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Kids Rule The Track Saturday

In Ruidoso Downs Stick-Horse Race

RUIDOSO DOWNS, New Mexico (July 12, 2008) – It was all fun and games at Ruidoso Downs during Family Day, but the action was still on the track with kids competing in the first All Stick-Horse Futurity on Saturday afternoon.

The kids raced from the starting gate on the provided stick horses over a straight course of about 75 yards. Winning times and margins were unavailable, but they ran real fast.

The kids were divided into divisions of bigger kids and littler kids with a maximum age of 12. Trials were contested before the racing program and the finals for each division were held after the sixth race on the afternoon's program.

Winning the "big kid" category with a gutsy run showing Olympic potential was Noe Garcia, 12. Jacob Hernandez, 11, was a game second while the always tough Josh Maderia, 10, finished third.

Taking the "little kid" division was the budding, sprinting star Tanner Fincher, 6. He was followed by the precocious Shacie Marr, 6, and the promising Shaeden Marr, 4.

All of the participants showed great sportsmanship and were cheered by the large crowd.