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Miss Dual Play wins 1st round with 222

Dual Rey sires top four qualifiers for Round Two



Bobby Lewis, of Clovis, New Mexico, pulled off an eleventh hour win yesterday with 222 points scored on Miss Dual Play, one of four Dual Rey offspring to score 220 or higher.

TODAY'S ACTION

Shoppers note:
The Western Mercantile in the Exhibit Hall opens for business at 9:00 a.m. today.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE
Beginning at 8:00 a.m.
Open 2nd go-round
126 entries • 9 sets

TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE
Beginning at 8:00 a.m.
Open 2nd go-round
131 entries • 9 sets

WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE
Beginning at 8:00 a.m.
Non-Pro 1st go-round
133 entries • 9 sets

Saturday, December 6
NCHA Hall of Fame & Awards Party
Round Up Inn
All NCHA members and guests invited; dinner provided.

Miss Dual Play, bred, owned and ridden by Bobby Lewis, won the first go-round of open competition with 222 points, late in yesterday's eighth bunch.

"My first cow stayed right in the middle and just let me do what I needed," said Lewis, who has shown 23 AQHA world champions in various disciplines for Carol Rose Quarter Horses. "I wanted to cut a second one with a little more sting. I dug it off the back fence and she was really sweet. I knew I was in good shape, and a Charolais I had watched came walking out and I ended up on her.

"The mare was very, very good the whole way through," Lewis added. "She never got out of line. She traps those cows and is real slinky moving and sometimes makes a 'not real good cow' a pretty good one."

Miss Dual Play is a Dual Rey daughter – the four top qualifiers for the second round are all sired by Dual Rey – and out of Freckled Leo Girl, by Freckles Playboy. Lewis bred and raised Freckled Leo Girl, who was the leading 2003 NCHA Open World Championship contender, until she was sidelined

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Jason Clark (left) scored 219, yesterday's second-highest mark, on High Styling, a stallion he owns in partnership with Andy Dunning; Tom Dvorak (center) earned 218.5 twice in the first round while catch riding for Ronnie Rice (right). He and Rice are the only riders from the top 19 to qualify two horses for Round Two.

Yesterday's leaders, from page 1

with an injury midway through the year. Freckled Leo Girl is currently owned by Texas Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst's Falcon Seaboard Ranches.

"This mare is just as sweet a one as I ever had the good fortune of riding," said Lewis, who won the 1992 NCHA Non-Pro Derby on Freckled Lena. "She so much resembles her mother. I really liked Dual Rey when he was cutting and

I thought he would be a good cross on her mother. She was one of my favorite horses of all times and this is her first baby.

"I was really looking forward to showing her because she's been a sweetheart from jump-go," he added. "She's just been a solid citizen all the way through."

High marks for High Stylish Oak

High Stylish Oak and Jason Clark woke up some spectators yesterday, late in the fifth bunch. "In the go-rounds, you want to just keep getting by," noted Clark. "But sometimes you have to make a decision whether to stay on the second cow or get off."

Clark was faced with that decision and he let the audience be his guide. "I wondered if I was doing enough," he explained. "But obviously, when the crowd is yelling, you're doing right. So I stayed put and cut two cows."

The 219-point performance was a relief for Clark, who owns High Stylish Oak in partnership with his best friend, Andy Dunning, of Mesquite, TX. Dunning and Clark, who trains out of Bruce and Donna Dugas' Double D Ranch in Aubrey, TX, purchased the colt as a yearling, at the NCHA Futurity sales.

"I figured he'd bring a lot more money than he did," said Clark, who admired the colt's dam, SR High Style, a full sister to SR Instant Choice. "This colt was a lot bigger than the rest of the yearlings, so I think everybody was scared of him and we ended up getting a good deal on him."



You say it's your birthday!

These NCHA members are celebrating their birthday today.

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| Lisa Anderson | Canada | Craig Kefford | Australia, |
| Donald Anderson..... | Moulton, AL | James Kier | Washington, KS |
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Scott Weis (left) was among yesterday's top-scoring riders, with 218 on CD Super Dually, owned by Michael and Becky Coronado, of Las Vegas, NV. Tim Denton (center) and Tag Rice (right) both qualified for the second go-round on two horses with scores of 218 or more.

High Stylish Oak earned his nickname, The Rock, because of his size, but he was a marshmallow, when it came to cattle. "He's always been really scared of cattle," Clark noted. "For a big horse it was kind of funny. But being as big as he is, there isn't anything he can't do. He has a big hip and hind leg and he's really balanced. For a stud prospect, I don't know what you would change on him."

Clark began his training career in Placerville, CA, where he worked for Ken Hill, owner of Mr Peponita Flo. While at Hill's, Clark started Shakin Flo, who went on to become NCHA Horse of the Year for Sandy Bonelli. "That was the first group of three-year-olds that I trained and it kind of ruined me for a while," said Clark, who also rode Hickorys Golden Flo and Hickorys Holly Cee. "Those horses did well and I thought I was a horse trainer. Then I realized I just had a bunch of really good horses and they are far and few between. Those good ones don't come along very often."

Rice Twice

After his Triple Crown sweep on Chiquita

Pistol, Tag Rice might be expected to feel a letdown. But it's business as usual for the Buffalo, TX trainer, who is among the top-scoring riders in the first go-round.

