

ALBUQUERQUE - May 23, 2026 - Race 2

TRIALS - Quarter Horse

FOR TWO YEAR OLDS THAT WERE NOMINATED AND REMAIN ELIGIBLE FOR THE 2026 RUIDOSO QUARTER HORSE FUTURITY. Weight: 124 lbs. All horses must enter for the trials on Friday May 15, 2026 by 10:30 A. M. and pay the \$1,200 entry fee if they are to run in the trials. Late nominations of \$30,000 (includes all fees) will be accepted at time of entry into the trials. Those who want to remain eligible for the 2027 Ruidoso Derby, but elect not to run in the 2026 Ruidoso Futurity time trials may do so if they are stlileligible at the time of entry into the trials, by paying the \$1,200 entry fee into the Ruidoso Futurity time trials. The five fastest times from the trials for each day will qualify for the finals. There will be no "Also Eligible List" for the finals. NOTTE: All races this day will be trials, first post time may change due to the number of races. 350 Yards.

Distance: Three Hundred And Fifty Yards On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Apolliperfection - 16.927 - June 28, 2019)

Purse: \$10,000

Available Money: \$10,000

Value of Race: \$10,000 1st \$6,000, 2nd \$2,000, 3rd \$1,000, 4th \$500, 5th \$300, 6th \$200

Wind Speed: 3 **Wind Direction:** Tail

Weather: Clear, 80° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 12:35 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

[Video Race Replay](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	Str 1	Str	Fin	Odds	Ind. Time	Sp. In.	Comments
4Apr26 ¹⁰ SUN ³	10	Promising (Ortiz, Jose)	124	L bf	8	1	¹ Head	¹ Head	1 ^{1/2}	1.20*	17.216	97	lost whip, held well
23Apr26 ⁷ RP ¹	4	Aj Hard Player (Linares, Gilberto)	124	L bf	3	4	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ¹	2.10	17.279	95	veered in start
---	5	Van Pelt (Enriquez, Jacob)	128	L bf	4	2	3 ^{1/2}	3 ¹	3 ^{1 1/4}	59.40	17.412	91	in close, no rally
26Apr26 ⁵ RP ³	8	DQ-Apollitical Strike (Garcia, Ramiro)	124	L bf	6	3	5 ¹	5 ^{1/2}	4 ^{Nose}	14.00	17.614	86	ducked in, impeded foe
13Mar26 ⁹ SUN ⁵	9	Fire Eating Cowgirl (Ramirez, Ricky)	124	L bf	7	5	4 ^{1/2}	4 ^{Head}	5 ^{1/2}	16.00	17.619	86	mid pack, crowded late
---	2	Kj Maverick (Garcia, Jr., Noe)	124	L bf	2	7	⁷ Head	6 ^{1/2}	6 ^{3/4}	3.90	17.683	84	bumped start,lost path
---	1	Greatest Ever (Cardenas, Christian)	124	L hf	1	8	6 ^{Head}	7 ⁴	7 ^{6 3/4}	10.10	17.796	80	impeded, steadied late
13Mar26 ⁶ SUN ⁹	7	Make It Double (Gutierrez, Jr., Luis)	124	bfk	5	6	8	8	8	24.30	18.809	52	no response

Run-Up: 0 feet

Winner: Promising, Sorrel Gelding, by Golden Boi out of Seems Up, by Seperate Interest. Foaled Jan 05, 2024 in California.

Breeder: Edward C Allred

Owner: Tungsten Racing Partnership, Barron Racing, LLC, Ortega, Mario and Empire Racing

Trainer: Valenzuela, Eric

Disqualification(s): # 8 Apollitical Strike from 4 to 7

Scratched Horse(s): Aj Venom Player (Stewards), Relentless Tithing (Stewards)

Total WPS Pool: \$15,985

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
10	Promising	4.40	2.80	2.60	\$1.00 Daily Double	7-10	7.70	2,203
4	Aj Hard Player		3.20	2.80	\$1.00 Exacta	10-4	6.20	12,478
5	Van Pelt			15.20	\$1.00 Superfecta	10-4-5-9	438.90	7,945
					\$0.50 Trifecta	10-4-5	53.05	10,751

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	Str 1	Str	Fin
10	Promising	1	¹ Head	¹ Head	1 ^{1/2}
4	Aj Hard Player	4	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}
5	Van Pelt	2	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}
8	Apollitical Strike	3	5 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{1 3/4}	4 ^{2 3/4}
9	Fire Eating Cowgirl	5	4 ¹	4 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{2 3/4}
2	Kj Maverick	7	7 ^{2 3/4}	6 ^{2 1/4}	6 ^{3 1/4}
1	Greatest Ever	8	6 ^{2 1/2}	7 ^{2 3/4}	7 ⁴
7	Make It Double	6	8 ^{2 3/4}	8 ^{6 3/4}	8 ^{10 3/4}

Trainers: 10 - Valenzuela, Eric; 4 - Stinebaugh, John; 5 - Crawford, Clinton; 8 - Olmstead, Jason; 9 - Wood, S.; 2 - Giles, Wesley; 1 - Gonzales III, James; 7 - Hinojos, Alvaro

Owners: 10 - Tungsten Racing Partnership, Barron Racing, LLC, Ortega, Mario and Empire Racing; 4 - Horton Racing LLC; 5 -Bobby Simmons; 8 - Maher, Tom, Tobin, Richard L. and Maher, Bill; 9 - Bradley, E. Gene and Bradley, Tod; 2 - Lee, John, Lee, Kathy and Mares, Ruben; 1 - Blanchard, Paul and Chavez, Javier M.; 7 - ARF Racing and Cattle Partnership;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

PROMISING lost whip, held well. AJ HARD PLAYER veered in start, drifted out, vied, outfinished. VAN PELT in close, no rally, safe for show. APOLLITICAL STRIKE ducked in, impeded rival. FIRE EATING COWGIRL mid pack, crowded late. KJ MAVERICK bumped start, lost path. GREATEST EVER fractious loading, bumped start, impeded, steadied late. MAKE IT DOUBLE no response. FOLLOWING A STEWARDS' INQUIRY, APOLLITICAL STRIKE WAS DISQUALIFIED AND PLACED SEVENTH FOR CAUSING INTERFERENCE IN THE STRETCH.