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## **MILE HIGH DERBY AND FUTURITY TRIAL RESULTS**

**Aurora, CO (July 29, 2016)** – Arapahoe Park held trials for Colorado’s two richest Quarter Horse races—the 400-yard, \$118,200 Mile High Derby for 3-year-olds and the 400-yard, \$145,830 Mile High Futurity for 2-year-olds—on Friday. The Mile High Derby finals will take place on Saturday, August 13, and the Mile High Futurity finals on Sunday, August 14, during the final weekend of the track’s 2016 season.

### **MILE HIGH DERBY TRIALS**

Air Force Won, the winner of the 2016 Adequan Arapahoe Derby Challenge and Rocky Mountain Derby at Arapahoe Park, remained perfect in four starts at the track. Ridden by Ramiro Garcia for trainer Alejandro Chavez and owner Vences Quarter Horse, Air Force Won captured the fifth and final Mile High Derby trial in 19.625 seconds for a neck victory in which he appeared to have more left in the tank.

Tlm Streakin Joy, a stablemate of Air Force Won in the Chavez barn, posted the fastest 400-yard qualifying time of 19.596 seconds in winning the third trial by a head.

Bookish and Thru the Night—who made the finals by finishing first and second, respectively, in the second trial—qualified for the prestigious 350-yard, \$1 million Ed Burke Million Futurity at Los Alamitos Race Course in Southern California as 2-year-olds in 2015.

### **MILE HIGH FUTURITY TRIALS**

Trainer Jay Pitcher saddled and jockey Russell Vicchilli rode the two fastest Mile High Futurity qualifiers with wins by Tilt James in 19.797 seconds in the second of five trials and Alegendinmytime in 19.878 seconds in the fourth trial. Both horses began their careers with races in Utah and Idaho and were most recently training in Wyoming before shipping to Colorado.

Arapahoe Park’s two futurity winners in 2016—Bout Tree Fiddy in the Rocky Mountain Futurity and In Kuh Hoots in the Cherry Creek Futurity—squeezed into the Mile High Futurity finals by qualifying ninth and 10th, respectively.