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Heartswideopen Fastest Derby Qualifier,
Caps Big Season Start For Draper

RUIDOSO DOWNS, New Mexico (May 24, 2008) – All American Futurity winner Heartswideopen made a sensational 2008 debut and capped an excellent start of the Ruidoso Downs season by racing to the fastest qualifying time to the Grade 1, \$377,204 Ruidoso Derby on Saturday afternoon.

Draper also sent out the two fastest qualifiers – Jess Significant and Misty Blue Merceds - to the Grade 1, \$500,000 Ruidoso Futurity on Friday afternoon, opening day of the Ruidoso Downs meet.

Manny and Javier Rodriguez's Heartswideopen outclassed her rivals by easily winning the fourth of four 400-yard trials in :19.628. "It went easy. I just turned the whip over and tapped her twice to keep her attention," said jockey Larry Payne, who picked up the mount after regular rider Oscar Hernandez was injured on Friday afternoon.

The Ruidoso Derby trial was Heartswideopen's first out since winning a \$1 million check for taking the Grade 1, \$1.9 million All American Futurity on Labor Day. The daughter of Feature Mr Jess prepared for her returned with two best-of-the-day works in her latest three starts.

"Everything went as expected," said Draper of Heartswideopen's seventh win from eight career starts. "That should set her up well for the finals."

Heartswideopen was the overwhelming 22-2 selection as 2007 champion two-year-old and champion two-year-old filly. She won last year's Ruidoso Futurity in a stakes-record :17.089 and then raced to the fastest 440 yards ever by a female when she won her All American Futurity trial in :20.921. Sent off as the 9-10 favorite in the All American Futurity, she responded with a neck win over longshot SF Royal Bank.

Trainer Paul Jones had three horses qualify for the Ruidoso Derby, including second-fastest qualifier Boys All Jacked Up and third-fastest qualifier Noconi.

Boys All Jacked Up was making his first appearance since finishing second in his All American Futurity trial in August. He impressed by pulling away to win his trial by one-and-three-quarter lengths.

Noconi was also making his 2008 debut. He ended his juvenile season with a second in the Grade 2 Hobbs America Futurity at Zia Park. He finished a length and a quarter behind Heartswideopen in their trial.

Ruidoso Derby Qualifiers

Horse	Trial	Trainer	Jockey	Time
Heartswideopen	4 th	Carl Draper	Larry Payne	19.628
Boys All Jacked Up	2 nd	Paul Jones	Freddie Martinez	19.667
Noconi	4 th	Paul Jones	Freddie Martinez	19.862
Eye Of Glory	1 st	Blane Wood	Ricky Ramirez	19.914
Shy Ann Jess	2 nd	Tony Sedillo	Noe Garcia	19.985
Strong Hope	1 st	Fred Danley	G.R. Carter Jr.	20.009
Arealshaker	4 th	Roy Marcom	Salvador Martinez	20.042
Funparty	1 st	Bob Williams	Esgar Ramirez	20.137
Saturday Night Ride	2 nd	Mike Joiner	Sam Thompson	20.150
Hawkin Had It	2 nd	Paul Jones	Mark Villa	20.152