

# Daily Chatter

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## Women rule! Barry and Milner Super Stakes champions



*Playin Tag, by Playgun, scored 225 points with Cara Barry to win the 2004 NCHA Open Super Stakes.*

**C**ara Barry and Mary Jo Milner added a new page to the NCHA record books as the first female riders to claim both the open and non-pro titles in a major NCHA three or four-year-old event in the same year.

Barry, 22, is also the youngest rider to win the NCHA Open Super Stakes, while Milner, the proud

grandmother of Jordan, Jake and Jett, is the oldest rider to win the Super Stakes Non-Pro title.

"I've wanted to be a trainer since I was five or six," said Barry, the daughter of non-pro competitors Tim and Sue Barry of Rockford, IL.

Barry rode Playin Tag, a Playgun daughter owned by her mother, Sue Barry, to score 225 points



*Left: Mary Jo Milner, 2004 Super Stakes Non-Pro champion with 220 points on Genuine Gold Cat by High Brow Cat.*

*Above: Scott Ferguson, Super Stakes Non-Pro reserve champion with 216 points on Laredo Blue by Mecom Blue.*

in the first of two bunches of cattle in the finals. She followed Russ Westfall on Jeeps Posi Traction, by Genuine Jeep, and Guy Woods on Cat Ichi, by High Brow Cat, both of which had scored 222 points.

“I didn’t know what to think,” said Barry. “We were just going to go down there and play it by ear. She felt great and everything presented itself, so we went for it.”

Gutsy Playin Tag, who won the Open second go-round with 222 points and tied for the win of the Non-Pro Semi-Finals under Sue Barry, had been to the herd just an hour before in the Non-Pro Finals (with Sue Barry), where she marked 207 points as the first horse in the second bunch.

“We were worried that she was going to be tired, but it seemed like the second time, she didn’t feel tired at all,” said Barry. “She just keeps getting better and better.”

Playin Tag’s second cow was the money cow. “I remember thinking that yellow cow was never going to

turn away,” said Barry. “But she just kept holding it and holding it.”

Sue Barry purchased Playin Tag from her breeder, Randy Olson, last July. Cara had already started her in training for Olson as a coming three.

“She’s gritty and cowy and tough,” said Cara. “It feels like my feet are touching the ground. But it also feels like I’m riding a huge horse because she’s got so much confidence.

“That mare has given me so much confidence and I think it goes both ways. I’ve believed in her since she was three.”

### ***Milner’s Genuine Gold Cat***

Mary Jo Milner, who holds the record as six-time NCHA Non-Pro World Champion, was reserve champion of the 1984 Non-Pro Super Stakes on Happy Bar Lynx. But Sunday’s was her first win at a major NCHA limited age event in Will Rogers Coliseum.

“It’s one of my goals,” said Milner, who scored 220 points for the win aboard Genuine Gold Cat. “I want to

do well in these aged events and I’ve been working pretty hard at it. I think you have to work hard in anything worthwhile. My husband has won every major aged event and I want to win a few of them.”

Milner’s husband, Jim Milner, won the 1987 Super Stakes Non-Pro championship riding Playboy Bee Jay.

Milner purchased Genuine Gold Cat, by High Brow Cat, from Kobie and Paula Wood last November. She showed the filly, who was trained by Kobie Wood, at the Futurity and the Abilene Spectacular without success, but felt more focused during the Super Stakes.

“I’m definitely focused on the weekends,” noted Milner. “And when it gets this bad, you have to get focused. These cattle (at the Super Stakes) made you get a little tougher.”

Scott Ferguson, NCHA Futurity Non-Pro champion aboard Laredo Blue, by Mecom Blue, was Super Stakes Non-Pro champion with 216 points on the Mecom Blue colt.

Ferguson, a rancher from Hempstead, Texas, purchased Laredo Blue sight unseen as a yearling from Betsy Mecom, whose mother, Lannie Mecom, owns Mecom Blue.

