

Cutters saddle up for Sean Ryon Shoot-out

Tina Russell hadn't really counted on winning two divisions of yesterday's Sean Ryon East/West Shoot-out, but it couldn't have worked out better. Her eight-year-old twin sons, Payton and Paxton, will be riding in custom-made saddles now.

In the Sean Ryon Shoot-out, the winners in each class of the Chevy Trucks/NCHA Eastern and Western National Championships are invited to go head-to-head in high stakes competition. The winner in each class receives a custom-made Sean Ryon trophy saddle and a check for \$700. Second place gets a 100X Stetson hat and a check for \$400.

Russell, who represented the East in the \$50,000 and \$10,000 Amateur classes, rode Freckles Best Lena.

"I dedicated last summer to hauling," said Russell, who finished in the top ten in the \$50,000 Amateur in 2001, "so I've been a mom this summer, playing baseball with the boys. I haven't



Kelle Earnheart



Guy Woods



Brett Davis



Sara Bingham



Evan Wells



Benjie Neely

been on a horse since (the Eastern Nationals.)"

Riding for EE Ranches of Dallas, Guy Woods also had a double-barreled Shoot-out victory with Raked In Satin, taking both of the novice classes.

Woods calculated that he had won four Sean Ryon

saddles in previous Shoot-outs, including another year when he scored a double.

Raked In Satin finished fourth in the Super Stakes Classic this spring, and has also qualified for the AQHA World Show.

"He's a great horse," Woods said, "And he loves to cut."

Kelle Earnheart, who is sitting sixth in the World in the Non-Pro standings, rolled into Fort Worth at midnight from a weekend cutting in Louisiana, and headed out of town for the next show shortly after winning her Shoot-out division on Arturo Fuente.

"This is a lot of fun," said Novice/Non-Pro winner Benjie Neely. "I like the head-to-head competition. You only have to compete against one person."

The Shoot-out's trophy saddles have a heritage as old as the NCHA itself.



Tina Russell, with sons Payton and Paxton

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Sean Ryon Eastern/Western Shootout

| Class | Horse | Rider | Score |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| \$10K Novice..... | Raked In Satin | Guy Woods | 224 |
| \$50K Amateur..... | Freckles Best Lena | Tina Russell | 217 |
| \$10K Nov/Non-Pro.... | Fritzs Doc Finale..... | Benjie Neely..... | 222 |
| Open | Son Of Olena..... | Brett Davis | 220 |
| \$2K Limited Rider | Lenas Flit Star | Evan Wells | 223 |
| Non-Pro..... | Arturo Fuente | Kelle Earnheart | 219 |
| \$10K Amateur..... | Freckles Best Lena | Tina Russell..... | 222 |
| \$3K Novice..... | Raked In Satin | Guy Woods | 219 |
| \$20K Non-Pro | Assets Gay Bar..... | Sara Bingham | 210 |