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BG SPIDER MONKEY TAKES WESTERN STATES FUTURITY

MOSCOW, Idaho— Appaloosa **BG Spider Monkey** flew from the gates to take the win in the in the 7th race. The 400-yard Western States Futurity was for two-year-old Paint and Appaloosas. The race was held at Sweetwater Downs in Rock Springs, Wyoming on August 29, 2015. It had a field of nine, of which five were Appaloosa. The purse was valued at \$10,500.

BG Spider Monkey (The Royal Jester x Fling T Black Widow by O.A. Taylor) a 2-year-old gelding, went wire to wire under jockey Oscar Cervantes to cross the finish line in 20.305 seconds, earning an 82 speed index. The Idaho-bred gelding won \$5,250 for the top spot boosting his lifetime earnings to \$13,266. The Idaho-bred Appaloosa was bred by Rex Lewis of Idaho and is owned by Becky Grant of Idaho and trained by Darric Grant.

Red Knight (Flying T Kingofkings x Cleopatras Image by Go Kinda Easy) a 2-year-old gelding finished second under jockey Luis Peralta to cross the finish line in 20.664 seconds, a 73 Speed Index. The Idaho-bred gelding won \$2,625 for the second spot boosting his lifetime earnings to \$10,422. The gelding is owned by Shane and Tavia McVey and bred by Ralph Hartline of Idaho and trained by Don Wheeler.

Other finishers include **BR Pleasure**, **Maples Black Ice**, and **Luceros Blue Oyster**.

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Appaloosas have long been an integral part of one of America's most popular spectator sports—horse racing. The Appaloosa Horse Club officially recognized the sport in 1962, beginning Appaloosa racing history with four races and 23 starters competing for \$12,000 in total purses. In 2014, 98 starters competed in races for over \$1.7M in total purses. Racing fans can find Appaloosas crossing the finish line in Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, and Wyoming.

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