

Ruidoso Downs Short History

In 1947, the first race was run at Ruidoso Downs (known as Hollywood Park until 1953). The facility was a far cry from the grand site seen off Highway 70 today. The open meadow on which a 7 Furlong oval and separate 550 Yard Quarter Horse track now stands was once a quaint gathering place for locales to hold match races. It would take hours to set up a race and local men would volunteer to judge the finish. The track was nothing more than a tilled road with a considerable uphill tilt. Slowly, the track began to grow accommodating crowds of fans escaping the summer heat in the cool mountains. In 1982, a major expansion to the grandstand's Turf Club and backside increased the track's previously strained capacity problems. The new structure spanned 125 feet further east and 135 feet wider. The paddock and jockeys quarters were relocated to the infield and new barns upgraded backside conditions and provided 432 new stalls. With the expansion, came better racing.

The Birth of the All American Futurity

Stories of rags to riches in today's modern society are few and far between. Here in the tall, cool, pines of Ruidoso though, it happens every year. It began in 1959 when a shy two-year old filly named Galobar entered the gates at Ruidoso Downs. Twenty some odd seconds later, she made history by becoming the first All American Futurity winner. Total purse for the race was \$129,686.85.

"I guess this is a thrill that just comes once in a lifetime," expresses the out of breath owner Hugh Huntley. Little did he know that two years later, and two years after that, he would once again revisit the winner's circle on Labor Day at Ruidoso Downs.

In the years to follow, Ruidoso Downs summer climate and world class racing proved fruitful for it's marquee Labor Day race. 1972 marked the beginning of a new era when the combined purse reached over a million dollars, with the winner taking home roughly a third. It would not be until ten years later in 1982 that the winning connections of the All American Futurity would become instant millionaires when the total purse reached well over two million dollars. Over the next eighteen years, the notoriety and fame associated with instant millions grew the race into what it is today; a showcase of the who's who and more importantly, who's fastest in the world of American Quarter Horse racing. For some, winning the All American Futurity has become a profession. Trainer, Jack Brooks has become an expert at having win photos taken after seven trips to the winner's circle and no other jockey knows every step of the race better than six-time winning rider, Jack Martin.

The New Era

On May 5, 1999 Ruidoso Downs Race Track entered a new era when the Billy the Kid Casino opened it's doors to the public. The casino not only attracts new visitors to the track, but also helps racing by paying back 20% to increase purses. The facility which stands adjacent to the grandstand of the track offers a slice of Vegas with more than 300 slot machines, All-You-Can-Eat Buffet, Grille and Bar, Coffee Shop, Gift Shop, and satellite wagering venue. Modeled after Billy the Kid's Historic Lincoln located 30 miles northeast of town, the interior captures life as it was in the old west.

