



ARAPAHOE PARK

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WHOS KISSIN CARTER KISSES THEM GOODBYE IN ROCKY MOUNTAIN FUTURITY

Aurora, CO (July 13, 2014) – Of the three horses trainer John Hammes saddled in the field of nine for the 350-yard, \$121,115 Rocky Mountain Futurity, Whos Kissin Carter appeared to be the outsider as a maiden and a 13-1 longshot. However the 2-year-old brown filly ridden by Raul Gutierrez for owners Thomas Bradbury and Lisa Beauprez came through for a neck victory in 17.819 seconds on Sunday at Arapahoe Park.

“She was a little behind everyone else, but she kept improving,” Hammes said about Whos Kissin Carter, who was third in a maiden race and then second in the Rocky Mountain trials at the Aurora, Colorado racetrack in her two races coming into Sunday. “I thought it might come later. We’ll take it whenever it comes. She ran a big race, and that’s what it takes to win the big stakes.”

Fastest qualifier Stormy Red Morning finished second for jockey Jaciel Soto and trainer Tim Weeder. Duck Commander, the 5-2 favorite trained by Hammes, was third. Hammes’ Now Margaret finished fifth. Whos Kissin Carter was bred in Colorado by her owners and is sired by Carters Cartel out of the dam Whos Kissin Who.

REBRANDED MAKES MARK IN COLORADO DERBY

Rebranded came from New Mexico to put his stamp on the Colorado Derby at Arapahoe Park with a 12 1/2-length domination on Sunday. Jockey Elvin Gonzalez took the 1-5 favorite in the field of seven to the lead down in the first quarter-mile of the 1 1/16-mile, \$40,000 race for 3-year-olds and never looked back. The Justin Evans-trainee owned by Tony Pennington stopped the clock in 1:45.21.

“He ran a great race,” Evans said. “I was really happy. I would have liked to see him finish a little better because Elvin [Gonzalez] had to keep him straight through the stretch. When this horse figures out what it’s like to win races, he’s going to be a monster. He’ll be a force to be reckoned with.”

Ima Happy Strike, who had shipped from New Mexico to win the Inaugural Stakes at Arapahoe Park on May 25, finished second for jockey Travis Wales, trainer Dwain Eaton, and owner Donna Eaton. Lookingoodinatux was a further one length back in third.

The Colorado Derby was Rebranded’s second stakes success after capturing the \$100,000 Riley Allison Futurity at Sunland Park in New Mexico in December 2013. His third career win pushed his lifetime earnings over the \$200,000 mark to \$201,010.

FORMER \$5,000 CLAIMER UPSETS ROCKY MOUNTAIN DERBY

Ncc Firefly, a \$5,000 claim in March in Oklahoma, won the \$67,155 Rocky Mountain Derby at Arapahoe Park as a 32-1 longshot on Saturday. Francisco Giles rode the 3-year-old bay filly sired by Furyofthewind out of the dam Jaded Lady to a 3/4-length victory in 17.343 seconds for 350 yards.

Jose Aguilera trained the winner, who is owned by Socorro Lopez-Aguilera, and the second-place finisher, Pyc First Prize Joe. The \$26,862 Ncc Firefly earned for the Rocky Mountain Derby nearly doubled her career winnings to \$55,503. The victory in her stakes debut was her third in 13 career races.

Pyc First Prize Joe was claimed for \$7,500 in April in Oklahoma. Design Tobe a Winner finished third. Midori N Smoke, bidding for her third stakes win at Arapahoe Park after capturing the 2013 Cherry Creek Futurity and 2014 Lucille Rowe Derby, was sixth as the 9-5 favorite in the field of 10.

NEW COLORADO-BRED TALENT IN CTBA FUTURITY AND LASSIE

Sky T emerged as the newest Colorado-bred star with a dominant 9 1/4-length victory in Sunday's CTBA Futurity at Arapahoe Park. Coming off a 13-length victory in the trials on June 28, the 2-year-old gelding owned by Richard Lueck, trained by Gary Cross, and ridden by Karlo Lopez led from start to finish in the \$48,903 finals as the 1-10 favorite in 1:11.32. The son of sire Mr. Trieste and dam Skyline Gal defeated Rock On Dave, who was also second to Sky T in the trials. Red Carpet Runner took third.

Crazy Cora faded to fifth in her trial race to the CTBA Lassie on June 28 as the odds-on 1-2 favorite but rebounded to capture Saturday's 6-furlong, \$47,245 finals by 4 1/2 lengths. Jockey Dennis Collins took the 2-year-old chestnut filly sired by Grand Minstrel out of the dam Celee straight to the front and then steadily pulled away from the competition to win in 1:12.20. The Cole Jackson-trainee owned by Jerry and Bev Slaughter went off as the 6-1 third choice in the field of seven Colorado-bred 2-year-old fillies. Lightning Lady finished second with a further 1 3/4 lengths back to Ms. Battlefield in third.