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Thoroughbred Hopefuls Shine

In Two Sets Of Ruidoso Trials

RUIDOSO DOWNS, New Mexico (July 12, 2008) – The youngest thoroughbred stars took center stage at Ruidoso Downs on Saturday afternoon when they competed in the sex-segregated trials to the Rio Grande Seniorita Futurity for females and the Rio Grande Senior Futurity for males.

The five-and-a-half furlong trials provide the finalists for the two futurities that will be held as part of the \$1 million Zia Festival program on July 27 at Ruidoso Downs. The two-day Zia Festival celebrates New Mexico-bred racing and New Mexico arts and crafts.

Unlike quarter horse futurities with finalists determined by time, the finalists for the Senior and Seniorita futurities are determined by their trial position.

The winners of the three Seniorita Futurity trials were Dream Kin, Blue Eyed Bella and Lesters Girl.

Joe Allen's Dream Kin, trained by Joel Marr, won the first trial under a hand ride by jockey Carlos Madeira. The homebred daughter of Desert God covered the five-and-a-half furlongs in 1:05 ³/₅, the fastest time from the trials to the Seniorita.

Dream Kin raced to her second win from three starts to go with her third-place run in the Kendrick Futurity at SunRay Park. Following Dream Kin under the wire was qualifier Supa Dome.

Qualifying from the second trial were winner Blue Eyed Bella and Oh My Ghost.

Making the Seniorita finals from the third trial were winner Lesters Girl and Devil's Prospector.

The fourth trial produced winner Rock Box and Winter Mist for the finals.

The remaining two qualifying spots will be determined by a shake from the third-place finishers.

Trainer Marr also impressed in the Senor Futurity trials when his first-time starter Lefty Who won the second of three trials by a half length while receiving a hand ride from Madeira. The son of Quinton's Gold was timed in 1:06 2/5

Runner-up Uptown Charlie and third-place finisher Tejano Cat also reached the finals from that trial.

In the first trial, Clara's Tizzycat dominated by two-and-three-quarter lengths over fellow qualifiers Jewell's King and Runnin Red.

In the third trial, Flomot won over qualifiers Hollywood Move and Perfect X Play.

The final spot in the Senor Futurity field will be determined by a shake between the fourth-place finishers in the three trials.