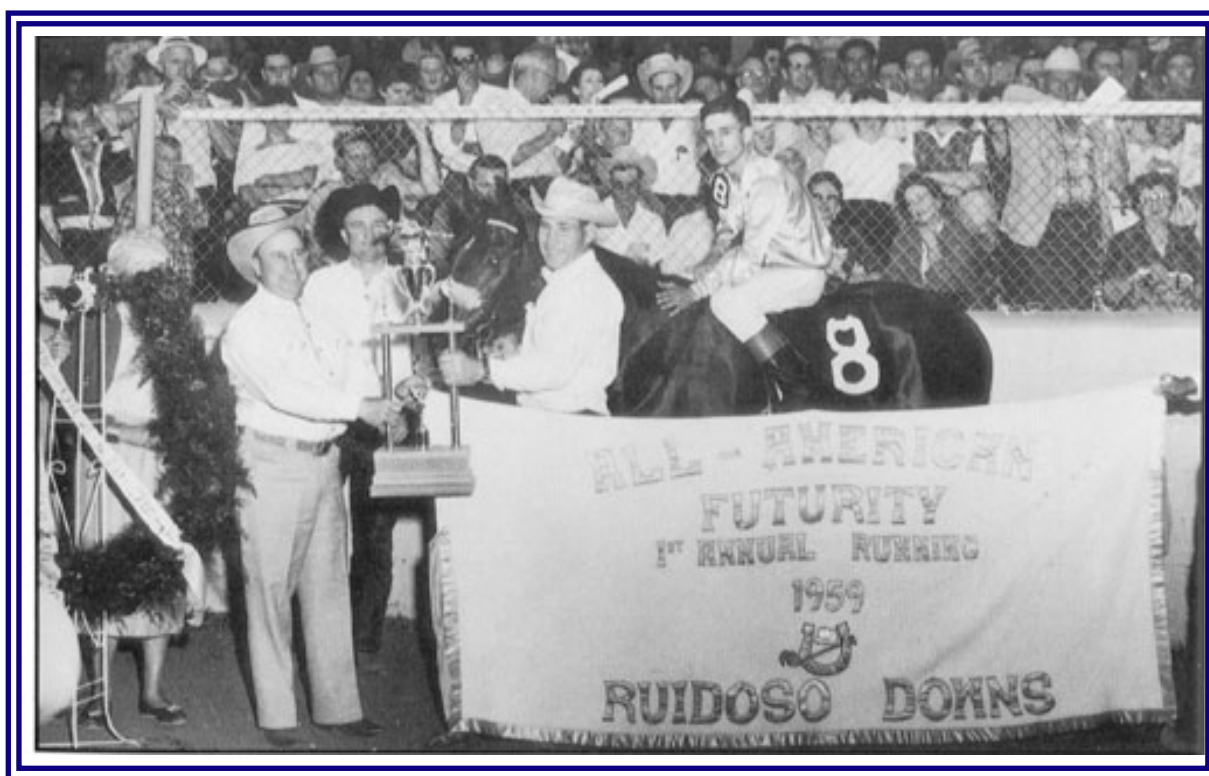


For **45** years,
Ruidoso Downs Race Track
has been home to the
World's Richest Quarter Horse Race



THE **ALL AMERICAN FUTURITY**

Year Winner	Time/	Purse	Jockey /	Trainer /	Owner
1959 Galobar	:20.50	\$129,686	Clifford Lambert	Newton Keck	Hugh Huntley



Galobar

Chestnut Filly, by Three Bars (TB) out of Josephine R, by Raffles (TB)

Post odds were 7-2

Trained by Newton Keck

Owned & Breed by Hugh Huntley of Manderla, California

Ridden by Cliff Lambert

Post Position 9

Mutuel handle \$49,737 / Gross Purse \$129,686.85

Year	Winner	Time/	Purse	Jockey / Trainer / Owner
1960	Tonto Bars Hank	:20.20	\$130,244	Curtis Perner / Pat Simpson / Milo/C G Whitcomb
1961	Pokey Bar	:21.20	\$202,425	Kenneth Chapman / Newton Keck / Hugh Huntley
1962	Hustling Man	:20.30	\$222,850	Clifton Detiege / Elridge Strauss / J B Ferguson
1963	Goetta	:20.40	\$285,000	Charley Smith / Newton Keck / Hugh Huntley
1964	Decketta	:20.30	\$302,060	Boyd Morris / W W Wilson / W W Wilson
1965	Savannah Jr	:20.30	\$419,460	Jack Wallace Jr / Ted Wells Jr / Ray E Cates
1966	Go Dick Go	:20.27	\$430,600	Buddy Nesmith/ Clarence Jay / Joe V Leitner
1967	Laico Bird	:20.11	\$486,600	Bobby Harmon / Jimmie Jones / Floyd H Jones Jr
1968	Three Oh's	:20.07	\$602,000	Jerry Nicodemas / C W Cascio / Donald G Strole
1969	Easy Jet	:20.49	\$600,000	Willie Lovell / Walter Merrick / Walter Merrick
1970	Rocket Wrangler	:20.09	\$670,000	Jerry Nicodemus / C W Cascio / John Adams
1971	Mr Kid Charge	:19.65	\$753,910	Johnny Cox / James Chapman / Will Whitehead
1972	Possusmjet	:20.04	\$786,480	Pete Herrera / Jack Byers / Jack Byers
1973	Timeto Thinkrich	:21.58	\$766,000	John Watson / Jerry Fisher / Vessels Stallion Farm
1974	Easy Date	:21.60	\$766,000	Donald Knight / James McArthur / Walter Merrick
1975	Bugs Alive In 75	:21.98	\$766,000	Jerry Burgess / J B Montgomery / Ralph W Shebester
1976	Real Wind	:21.70	\$766,000	Gary Sumpter / T A Walker / J D/Elsie Kitchens
1977	Hot Idea	:21.76	\$766,000	Terry Lipham / Gene Tefertiller / Floyd W Jackson/Ted Bruce

PURSE Hits One Million Dollars!

The All American Futurity is the first and oldest million dollar race in horse racing history, reaching \$1 million in 1978.

1978	Moon Lark	:21.85	\$1,000,000	Jacky Martin / Jack Brooks / Paul/James/Sam Howard
1979	Pie In The Sky	:21.76	\$1,000,000	Danny Cardoza / Leo Wood / Dan/Jolene Urschel
1980	Higheasterjet	:22.15	\$1,000,000	Billy Hunt / Johnie Goodman / G D Highsmith



SPECIAL EFFORT

Sorrel colt by Raise Your Glass (TB)
by Go Effortlessly by Double Devil
Post Time Odds 1-3
Trained by Johnie Goodman
Owned by Dan & Jolene Urschel
Breed by Allen Moehrig
Ridden by Billy Hunt
Won by 4 lengths

Only horse to win the Quarter Horse Triple Crown
Going into the All American was the second horse to
have won the Ruidoso Futurity and the Rainbow
Futurity. The first was Tiny's Gay who came in second
in the 1974 All American.
Track Condition Sloppy. Speed Index of 104
First trainer/jockey combination to win the All American
Futurity two consecutive years.
Mutuel Handle \$203,012
Gross Purse \$1,530,000
(Including 3 Consolation Races)

1981 Special Effort :21.69 \$1,200,000 Billy Hunt / Johnie Goodman / Dan/Jolene Urschel

Special Effort is the only horse to ever win all three races in 1981. Special Effort, 1979 colt by Raise Your Glass had remained undefeated until the 1982 All American Derby when he was beat by Justanold Love.