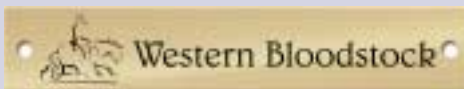
## 2004 SUPER STAKES OPEN FINALS

Score	Horse	Sex	Sire	Dam	Owner	Home	Rider	Purse
225	Playin Tag	M	Playgun	Peppys Rey Jey	Sue Barry	Byron, IL	Cara Barry	\$100,000
222	Cat Ichi	S	High Brow Cat	Laney Doc	EE Ranches of Texas, Inc	Whitesboro, TX	Guy Woods	\$65,781
222	Jeeps Posi Traction	G	Genuine Jeep	Starstruck Db	Russ & Janet Westfall	Los Olivos, CA	Russ Westfall	\$65,781
220	Athena Puddy Cat	S	High Brow Cat	Athena Accent	Jim & Suzanne Thomas	Conyers, GA	Brad Mitchell	\$48,719
219	Mighty Joe Merada	G	Meradas Money Talks	Lilly Dual	Gary & Kathy Benton	Andover, KS	Boyd Rice	\$37,345
216	Chitas Blue Boon	M	Duals Blue Boon	Chita Cash	Paula Wood	Stephenville, TX	Kobie Wood	\$25,970
215	Smart N Frosty	G	Grays Starlight	Smart Little Nancy	Gary Rosenbach	Greenwich, CT	Kobie Wood	\$24,481
214	Play Like Clay	M	Freckles Playboy	Miss Doc Smoke	Teddy Price	Winnfield, LA	Lindy Burch	\$23,713
213.5	Goody Two Sue	M	Smart Lil Ricochet	Meradas Little Sue	Thomas Deregt	Carmel, CA	Tim Smith	\$22,021
213.5	Smokin Dual Rey	G	Dual Rey	Gunsmokes Charmer	Terry Strange	Houston, TX	Darren Simpkins	\$22,021
213	Badgers Playdough	M	Playdox	Badgers Tenina	Troy & Kathy Welch	Fort Worth, TX	Tim McCloud	\$20,329
212.5	Teles Again	S	Lenas Telesis	Peppy La Pu	Teles Again Partnership	Weatherford, TX	Ian Chisholm	\$19,200
212	Duals Play Kit	M	Kit Dual	Playgiarism	Clay McCullar	Baird, TX	Shannon Hall	\$17,508
212	Woody Be Lucky	G	Nitas Wood	Playboys Ladyluck	Dan & Karen Hansen	Weatherford, TX	Don Crumpler	\$17,508
211	Smartys Shadow	S	Smart Lil Scoot	Real Peppy Doc	S & S Farms	Shreveport, LA	Roy Carter	\$15,816
210	Lectrician	G	Lectric Playboy	Little Bitty Darlin	Monte Strusiner	Northbrook, IL	Greg Wright	\$14,123
210	Little Reygena	M	Dual Rey	Whisper Ofa Playgirl	John Harrah	Damascus, AR	Mike Mowery	\$14,123
196	Just Smart	S	Smart Little Lena	Justa Lil Tomboy	Glade Mnight	Richmond, VA	Neil Roger	\$12,431
194	Dee Cattinated	M	High Brow Cat	Catalita	Billie & Paula Marek	Mission, TX	Rusty Carroll	\$11,303
180	Cattitude	M	High Brow Cat	Crystal Starlight	Danny Poole	Texline, TX	Boyd Rice	\$10,175
0	Jeep Amigo	G	Genuine Jeep	Bucks Juanita	Russ & Janet Westfall	Los Olivos, CA	Russ Westfall	\$8,482
0	Tornados First Mate	M	Smart Mate	Hickorys Tornado Rio	Kickapoo Farms LLC	Barrington, IL	Shannon Hall	\$8,482

