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Jess Significant Heads Draper Pair  
Into Ruidoso Futurity Finals

RUIDOSO DOWNS, New Mexico (May 23, 2008) – Fastest-qualifier Jess Significant leads two qualifiers from the deep Carl Draper stable into the finals of the Grade 1, \$500,000 Ruidoso Futurity on Friday afternoon at Ruidoso Downs.

Draper could have a big first two days of the Ruidoso season as he sends out All American Futurity winner Heartswideopen in the trials to the Grade 1, \$377,000 Ruidoso Derby on Saturday afternoon. First post time is 1 p.m.

Ridden by Bonifacio Perez, Jess Significant raced the 350 yards in :17.666 to lead the 119 entrants spread over 12 trials. The 10 fastest qualifiers are eligible for the futurity on June 8.

A \$130,000 purchase at last year's Ruidoso Select Sale, Jess Significant started her career at Sunland Park with two wins, including his West Texas Futurity trial. She then finished sixth at 5-1 odds in the Grade 1 West Texas Futurity.

“She’s really a nice filly and we expected her to do well,” said Draper.

Draper will also be represented by second-fastest qualifier Misty Blue Mercedes.

Misty Blue Mercedes has been one of the most promising members of the Draper stable and won her maiden in her third career start with her Ruidoso Futurity trial win. She was timed in :17.709 with Perez aboard.

A \$27,000 purchase at the Ruidoso Select Sale, Misty Blue Mercedes was a close second in her West Texas Futurity trial and earned a spot in the finals. Her bridle broke before the start of the West Texas Futurity and it was replaced by the gate crew with a different bit, causing the filly to finish last, according to Draper.

Trainer Blane Wood led all trainers with three horses in the Ruidoso Futurity – Jesstifiable, Lake View Dreams and Dashazoom.

Jesstifiable got Wood off to the excellent day by winning the first trial in the second-fastest time of :17.733. He won his maiden in his first race and then was second in his West Texas Futurity trial, but did not qualify for the finals.

## Ruidoso Futurity

Horse	Trial	Trainer	Jockey	Time
Jess Significant	7 <sup>th</sup>	Carl Draper	Bonifacio Perez	17.666
Misty Blue Mercedes	11 <sup>th</sup>	Carl Draper	Bonifacio Perez	17.709
Jesstifiable	1 <sup>st</sup>	Blane Wood	Ricky Ramirez	17.733
Feature Ten	7 <sup>th</sup>	Wes Giles	G.R. Carter Jr	17.739
Winners Version	11 <sup>th</sup>	Paul Jones	Ramon Sanchez	17.771
Miss Lena Perry	9 <sup>th</sup>	Jose Efren Meraz	Noe Garcia	17.776
Lake View Dreams	5 <sup>th</sup>	Blane Wood	Stormy Smith	17.780
Quik Brew	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Heath Taylor	G.R. Carter Jr.	17.822
Dashazoom	12 <sup>th</sup>	Blane Wood	Ricky Ramirez	17.823
Vrrroom	9 <sup>th</sup>	James McArthur	G.R. Carter Jr.	17.848