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TEXAS CHROME STRIKES COLORADO GOLD IN RICHEST DAY OF HORSE RACING IN ROCKY MOUNTAIN STATE

Aurora, CO (August 16, 2015) – Despite having his jockey, DeShawn Parker, covered in dirt, Texas Chrome shined brightest of all to win the \$100,000 Gold Rush Futurity to cap the final day of the 2015 Arapahoe Park season. The nine-race card highlighted by four stakes races for Thoroughbreds, Quarter Horses, and Arabians was the richest in the history of horse racing in Colorado with \$500,000 in total purses.

Texas Chrome, who shipped to Colorado following a win in a \$100,000 stake at Lone Star Park in Texas, remained perfect in three races as he wore down California shipper Dubdubwatson in the homestretch. The Shea Stuart-trainee owned by Danny Keene pulled away for a 2 1/2-length victory in a final time of 1:11.02 for six furlongs in the field of 12 2-year-olds.

“He did just like he did in Texas,” Parker said. “He’s just learning how to run. Going longer, he’ll be alright.”

In Sunday’s other \$100,000 Thoroughbred stakes race, the Arapahoe Park Classic, Bourbon Sense led from start to finish for a one-length victory in 1:53.53 for 1 1/8 miles in a field of 10.

“He went to the lead, I slowed him down as much as I could, and he kept digging in and kept going,” jockey Brian Theriot said.

Bourbon Sense, who is trained by Ty Garrett and owned by Dale Arnold, had been specializing in sprint races in his recent starts but appreciated the increase in distance in beating Texas shipper Steelman Run and 2014 Classic runner-up Magical Twist.

For Quarter Horses, jockey Daniel Torres pumped his fist in celebration following a neck victory by Lets Get On Board in Sunday’s \$203,210 Mile High Futurity in 19.55 seconds for 400 yards. Spender won Saturday’s \$144,215 Mile High Derby by a half-length in 19.65 seconds for 400 yards to follow his Rocky Mountain Derby victory for jockey Russell Vicchilli, trainer Miguel Pena, and owner Aislinn Vences.

“I was really nervous,” Vences said. “When the race started, I thought he was a little behind. I knew he would catch up eventually, and when he did, it was the best feeling in the world.”

For Arabians, Paddys Day stormed away to an 18 3/4-length domination in Sunday's 1 1/4-mile, Grade 3 COBRA Classic Sponsored by Crow Valley Ranch. Ridden by Kelsi Purcell for trainer Scott Powell, the 4-year-old colt posted his biggest margin of victory in a precocious career of eight wins, including five stakes victories, in 10 starts.

"Paddy is the real deal," Powell said. "He was pulling. If they went two miles, he would have won by 70 [lengths]."

Paddys Day, who clocked 2:20.71 for 1 1/4 miles, will aim to win the third leg of the new Arabian Triple Jewel Series at Los Alamitos Race Course in Southern California on September 19, having captured the second leg at Pleasanton, California in his previous race on July 5.

On Saturday, Dc Willeys Song upended defending champion Ms Dixie in the 1 1/8-mile, \$25,000 Grade 3 COBRA Distaff Sponsored by Soaring Eagle Ranch, drawing off by 9 3/4 lengths in 2:05.20. Owned by John Henningsgard, trained by Ken Danyluk, and ridden by Travis Wales, Dc Willeys Song had been runner-up in the race in 2013.