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Score	Horse	Sex	Sire	Dam	Owner	Home	Rider	Purse
220	Genuine Gold Cat	M	High Brow Cat	Genuine Gold Holly	Mary Jo Milner	Southlake, TX	Mary Jo Milner	\$30,247
216	Laredo Blue	S	Mecom Blue	Rosita Wilson	Scott Ferguson	Hempstead, TX	Scott Ferguson	\$29,222
215	Shorty Starlight	G	Shorty Lena	Sonata Starlight	Gail Hamilton	Weatherford, TX	Gail Hamilton	\$28,196
213	Buddie Hallmark	G	SR Hallmarked	Ciegil Badger Girl	John & Nancie Paxton	Millsap, TX	John Paxton	\$26,657
213	Dox Desert Roses	M	Playdox	Spin N Roses	Nelson Knight	Weatherford, TX	Nelson Knight	\$26,657
211	Dockles Shorty	M	Shorty Lena	Dockles San Peppy	Sam Good	Mansfield, TX	Sam Good	\$24,606
211	Ride N Merada	M	Shorty Lena	Ride A Merada	James Vangilder	Jackson, MO	James Vangilder	\$24,606
209	Bottoms Up Mate	M	Smart Mate	Lucky Star Strike	Panther Creek Ranch LLC	Congerville, IL	Robert Parsons	\$22,555
209	Royally Aristocrat	M	Smart Aristocrat	Miss Royally Doc	Chad & Amie Bushaw	Poolville, TX	Chad Bushaw	\$22,555
208	Hickorys Dual Jazz	S	Dual Jazz	Brinks Hickory Pep	Jimmy & Dixie Purselley	Burleson, TX	Dixie Purselley	\$21,017
207	Gunnin For Sweets	M	Playgun	Sweet Ceelena	Bret Wayne Parsons	Congerville, IL	Bret Parsons	\$18,453
207	Little Shadaisy	M	Little Trona	Makin Money Rio	Benjie Christian Neely	Lyons, GA	Benjie Neely	\$18,453
207	Playin Tag	M	Playgun	Peppys Rey Jey	Sue Barry	Byron, IL	Sue Barry	\$18,453
207	Prf Playguns Pep	G	Playgun	Shes My Darling	Lewie Wood Jr	Dennis, TX	Lewie Wood Jr	\$18,453
203	Woody B Gun Shy	G	Nitas Wood	Jordies Young Gun	Craig & Janet Crumpler	Wichita Falls, TX	Craig Crumpler	\$15,888
200	Skimming	M	Laker Doc	Doc Roany Maid	Robert Borick	Weatherford, TX	Robert Borick	\$14,863
199	Don Ponciano Pordifo	G	CD Olena	Little Baby Sister	Chip Hanly	Minden, NV	Chip Hanly	\$13,837
198	Dees Cats Meow	M	High Brow Cat	Peps Lady Lynn Doc	Scotty Rice	Weatherford, TX	Scotty Rice	\$12,811
195	Heavens Last Fling	G	Heavens Little Lena	Quixotes Last Fling	Tom Smith	Conway, AR	Tom Smith	\$11,786
193	Dual N Montana Ss	G	Dual Rey	Millie Montana	James Vangilder	Jackson, MO	James Vangilder	\$10,760
189	Br N Sync	G	Dual Pep	The Smart Doctor	Kelly Riddle Good	Ringling, OK	Kelly Riddle Good	\$9,735
186	Cindys Last Flower	M	SR Hallmarked	Sonitas Cindy	Elizabeth Braumbaugh	Weatherford, TX	Elizabeth Braumbaugh	\$8,709
180	Peptosuesmal	M	Peptoboonsmal	Docs Merry Minor	Tim Barry	Byron, IL	Tim Barry	\$7,683
0	A Glowing Lady	M	Smart Lil Ricochet	Aglow Little Peppy	Milt & Mary Bradford	Weatherford, TX	Mary Bradford	\$6,658

