

Attached photo is Feature Ten. He was second in the West Texas Futurity and is entered in the Ruidoso Futurity trials.

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CELEBRATORY RUIDOSO SEASON STARTS FRIDAY WITH TOP JUVENILES IN RUIDOSO FUTURITY TRIALS

RUIDOSO DOWNS, New Mexico (May 18, 2007) – The season celebrating the 50th running of the All American Futurity starts Friday at Ruidoso Downs with hopefuls for that ultimate Quarter Horse racing prize competing in the 12 trials to the Grade 1, \$500,000 Ruidoso Futurity.

The golden All American Futurity is contested on Labor Day, closing day of the summer season.

First post time for the trial-filled program is the usual 1 p.m. Racing on opening weekend runs through Monday, Memorial Day. The season picks up with the usual Thursday through Sunday schedule next week.

After Friday's program dedicated to budding two-year-old prospects, the top three-year-olds race in the trials to the Grade 1 Ruidoso Derby on Saturday afternoon. Reigning All American Futurity winner Heartswideopen is on schedule to make her 2008 debut in the Ruidoso Derby trials.

On Saturday night at 8 p.m., the curtain raises on the summer concert season when Marty Stuart performs at Ruidoso Downs. The country-music pacesetter has scored six top-10 hits, one platinum and five gold albums, and earned four Grammy Awards.

For tickets, visit the Ruidoso Downs ticket office or call (575) 378-4140.

The Ruidoso Futurity trials feature seven of the 10 finalists in the Grade 1 West Texas Futurity, the sole Grade 1 futurity held this year in New Mexico. Heading those proven futurity competitors are Feature Ten and Jodys Money Pop, the second- and third-place competitors.

The West Giles-trained Feature Ten finished second to stablemate First Prize Zoom's world-record victory in the West Texas Futurity at Sunland Park, his most recent start. Feature Ten challenged for the lead in the West Texas, but was unable to hold off Fast Prize Zoom, the odds-on favorite.

Feature Ten earned his way into the West Texas Futurity by winning his first start in the West Texas Futurity trials by one-and-a-half lengths.

Jodys Money Pop, from the Blane Wood stable, has seasoning with three starts, culminating with his third in the West Texas Futurity. He won his West Texas Futurity trial by a neck over fellow qualifier Misty Blue Mercedes, who will also run in the Ruidoso Futurity trials.

Six-time national training champion Paul Jones has 24 entrants in the Ruidoso Futurity trials, more than any other trainer. One of the few Jones trial competitors who has started is Amador Gold, who was supplemented at the cost of \$15,000 to compete in the Ruidoso Futurity trials. She won her maiden at Los Alamitos in her first start and then finished a troubled fourth in her Kindergarten Futurity trial at the Southern California track. In that trial she was beaten by the Jones-trained Revv It Up, who went on to win the Grade 1, \$340 Kindergarten on Saturday night.

The horses with the 10 fastest times from the Ruidoso Futurity trials gain eligibility to the Ruidoso Futurity on June 8.