

LINE-UP FOR THE 20TH ANNUAL RUNNING OF THE LLAMAS

1st Heat

Ojos Azules

Owner: Don Dipprey, Comstock, WI
Handler: Ellie Neubauer, Maplewood, MN
Ojos Azules (eyes of blue) has won her heat at a Running, and this year she's going to give it her all to bring home the gold.

Rituro de la Vida

Owner: Karla Faith, Roberts, WI
Handler: Jodi Nottger, South Minneapolis, MN
With a name that means "rhythm of life", two-year-old Rituro plans to set a pace at his first Running that no one can keep up with.

Cinco

Owner: Lexa Corrigan, Amery, WI
Handler: Lexa
The herd lookout and mother hen at home, Cinco came close to winning her heat last year and could make this a very close race.

2nd Heat

Taylor

Owner: Mark Jacobson, Hammond, WI
Handler: Elexis DiCosimo, Amery, WI
Taylor has won his heat a number of times at the Running, and he's a strong contender to take it all this final year.

Kahia

Owner: Wes Belz, New Richmond, WI
Handler: Catherine Olson, Baldwin, WI
Kahia won the big race in 2013 and 2015 with two different handlers. She's back for a third try with yet another runner.

Regala Magnifica

Owner: Mary Kjeseth, Amery, WI
Handler: Sue Martie, Star Prairie, WI
With a name that means "magnificent gift", Regala has gifted her owner with great races, including second overall last year.

3rd Heat

Paco

Owner: Norm Solberg, Spring Valley, WI
Handler: Caitlin Rogers, Minneapolis, MN
A gray gelding with an enigmatic personality, 10-year-old Paco picked our grand finale in which to make his racing debut.

Colibri at Shady Ridge

Owner: Sheila & Britt Fugina, New Richmond, WI

Handler: Nick Meyer, Sun Prairie, WI
Cole's name means "sky spirit", and he thinks his youth and size will give him the ability to fly over the finish line.

Marceline

Owner: Matthew Throlson, Avon, MN
Handler: Matthew
Marceline and Matthew won their heat the past two years and are bound and determined to take the whole race this year.

4th Heat

Jose

Owner: Norm Solberg, Spring Valley, WI
Handler: Norm
Though his owner/handler raced last year, this is 12-year-old Jose's first appearance at the Running and he wants it to be great.

Kusko

Owner: Lexa Corrigan, Amery, WI
Handler: Bruce Resch, Royalton, MN
Kusko is a big eight-year-old guy with the legs of a racer. He's been here before and is positive this is his lucky year.

Cutie Pie

Owner: Kolton Kjeseth, Amery, WI
Handler: Destiny DiCosimo, Amery, WI
Though he's short and heavy set, Cutie can run—he's been at the Running many times and took home the gold twice.

Alpaca Heat

Carlotta

Owner: Don Dipprey, Comstock, WI
Handler: Ashley Manske, Miss Clayton
Carlotta means "tiny and feminine" in French and "strong" in Italian, so this little lady certainly packs a lot into a small package.

Playa del Norte

Owner: Karla Faith, Roberts, WI
Handler: Oliver Olsen, Roberts, WI
Full of energy and spunk, two-year-old Norte spent the summer in a 4-H project at Stillwater, and he's ready to race!

Desert Rose

Owner: Don Dipprey, Comstock, WI
Handler: Ally Markuson, Clayton, WI
A rose by any other name is still a rose, and this little rose thinks she has what it takes to cross the finish line first.