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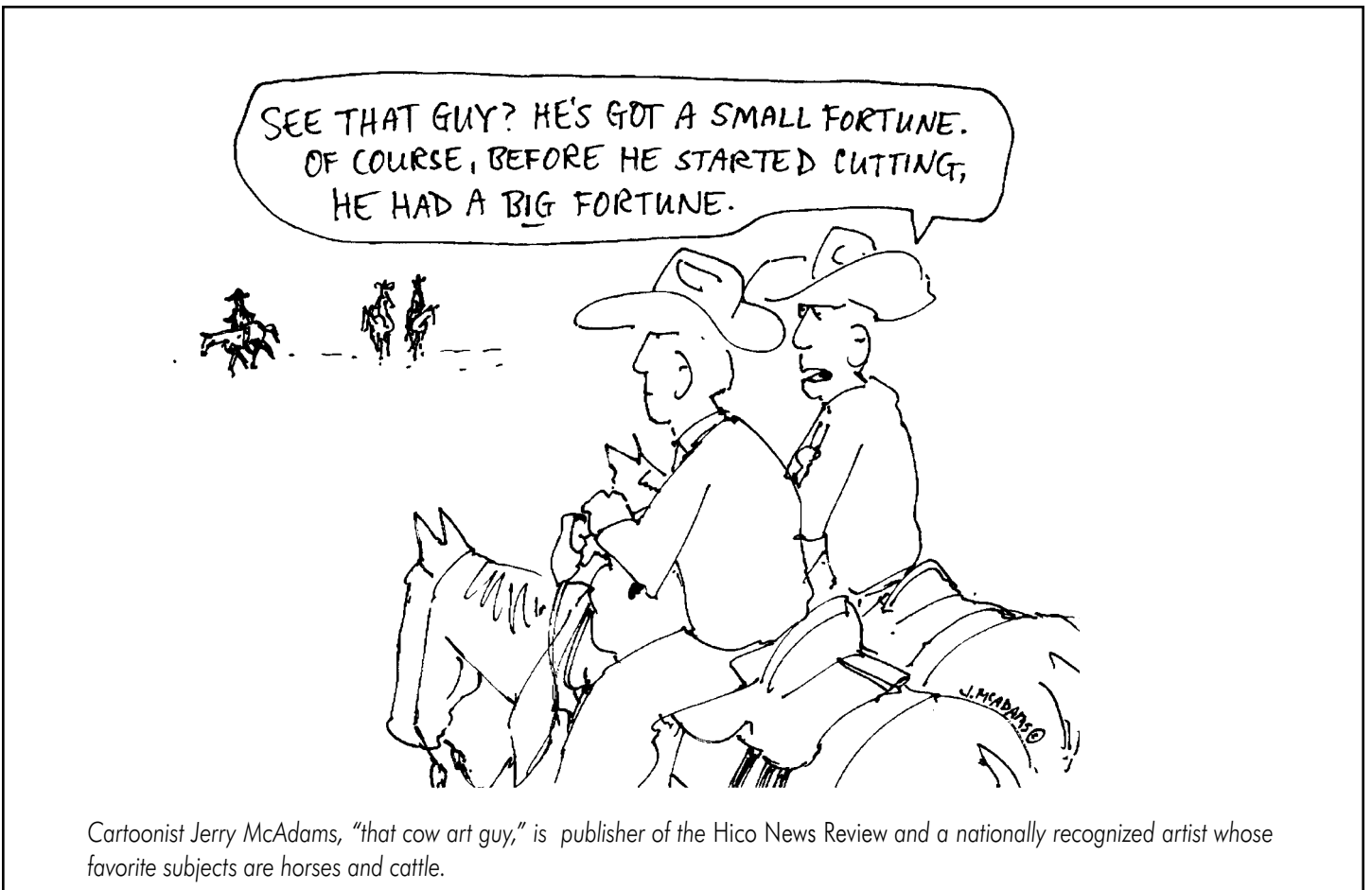
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Left: Super Stakes Open co-reserve champion Cat Ichi, by High Brow Cat, with rider and trainer, Guy Woods, and owner, Jo Ellard. Right: Super Stakes Open co-reserve champion Russ Westfall, aboard Jeeps Posi Traction, by Genuine Jeep, with his wife, Janet Westfall.



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