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SF Royal Bank Impresses

In 2008 Debut At Ruidoso Downs

RUIDOSO DOWNS, New Mexico (May 31, 2008) – All American Futurity runner-up SF Royal Bank made an impressive 2008 debut and prepared for the Rainbow Derby trials with a win in an allowance race at Ruidoso Downs on Saturday afternoon.

With regular rider Freddie Martinez maintaining a firm hold, SF Royal Bank raced the 350 yards in :17.60 in his first start since finishing a neck behind champion Heartswideopen in the Grade 1, \$2 million All American Futurity on Labor Day.

Trained by Paul Jones for owner Salome Gallegos, SF Royal Bank could make his next start in the trials to the Grade 1 Rainbow Derby on July 4.

Heartswideopen is the fastest qualifier to the Grade 1, \$377,000 Ruidoso Derby and should be the solid favorite in next Saturday's 400-yard finals. After the Ruidoso Derby, Heartswideopen could also start in the Rainbow Derby trials, setting up an All American Futurity rematch in the Rainbow Derby trials or finals.

The Royal Quick Dash-sired SF Royal Bank finished an easy half length ahead of Dr Proctor and it was another neck back to third-place finisher in the conditioned allowance race

As the 11-10 favorite, SF Royal Bank returned \$4.20, \$2.40 and \$2.40.