



ARAPAHOE PARK

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Aurora, CO (August 17, 2014) – Ms Dixie accomplished something that no horse ever has at Arapahoe Park by winning two stakes races in two days at the Aurora, Colorado track. On Saturday, she cruised to a 10-length victory in the COBRA Distaff Sponsored by Soaring Eagle Ranch, and on Sunday, she won the COBRA Classic Sponsored by Crow Valley by a hard-fought half-length. The 6-year-old gray Arabian mare ridden by Kelsi Purcell and owned by the Quarter Moon Ranch of Lori Long and her husband trainer Scott Powell logged a total of 2 3/8 miles in the two victories.

“It’s crazy, but I really believed she could to it,” Powell said. “You have to go into it and put everything on the line. There’s no one who cares about Ms Dixie more than Lori and I. Everything [Ms Dixie] told me is that she could do it.”

Going into the weekend, Powell had said his focus was on Saturday’s 1 1/8-mile, \$25,000 Grade 3 COBRA Distaff, but he left open the possibility of competing in both races. After Ms Dixie emerged from the 10-length win against Lil Rich Girl—“She couldn’t look better,” Powell said after the race—the decision to attempt both stakes races was made on Sunday morning. The 1 1/4-mile, \$25,000 Grade 3 COBRA Classic that began 23 hours later was a harder race for Ms Dixie, and she battled with Powell-trained stablemate Djets Son through the homestretch.

“She was still a handful today,” Purcell said after Sunday’s win. “She’s an iron horse. She wanted to blast to the lead. I give her a lot more credit than I ever did before. Ms Dixie digs in. She doesn’t want them to pass her. She’s smart about that.”

Ms Dixie, a two-time Darley Award winner, has now won 11 stakes races and earned \$190,464 since she was claimed for \$15,000 in October 2011. What she did in two races in two days took her reputation to another level.

“We’re pretty much on cloud nine right now,” Long said. “Scott has known all along that his horses can do this. He knew that if these horses are conditioned right and have the right nutrition they can do it.”

How was Ms Dixie after the two wins less than 24 hours apart? “She’s actually great,” Long said. “She’s eating. She’s sticking her head out of her barn. It didn’t faze her that much.”

PASSED DUE WINS CLOSE PHOTO IN \$100K GOLD RUSH FUTURITY

Passed Due edged the filly Strategem by a nose in a photo finish to win Sunday’s \$100,000 Gold Rush Futurity at 6 furlongs for Thoroughbreds. Passed Due and jockey Miguel Fuentes Jr. were in eighth place after the first quarter-mile that was scorched by California shipper Social Request in 21.61

seconds. When Social Request became leg-weary inside the final furlong, Passed Due closed on the inside with Stratagem and jockey Russell Vicchilli matching strides on the outside. Passed Due pulled off the 15-1 upset with Stratagem second at 10-1 in a final time of 1:11.97. The other filly in the field of 10, Ms. Battlefield, took third at 21-1, 8 1/4 lengths behind the top two.

“There was a fast pace, and I hung on the rail and saved ground,” Fuentes Jr. said. “He made a move, a big move.”

Passed Due, who is trained by Temple Rushton for owners Vance Alfrey and Stuart Eskew, is now two-for-two after breaking his maiden with a 10-length win at Arapahoe Park on May 31.

“This colt we had to start him early,” Rushton said. “He won easily, but then we had to wait on him without a race to run him in here. So we worked him, and he’s still learning how to race.”

Passed Due will next race in New Mexico, according to Rushton. California shipper Social Request took fourth. Bessie’s Boy, the winner of the \$100,000 Tremont in New York in June and the 7-5 favorite in the Gold Rush, was eighth.

BETTER BREAK MEANS MILE HIGH FUTURITY SUCCESS FOR LOTTA DYNASTY

New Mexico-based Lotta Dynasty and jockey Benito Baca prevailed by a head over Toshi Yoshi, the Cherry Creek Futurity at Arapahoe Park, in Sunday’s \$156,800 Mile High Futurity for Quarter Horses. It was a completely different outcome for Lotta Dynasty from his previous futurity final performance, a last-place finish in the Four Corners Futurity at SunRay Park in New Mexico in June after being bumped at the break. The 2-year-old gelding bred in Utah by owners George and Judy Weldon and trained by Blake Rust had a clean trip breaking from the outside in the Mile High Futurity, winning the 400-yard race in 19.850 seconds at 9-1 odds.

Toshi Yoshi, on the other hand, was bumped at the start but made up almost a length in just falling short for jockey Ramiro Garcia, trainer Manuel Orozco, and owner Dana Yoshida-Orozco as the 2-1 favorite. Then just a neck behind in third was fastest-qualifier One Corona At a Time and jockey Francisco Giles in the three-way photo finish.