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Marr Wins Quarter Horse Stakes
In Merial NM Distaff Challenge

RUIDOSO DOWNS, New Mexico (August 24, 2008) – Trainer Joel Marr, best known for the thoroughbreds in his strong stable, sent out the quarter horse Rainbows N Diamonds to win the \$37,440 Merial New Mexico Distaff Challenge on Sunday afternoon at Ruidoso Downs.

Marr is best known as the trainer of Peppers Pride, the thoroughbred mare who is expected to race for her record-breaking 17th consecutive win in the \$55,000 Lincoln Handicap next Sunday afternoon at Ruidoso Downs. On that same program, champion Heartswideopen will be favored to become the all-time leading quarter horse money earner in the Grade 1, \$1,024,000 All American Derby.

Owned by James Lewter and ridden by Bonifacio Perez, Rainbows N Diamonds raced the 400 yards in :19.57 for her second win from four 2008 starts. She also won a conditioned allowance race on June 7 at Ruidoso Downs. The Rabbits Rainbow daughter earned her spot in the New Mexico Distaff Challenge field by finishing second, beaten by a head, behind fastest-qualifier Exclusive Listing in their trial.

Sold On Special and Thrill And Grace finished in a dead heat for second, three quarters of a length behind Rainbows N Diamonds.

Ruidoso Downs will be dark until the ultimate racing weekend of the summer season starts on Friday afternoon. There will be 13 stakes races offered on Friday through Monday, capped by the finals to the Grade 1, \$2 million All American Futurity on Labor Day.

First post time for each of the Labor Day weekend cards is 12 p.m.