1982 Mr Master Bug :22.20 \$2,000,000 Jacky Martin / Jack Brooks / Marvin L Barnes

1983 the All American Futurity became a Grade 1 Stakes Race

1983	On A High	:22.04	\$2,000,000	Steve Harris / Dwayne Gilbreath / Rheudasil/Carter/Phillips
1984	Eastex	:21.42	\$2,000,000	Bruce Pilkenton / James McArthur / Dr/Mrs H D Hall
1985	Mr Trucka Jet	:21.42	\$2,000,000	Jacky Martin / Jack Brooks / Darrell Kisse (Lessee)
1986	Ronas Ryon	:21.49	\$2,000,000	Jerry Nicodemus / Arnold Simmons / B Benham/J Plummer
1987	Elans Special	:21.50	\$2,000,000	Alex Baldillez / John Buchanan / L D Burbank
1988	Merganser	:21.69	\$2,000,000	Jacky Martin / Jack Brooks / Ronald Shalz/Jerry Wells
1989	Strawberry Silk	:21.72	\$2,000,000	Jacky Martin / Jack Brooks / Jacqueline Spencer
1990	Refrigerator	:19.39	\$2,000,000	Kip Didericksen / Dwayne Gilbreath / James E Helzer
1991	Royal Quick Dash	:21.85	\$2,000,000	Jerry Rodriguez / Ben Torres / Deloras Contreras
1992	Dash Thru Traffic	:21.44	\$1,890,988	Jacky Martin / Jack Brooks / TNT Racing
1993	A Classic Dash	:21.51	\$1,937,035	Eddie Garcia / Connie Hall / Abigail K Kawananakoa

In 1993, Treacherously won the first two titles, but was unable to clinch the All American Futurity.

1994	Noblesse Six	:21.35	\$1,589,488	Chris Zamora / Richard Fry / Steve Chavez
1995	Winalota Cash	:21.18	\$1,685,360	Billy Peterson / Gregg Sanders / Andra D Meridyth
1996	Streakin Flyer	:21.53	\$1,974,892	Larry Layton / Donnie Strickland / Southern Rose Ranch
1997	Corona Cash	:21.55	\$1,625,414	Tami Purcell / Donna McArther /Jaramar Ltd
1998	Falling In Loveagain	:21.49	\$1,971,430	G R Carter / Jack Brooks / David/Susan Mackie
1999	A Delightful Dasher	:21.60	\$1,902,425	Jose Badilla, Jr. / John H. Bassett / Gwendolyn Eaves

A Delightful Dasher became the fourth horse in history to win both the All American Futurity (G1) and Derby.

2000	Eyesa Special	:21.09	\$2,165,411	Jacky Martin /Jack Brooks /Terry Bell, Jim Pitts & Homer Hill
2001	Ausual Suspect	:21.54	\$1,996,368	Dennis Means / John Bassett / Charlie & Deborah Therwanger
2002	AB What A Runner	:21.30	\$1,896,250	Jay Conklin / Bret Vickery / Dennie & Kris Hill

****AB What A Runner set a AQHA World Record in 2002 during the All American Futurity trials at Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino: 350 yards, :17.05f.***

2003	By By JJ	:21.10	\$1,059,822	James Gonzales, II / Juan Gonzalez / Rosella Anrin Prieto
2004	DM Shicago	:21.00	\$1,900,000	Juan Vazquez / Carl Draper / Fredda Draper, Don Moler
2005	Teller Cartel	:21.50	\$1,900,000	Cody Jensen/Paul Jones/Butch Wise & Teller Cartel Syndicate
2006	No Secrets Here	:20.88	\$1,900,000	Cody Jensen/Paul Jones/Vessels Stallion Farm & Benny Rosset

**2006 MARKED A
NEW STAKES RECORD!**

No Secrets Here Gives Jones, Jensen Second Straight All American Victory

Four-time defending national training champion Paul Jones and jockey Cody Jensen combined for their second straight win in the Grade 1, \$1.9 million All American Futurity when No Secrets Here scored a stakes-record win on Monday afternoon at Ruidoso Downs.



Jones and Jensen won the 2005 running with champion Teller Cartel, who broke his maiden with his All American Futurity victory.

"I was yelling and jumping and whipping along with Cody every step of the way," said Jones, who was the champion Quarter Horse trainer for the Ruidoso Downs season that ended on Monday. "I think I'm more tired than the horse is."

Fastest-qualifier No Secrets Here raced the 440 yards over a sloppy track in :20.88 to surpass the 440-yard stakes record of :21.00 set by eventual world champion DM Shicago in 2004.

No Secrets Here defeated a game Gun Battle, the 5-2 favorite, by a neck. It was three-quarters of a length back to third-place finisher Dont Let Down.

"There's a lot more expectations this year," said Jensen of his return appearance in the All American. "This year, we knew we had a good enough horse to win it if we got the right trip and thank God we did."