

2020 LOUISIANA

New Year's Eve saw the end of a year not many of us will remember with fond memories. For many years now the Louisiana Futurity has been held either on New Year's Eve or very near, depending on the Fair Grounds racing schedule. So at least this year end event pre-

Filly Division

BIG TIME

Astrology - Kitty's Got Class

Big Time, a daughter of Astrology, made her record three for three with a narrow victory in the Filly Division of the Louisiana Futurity.

Lagging near the back of the pack down the backstretch, Big Time began her attack in the turn, swung wide in the stretch and eventually wore down long shot Spirited Beauty to prevail by a long neck. Run during a torrential rainfall the final time for the six furlongs was 1:13.51.

Big Time is a half sister to 2018 Louisiana Futurity winner Classy John. Both Big Time and Classy John are bred by the partnership of Tom Curtis and Wayne Simpson and owned by Murray Valene's Valene Farms.

This is the third Louisiana Futurity winner bred by Tom Curtis and Wayne Simpson having previously bred Dixie Beat who scored the Futurity in 2013. Valene Farms was enjoying their fourth Louisiana Futurity win with their previous wins beginning in 1988 with



Big Time (left) holds off Spirited Beauty (right) and Winning Romance (center) to capture the 54th running of the Louisiana Futurity - Filly Division at Fair Grounds. Hodges Photography / Jan Brubaker

Hero's Countess and 2006 with Conner's Call in addition to the half siblings listed above.

This was Kitty's Got Class's second stakes winner from three foals to race. She had a 2019 Custom For Carlos colt which was purchased by Ricky Lagrange for \$26,000 in the 2020 Equine Sales Company of Louisiana Yearling

sale, as well as a 2020 Cross Traffic foal following which she was bred to Gemologist.

Trained by Grade I stakes winning trainer Dallas Stewart and ridden by Brian Hernandez, Big Time has now earned \$160,564 in her three starts and appears to want to stretch out.

FUTURITIES by Tom Early

sents the owners, breeders and trainers with a happy memory to this year of 2020 that has been anything but clear vision for the majority of us. With the 58th running of this event in the books here is what transpired this year.

Colt & Gelding Division

JIMMY TWO TIMES

Half Ours-Sammy Van Ammy

Jimmy Two Times did his usual thing in vying for the lead then pulling away in the stretch to score his first stakes win in the Colt & Gelding Division of the Louisiana Futurity.

As a son of Half Ours it was no big surprise to see him win the Futurity considering two-year-olds by the grey son of Unbridled's Song have won the Louisiana Futurity (including both Filly and Colt & Gelding Divisions) six times in the past seven years. This puts him only behind Zuppardo's Prince who sired seven Louisiana Futurity winners in his career.

Jimmy Two Times is the fifth foal out of his Van Nistelrooy dam who was a stakes placed runner herself. She previously produced the stakes placed Taralicious who ran third in the Louisiana Futurity herself in the same year that Sittin At The Bar began her dominance of the Louisiana bred fillies of her generation.

Bred by the partnership of Larry Romero and Cradle Song Farm,



Jimmy Two Times with Colby Hernandez aboard wins the 58th running of the Louisiana Futurity - Colts and Gelding Division over a sloppy Fair Grounds track. Hodges Photography / Lou Hodges, Jr.

Jimmy Two Times is the second Louisiana Futurity winner that Larry Romero has bred having previously bred 2007 winner Cubera.

Jimmy Two Times is owned by Andrus Pellerin who has been in the thoroughbred business since at

least 1974 when he bought the first yearling I ever sold at public auction.

Trained by Keith Bourgeois, Jimmy Two Times has accumulated earnings of \$111,240 in his five start career with three wins.