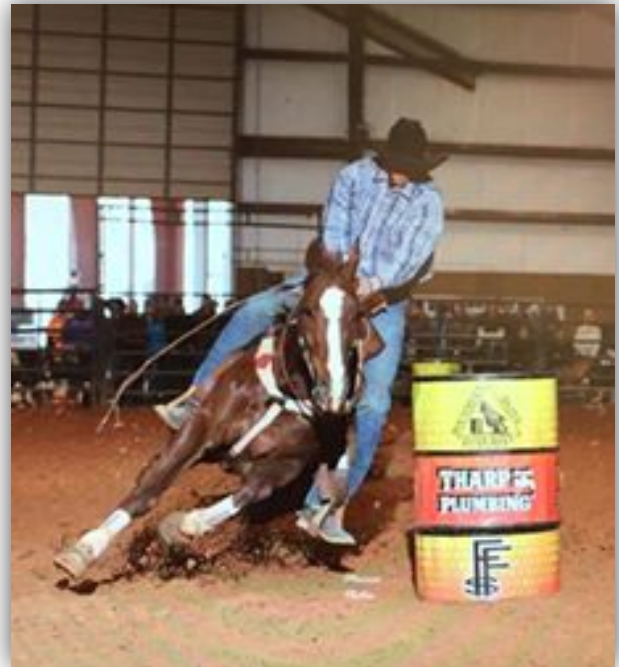


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Advice on training a futurity horse...

Keeping them fresh and willing along with clocking when the time comes.

In my opinion, all trainers have their own time frame that works for them and then they have to adjust a touch to the horse. Try to not get caught up by what others are doing with their colts. Trust your program and your pace where you feel comfortable on them and where they are on the clock. I personally don't want the colts running big numbers till late fall if at all. If they are clocking .5 to .7 off and doing it fairly easy and relaxed I'm happy because I know when the rest of the run hits them they will be where I think they should be come futurity time – if all goes well lol! I work my colts a lot on the barrels but very little at a fast pace unless clocking and I rarely go any faster than a lope at the house past the summer of their 3 year old year.

Training tips...

I focus on keeping my horses soft, fit and willing to go to work. I do a lot of shaping, squaring, and picking them up. Basically, I just try to keep them soft so they will allow me to handle them and help them at any given time. Most of all, I try to allow them to learn to rate and commit on their own in the turns so they are not relying on me to do everything for them!

Pointers on picking out the right prospects...

I'm big on pedigree and stacking the odds in your favor. I like to try pedigree that has been tried and proven. Of course, conformation is a big deal, but I look first to pedigree, then conformation. I also look for anything that could cause problems on down the road with lameness or selling them after their futurity year is over.

About CRAIG BROOKS...

I grew up in Habersham Co GA. Growing up we had horses but just kind of trail rode until we decided to start playing with the barrels and poles. My dad had competed in playdays at a young age so we thought we would try it. My first barrel race was September 11th, 2001 – the day the twin towers

were hit. I got my first futurity prospect, an ex cutter prospect that didn't make it, and competed on her in futurities in 2003. It took many years watching, competing and studying others before I developed my way that continues to evolve every day.

Nicks Bullion was my first colt that I placed on high and consistently. From there I've had some futurity winners, won the Southern Rebel four times and BFA year-end two years in a row. A few of my top earners have been Heavens Sakes, \$86k+, Grandiose Guy, \$86k+, Jrs Neon Moon, 53k+, and French n Tonic, \$50k+.

Thank you...

I'd like to thank my owners & friends, Joseph and Jordan Diaz on their continued support and sticking with me all these years. I also want to thank my family – my parents that gave me my start, my inlaws for helping my wife and I get set up to have a place to ride out of in the beginning, and thank you to my wife and kids for their support and understanding of the time it takes that I have to put in on a daily basis.

FUTURITY 1ST GO

1D

1. Craig Brooks, **WOOD BEA FRENCH GIRL** m by **Woodbridge**, 14.128, \$1151.00
2. Craig Brooks, **DASHIN IN HEAVEN** c by **JL Dash Ta Heaven**, 14.253, \$987.00
3. Marne Loosenort, **PT JONES IS DASHING** m by **Dash Ta Traffic**, 14.271, \$822.00
4. Brett Monroe, **BYE FELICIA** g by **Eddie Stinson**, 14.332, \$658.00
5. Jamie Hodges, **FOR HEAVENS SEIS** g by **JL Dash Ta Heaven**, 14.367, \$494.00
6. Kalie Rutledge, **GOOD TIMIN GUY** g by **BHR Frenchies Socks**, 14.374, \$384.00
7. Nicole Monroe, **AM BULLYNFAME** g by **THR Buggin Da Bully**, 14.387, \$329.00

2D

1. Morgan Henning, **A LITTLEBITOFFAME** m by **Dash Ta Fame**, 14.693, \$274.00
2. Paige Proctor, **IMAFASTRASCAL**, 14.711, \$219.00
3. Marne Loosenort, **LLP PERFECT PATIENC** m by **Streakin Again**, 14.752, \$164.00

FUTURITY 2ND GO

1D

1. Jamie Hodges, **FOXY N FAMOUS** m by **Famous Bugs**, 14.183, \$1,151.00
2. Brett Monroe, **BYE FELICIA** g by **Eddie Stinson**, 14.241, \$987.00
3. Craig Brooks, **DASHIN IN HEAVEN** c by **JL Dash Ta Heaven**, 14.307, \$822.00



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Futurity 1st go



JAMIE HODGES & FOXY N FAMOUS
Futurity 2nd go

FUTURITY 2ND GO...

4. Brett Monroe, **FAMES LITTLE BLUE** g by **BF Solitude**, 14.330, \$658.00
5. Craig Brooks, **EASY JETS FIREWATER** m by **Firewater Ta Fame**, 14.364, \$494.00
6. Craig Brooks, **LUVBNFRENCHNFAMOUS** m by **Frenchmans Guy**, 14.392, \$384.00
7. Morgan Henning, **A LITTLEBITOFFAME** m by **Dash Ta Fame**, 14.439, \$329.00

2D

1. Jim Warner, **THE GOODBYE GURL** m by **French Too Fame**, 14.700, \$274.00
2. Kalie Rutledge, **GOOD TIMIN GUY** g by **BHR Frenchies Socks**, 14.807, \$219.00
3. Trey McFarlin, **SHINEY CARTEL** m by **Tee Cos**, 14.812, \$164.00

SLOT RACE

1D

1. Marne Loosenort, **HUNGRY IND EYES**, 14.222, \$612.00
2. Marne Loosenort, **VF FAMOUS DUCK**, 14.225, \$367.00
3. Michael Duffie, **A LITTLE CORONA PLZ**, 14.319, \$245.00

2D

1. Huston Hadden, **BABIESGOTERBLUEJEANSON**, 14.731, \$408.00
2. Mikey Callahan, **ROXANNE**, 14.769, \$245.00
3. Chelsea Bartlett, **ROYALY IVORY**, 15.024, \$163.00