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### **FROM RACING IN COLORADO TO THE BREEDERS' CUP**

**Aurora, CO (October 31, 2016)** – The entry of Texas Chrome in the 2016 Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile could make the 3-year-old bay colt only the second horse that has raced in Colorado to go on to compete in the Breeders' Cup World Championships. The winner of the 2015 Gold Rush Futurity, Arapahoe Park's richest race for Thoroughbreds, is being targeted for the \$1 million race on Friday, November 4, at Santa Anita in California during horse racing's richest event of the year in the United States.

Chips All In, who captured the 2011 Gold Rush Futurity and ran in the 2013 Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint, was the first horse to go from racing in Colorado to the Breeders' Cup.

Like Breeders' Cup Classic favorite and 2014 Kentucky Derby winner California Chrome, who subsequently inspired the state-plus-chrome formula for naming racehorses, Texas Chrome began his racing career with modest expectations as a \$10,000 yearling purchase by Danny Keene's Keene Thoroughbreds at the October 2014 Fasig-Tipton Texas yearling sale. Following victories in a maiden race and the Texas Thoroughbred Association Sales Futurity at Lone Star Park to begin his career, Texas Chrome's first venture outside the Lone Star State where he was foaled was a 2 1/2-length victory in the six-furlong, \$100,000 Gold Rush Futurity at Arapahoe Park on August 16, 2015.

"He's just learning how to run," Deshawn Parker, his jockey in Colorado, said after that race. "Going longer, he'll be alright."

Parker's words have proven to be prophetic as Texas Chrome has continued to blossom as a 3-year-old and while racing over longer distances. Texas Chrome and jockey C.J. McMahan will enter the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile on a three-race win streak following victories in the \$100,000 Super Derby Prelude and \$500,000 Super Derby at Louisiana Downs and the \$400,000 Oklahoma Derby at Remington Park. Texas Chrome's grit in squeezing through a tight opening on the rail during a furious stretch duel in the Oklahoma Derby drew praise from racing pundits and prompted his connections to give the \$10,000 colt who has gone on to earn \$842,462 a shot on horse racing's biggest stage.

"There's nothing any person has ever done in his career to make that horse do what he did in that situation," Texas Chrome's trainer, J.R. Caldwell, said in a profile of the horse in *Thoroughbred Daily News* by Joe Bianca. "It's just amazing. He'd given it all he had to get to that point, and to be able to dig down and find more to get him past and get the win, it's awesome for racing because you live for those moments."