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Thoroughbred Stakes Tripleheader

Saturday At Ruidoso Downs

RUIDOSO DOWNS, New Mexico (August 16, 2008) – Three hot mares from the Henry Dominguez barn in the First Lady Handicap and the best juvenile New Mexico-Bred thoroughbreds in the in the Rio Grande Senior Futurity and the Rio Grande Seniorita Futurity make for a compelling stakes tripleheader on Saturday afternoon at Ruidoso Downs.

First post time is 1 p.m. for the 10-race card. There is always free parking and free grandstand admission at Ruidoso Downs.

The \$50,000 First Lady Handicap brings together the best older sprinting mares competing at six furlongs, headed by the Dominguez-trained trio of Goodbye Norma Jean, Run Right Thru and Topper's Movin'. Those three females are the three highweights with Goodbye Norma Jean carrying 125 pounds, Run Right Thru toting 123 pounds and Topper's Movin' saddled with 118 pounds.

Goodbye Norma Jean was handed the highweight of 125 pounds from racing secretary Robbie Junk after winning her latest two races, each stakes, and not finishing below third in her last seven starts. She started her hot streak at the \$40,000-claiming level at Santa Anita Park last winter and now is a two-time stakes winner in New Mexico. Those stakes wins enhance her breeding value for owner G.C. Coleman.

Two starts ago, she show her gameness at Ruidoso Downs when she won a thrilling running of the Fern Sawyer Handicap. Goodbye Norma Jean went to the front at the start, opened up a daylight advantage and was the run down by Snowdrop in the final furlong. Goodbye Norma Jean gave up the lead, but dug in to prevail by a nose.

Dominguez then took Goodbye Norma Jean to SunRay Park for a minor stakes and she again took the lead, but Snowdrop was unable to threaten and finished a length and a half back for second place once again.

Run Right Thru, also owned by Coleman, makes her Ruidoso Downs debut after finishing third in the Czaria Handicap at Sunland Park on April 12. She has prepared for

the First Lady Handicap with five works at Ruidoso Downs, highlighted by a best-of-the-day drill over five furlongs on July 3.

Topper's Movin', owned by Tommy Town Thoroughbreds, comes off two wins over the Ruidoso Downs track. In her most recent start she found racing room at the head to the stretch and then pulled out to a length victory at five-and-a-half furlongs.

The Rio Grande Senior Futurity for New Mexico-bred males and the Rio Grande Seniorita Futurity for New Mexico-bred females were originally scheduled as part of the Zia Festival program on July 27 that was washed out when the remnants of Hurricane Dolly dropped more than seven inches of rain in the Ruidoso area.

The \$114,987 Rio Grande Senior Futurity features Totah Futurity winner Uptown Charlie and Flomot, winner of two of four starts.

Ed Calvert's Uptown Charlie, trained by Dominguez, has a pair of wins, a second and a third from four career starts.

The Todd Fincher-trained Flomot was a game neck winner of his Senior Futurity trial.

The \$112,646 Rio Grande Seniorita Futurity is led by Kendrick Futurity third-place finisher Dream Kin.

Dream Kin came back from her third-place effort in the Kendrick Futurity to draw out to a two-length win in her Seniorita Futurity trial.