



ARAPAHOE PARK

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MS DIXIE GOES FOR THIRD COBRA DISTAFF SPRINT

Aurora, CO (June 12, 2014) – Ms Dixie, the Darley Award winner as champion 4-year-old filly in 2012 and champion older mare in 2013, will try to win her third straight COBRA Distaff Sprint for Arabians at Arapahoe Park on Sunday. A field of seven fillies and mares is entered for the \$20,000 stakes race over 6 furlongs that has been upgraded to Grade 3 status by the Arabian Jockey Club for 2014.

Ms Dixie, a 6-year-old gray mare who will be ridden by Mike Luark, has won six career stakes races, including the 2012 COBRA Distaff Sprint by 6 1/4 lengths and the 2013 renewal by seven lengths. The Quarter Moon Ranch of Lori Long and trainer Scott Powell claimed the daughter of sire Burning Sand and dam Dixie Darlene for \$15,000 in October 2011 when she was a 3-year-old. She has more than returned the investment, making \$123,446 of her \$141,944 career earnings since the claim. And Powell said the two-time Darley Award winner continues to improve with age.

“I think Dixie’s getting better,” Powell said. “She’s able to be rated a little better. She’s pretty sound. I thought she ran a great race last time. That Sammy V is tough. Those fractions—you just don’t see fractions like that.”

Powell is referring to Ms Dixie’s second-place finish to Sammy V in an allowance race on May 31 in which the final time for 6 furlongs was 1:17.32, .40 seconds off the Arapahoe Park track record for Arabians at the distance. The first quarter-mile of 23.34 seconds and half-mile of 48.38 seconds were blazing fractions for Arabians.

“If the track is right, I think it’s possible,” Powell said about whether the track record could be in jeopardy on Sunday.

In addition to Ms Dixie, three other 2013 Darley Award nominees are entered in the COBRA Distaff Sprint—Sand On Fire and Ttt Tiny Tina from the 4-year-old filly division and Lil Rich Girl from the older mare division. Sand On Fire, who is owned by Jane Teutsch and will be ridden by Dennis Collins, is coming off an allowance victory over Lil Rich Girl and Ttt Tiny Tina on May 24 at Arapahoe Park.

“She’s better than she’s ever been,” said Sand On Fire’s trainer, Kenny Massey. “I think we have her peaked for this race.”