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Rocky Rocks On

Rocky Gulch pleased his home town fans when he took home the trophy for the second time in \$212,100 New Mexico Cup Classic Championship going a distance of one mile.

Rocky Gulch under Travis Cunningham got a clean break and saved ground in the first turn. Down the backstretch Rocky Gulch stayed close to early leader El Minuto who set comfortable fractions of :24.00 and :48.60. Turning

for home Rocky Gulch moved to the lead but only by a head. The battle was on as El Minuto tried to hang on to the lead but faded enough at the wire for Rocky Gulch to get his neck out in front. The final running time for the mile was 1:40.60.

Rocky Gulch earned \$127,260 for the win pushing his impressive earnings to \$1,022,807. The son of Dry Gulch out of Rona Prospect was bred and is owned by Larry Teague. He is trained by Terry Walker.

Second place finisher El Minuto races for James Wasson. The Corwyn Bay gelding was saddled by Henry

Dominguez and ridden by Ken Tohill.

Third place went to Spelling Bee Jones owned by Rogers Farms. The Prospector Jones gelding was sent to post by Armando Quintanilla, Jr. and was ridden by Alfredo Juarez, Jr.

Remaining order of finish was; Dear Bull, Some Ghost, Excessive Lover, Cattleman Prospect, Sandias Peppermint, Roll On Retsina, Phantom Account and My Desert Lady.