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Heartswideopen Could Be Top Money Earner
On Ruidoso Downs Earnings With Derby Win

RUIDOSO DOWNS, New Mexico (July 25, 2008) – If Heartswideopen wins the All American Derby – and she is the strong favorite at this time – then it appears the All American Derby purse will be large enough to make her the all-time leading money earning quarter horse. And she could be the all-time leading money earner on just her Ruidoso Downs' earnings.

It's still three weeks until All American Derby trials and another 16 days to the All American Derby, but horsemen are already talking about Manny and Javier Rodriguez's Heartswideopen reaching that most important milestone.

Here are the facts.

The Carl Draper-trained Heartswideopen has earned \$1,712,379 and the all-time leading money earner is Refrigerator at \$2,126,309.

For Heartswideopen to surpass Refrigerator, two things must happen.

First, Heartswideopen must win the All American Derby. So far she has done about everything asked of her. She has won 10 of 11 starts and is riding an eight-race winning streak. At Ruidoso Downs, she has won the 2007 Ruidoso Futurity, 2007 All American Futurity, 2008 Ruidoso Derby and 2008 Rainbow Derby in successive stakes starts.

If she wins the All American Derby, she'll become the second horse to win the All American Futurity and then sweep the three derbies at Ruidoso Downs. The only other horse to perform the feat was 2005 world champion DM Shicago, also trained by Draper.

Second, in order for Heartswideopen to become the leading money earner with an All American Derby win, the purse for the All American Derby must contain enough money. The purse is built by owners making payments and the track adding money. There is \$907,832 in the pot, including the track's added money. There are 115 horses

still eligible to enter the trials and if 50 of those horses enter the August 15 trials, that will add another \$50,000 to the purse. That would make the purse \$957,832.

If that's the purse, then Heartswideopen would have reached \$2,191,295 with an All American Derby win.

However, it appears there could be two or more supplements at \$40,000 each to enter the All American Derby trials. With two supplements, another \$80,000 is added to the purse, making the projected purse \$1,037,832. The winner would earn \$518,916 and a victory would push Heartswideopen's earnings to \$2,231,295.

An interesting side note is that Heartswideopen could be the leading money earner on just her Ruidoso Downs' earnings of \$1,684,509 plus an All American Derby victory. Her projected total earnings would be \$2,163,425 without any supplements and \$2,231,295 with two supplements.