

## FOR SUNDAY RELEASE

### Tall Order Faces Challenges

#### In Ruidoso Horse Sale Futurity

RUIDOSO DOWNS, New Mexico (June 15, 2008) – Denis and Julie Schoenhofer's Tall Order will have a tall order when he faces the top-two finishers from the \$130,000 New Mexican Spring Futurity in the \$180,000 Ruidoso Horse Sale Futurity on Sunday afternoon at Ruidoso Downs.

First post time is 1 p.m. and there is always free parking and free grandstand admission at Ruidoso Downs.

The Mike Joiner-trained Tall Order raced to his career-best performance when he won his Ruidoso Horse Sale Futurity trial by a half length in :17.671 for 350 yards, the fastest time from six trials. The son of first-year sire The Down Side had made three previous starts with his best effort a second-place effort in a Sunland Park maiden race. He then finished off the board in trials to the Grade 1, \$300,000 West Texas Futurity and the Grade 1 \$1.1 million Heritage Place Futurity.

Tall Order has the seventh post position with Larry Payne aboard.

Trainer Blane Wood will saddle the top-two finishers in the \$130,000 New Mexican Spring Futurity, Hearts Runaway and Victoria Hotpants.

Hearts Runaway is undefeated from three starts, highlighted by his victory in the New Mexican Spring Futurity. In that April 13 race he rallied to get the neck decision over his stablemate in a quick :15.17 for the 300 yards.

The gelding backed up that effort with a one-and-three-quarter-length romp in his Ruidoso Horse Sale Futurity trial with the eighth-fastest time of :17.965 for the 350 yards.

Victoria Hotpants's only blemish on her three-race career is that close second-place effort behind Hearts Runaway in the New Mexican Spring Futurity. After that effort she prevailed over BP Shes Southern to win her Ruidoso Horse Sale Futurity trial with the fifth-fastest time of :17.797.

Hearts Runaway and Victoria Hotpants drew the first and second post positions, respectively. Ricky Ramirez rides Hearts Runaway and Cody Jensen will be aboard Victoria Hotpants.

After Sunday's racing program, Ruidoso Downs will be dark before racing resumes on Thursday afternoon with the usual 1 p.m. first post time. Racing runs through Sunday next week.