

Ruidoso Select Yearling Sale starts with impressive gains

RUIDOSO DOWNS, New Mexico (August 30, 2008) – The Ruidoso Select Quarter Horse Yearling Sale started on Friday night at Ruidoso Downs with a 16.6-percent boost in the average yearling price over the first night of the 2007 offering.

The sale runs through Sunday night and is the nation's premier Quarter Horse yearling sale on the basis of average price. The sale starts after the final race on the Ruidoso Downs racing program, usually about 6 p.m.

The average price of a yearling on Friday night was \$33,287, compared to \$28,563 last year.

There were 153 yearlings offered on Friday night and they brought a total of \$5.1 million. Last year, 133 yearlings sold for \$3.8 million. That is a 34 percent increase in total sales.

Topping the Friday night session was Whatalovelywaytoburn at \$240,000. The filly was offered by Deer Creek Holdings and purchased by Abigail Kawananakoa of California. The gray filly is a daughter of champion sire Walk Thru Fire and 1989 All American Futurity winner Strawberry Silk, the dam of four stakes winners.

Strawberry Silk is the dam of champion and leading sire Stoli and 2007 Ford New Mexico Juvenile Challenge winner Pappasito, whose promising career ended prematurely due to a hoof injury. Stoli is the sire of 2008 All American Futurity morning-line favorite Stolis Winner, winner of the Grade 1, \$1 million Heritage Place Futurity and the Grade 1, \$625,000 Rainbow Futurity.

Stoli stands at the 6666 Ranch in Guthrie, Texas. Pappasito begins his breeding career in 2009 at the Lazy E Ranch in Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Fast Prize Rose, a half-sister to world-record holder Fast Prize Zoom, was the second high seller on Friday night on a bid of \$200,000 from Rigo Flores. The daughter of Mr Jess Perry and Fast First Prize was consigned by 6666 Ranch as agent.

Fast First Prize won the 2002 Heritage Place Futurity and earned \$244,000. Her daughter Fast Prize Zoom won her first two starts in world-record time, including the Grade 1 West Texas Futurity at Sunland Park. Then she was the fastest qualifier to the Grade 1, \$625,000 Rainbow Futurity for trainer Wes Giles.