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Peppers Pride's Record Bid

Will Wait After Lincoln Scratch

RUIDOSO DOWNS, New Mexico (August 31, 2008) – Joe Allen's Peppers Pride bid for a record 17th consecutive win is put on hold after she was scratched from the Lincoln Handicap on Sunday afternoon at Ruidoso Downs.

Trainer Joel Marr scratched Peppers Pride after the track was turned sloppy due to showers over the previous 36 hours in the Ruidoso area. She has never raced on a wet track.

"It took four years to get here and I wasn't going to chance it in a two-minute race," Marr said. "I wanted to look out for her safety. After the sixth race there was a big downpour and the sloppy, muddy and wet conditions you can't control.

"The track was as good as can be, but I wouldn't be able to live with myself if something happened."

The undefeated Peppers Pride shares the record of 16-consecutive wins with Triple Crown winner Citation, two-time horse of the year Cigar, Santa Anita Derby winner Mister Frisky and Louisiana-bred Hallowed Dreams.

Peppers Pride won her first two career starts at Ruidoso Downs and last year's Lincoln Handicap. She has earned \$861,665 from her 16 wins, all sprinting against New Mexico-bred company.

The five-year-old Desert God daughter ships to Zia Park in Hobbs with the Marr stable on Tuesday. Last fall, Peppers Pride made two starts at Zia Park, capped by her win in the \$182,000 New Mexico Fillies and Mares Championship.