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Sensational Heartswideopen

Heads All American Derby Trials

RUIDOSO DOWNS, New Mexico (August 15, 2008) – Javier and Manny Rodriguez's Heartswideopen will be favored to score her ninth-straight win and 11th win from 12 starts when she heads the five trials to the Grade 1, \$1,024,682 All American Derby on Friday afternoon at Ruidoso Downs.

The projected All American Derby purse makes the August 31 finals quarter horse racing's richest 2008 derby and the richest running since Make Mine Cash won the winner's share of a \$1,319,677 pot in 1983. The only other running of more than \$1 million was a \$1,222,799 purse in 1980.

First post time is 1 p.m. with the 440-yard All American Derby trials running as the third through seventh races on the 10-race card.

The Carl Draper-trained Heartswideopen, the 2007 champion two-year-old and champion two-year-old filly, has won the Ruidoso Futurity, All American Futurity, Ruidoso Derby and Rainbow Derby in successive stakes starts at Ruidoso Downs during her current winning streak.

If she wins the All American Derby she will become the second horse, joining the Draper-trained world champion DM Shicago, as the only All American Futurity winner to return the next summer at Ruidoso Downs and win the Ruidoso, Rainbow and All American derbies.

An All American Derby win would also make Heartswideopen the all-time leading money-earning quarter horse. She has earned \$1,712,379 and all-time leading money earner Refrigerator has earned \$2,126,309. The projected winner's share of the All American Derby is \$512,341 and would raise Heartswideopen to at least \$2,224,720. The Feature Mr Jess daughter would also be the all-time leading money earner on just her Ruidoso Downs' earnings. Those earnings would be more than \$2,196,850 with an All American Derby score. Those figures would be boosted by her earnings from the \$4,000 trial purse. Those earnings depend upon her trial finish.

Heartswideopen starts from the inside post position in the fourth trial with Bonifacio Perez aboard.

Mike Abraham's Strong Hope could be racing for his own derby triple crown if Heartswideopen was not racing at Ruidoso Downs this summer. The Fred Danley-trained colt finished second behind Heartswideopen in the Ruidoso Derby and the Rainbow Derby. The winner of last year's Ruidoso Juvenile was eighth behind Heartswideopen in last year's All American Futurity.

Strong Hope will be ridden G.R. Carter Jr. when he starts from the second post position in the fifth trial.

Rainbow Futurity winner Wild Six was Heartswideopen's primary rival a year ago when she handed Heartswideopen her only career defeat by winning the West Texas Futurity. Heartswideopen then returned the favor in the All American Futurity when Wild Six finished sixth as the 23-10 second choice.

The Wes Giles-trained Wild Six returned from a spring layoff to convincing win a Ruidoso Downs' allowance race by one-and-three-quarter lengths over the stakes-tested Keep Themusicplaying on July 20. That late-running win should set her up in fine order for the derby trials.

Wild Six has the eighth post position in the second trial with Alex Baldillez Jr. riding.

Six-time defending national training champion Paul Jones sends out All American Futurity runner-up SF Royal Bank and supplemental nominee Masters Call.

Hector Roldan's SF Royal Bank finished a neck behind Heartswideopen in the All American Futurity and returned this summer to win his first two starts before finishing seventh in the Rainbow Derby. The son of Royal Quick Dash has won four of his seven starts.

SF Royal Bank will be ridden by Freddie Martinez with the third post position when racing against Heartswideopen in the fourth trial.

Masters Call makes his Ruidoso Downs' debut in the All American Derby trials after winning five of his seven starts, all at Los Alamitos Race Course. The son of the late leading-thoroughbred sire Hennessey was purchased for a sale-topping \$485,000 at the

2006 Los Alamitos Equine Sale and subsequently syndicated into a group headed by Dr. Ed Allred and R.D. Hubbard.

His most important career win came in his final 2007 start when he won the Los Alamitos Two Million Juvenile. In his only start this year he was sixth in the Vandy's Flash Handicap after being knocked into a rival at the start.

Masters Call has the eighth post position in the third trial with Cody Jensen up.