"I know I'm not going to have a horse like that very often, if ever again," said Rice. "But I'm going to do the best I can with the ones we've got."

Yesterday, Rice scored 218.5 on Little Smart N Hot, owned by William and Lisa Hefley, of Little Rock, AR. The Smart Little Lena son is out of Badger San Doc, 1989 NCHA Super Stakes Non-Pro co-reserve champion and dam of full siblings, Smart Lil Badger and Sheyssmartlittlena, which were ridden by Tag and his father, Ronnie, to tie for seventh in the 2001 NCHA Futurity. Ronnie also rode Smart Sugar Badger, out of Badger San Doc, as co-reserve champion of the 2002 Super Stakes.

"They've all been smart and wanted to work a cow, but they've all had different styles," Rice noted. "This horse is balanced and he works level and stops nice. He's not an over-achiever, but he's real smart and he's not going to do a whole lot more than the cow. That's good with these quick cows that we've

got now."



Ronnie Rice rode Little Smart N Hot while Tag was on the road with Chiquitas Pistol, earlier this year. "I got him in the spring and he was pretty much trained before I started riding him," said Tag.

Little Smart N Hot had been sore earlier this week, so Rice was relieved yesterday. "If we can get him past (the second go-round), we'll give him a few days rest and he should come back pretty good," he said.

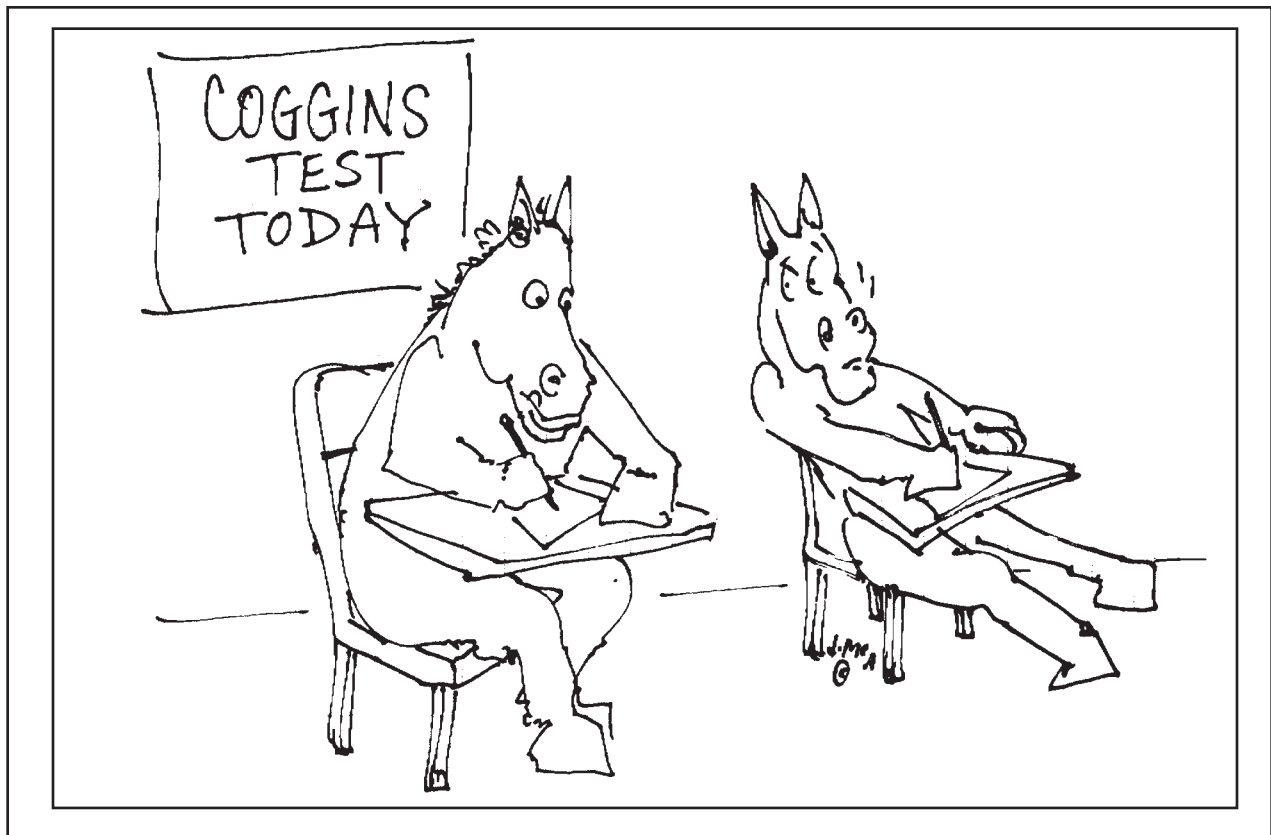
Rice also qualified for the second go-round, with 218 points, on Steves Nurse, a Dual Rey daughter owned by Kelly Schaar, of Goliad, TX.

"She's a smart little horse," said Rice. "She's got a lot of cow and is real sensitive and a little wild. She's got a neat style and the cow means a lot to her. I like her a bunch."

Rice will be back aboard Chiquitas Pistol in January for the Augusta Futurity and the Western Horseman Cup, and most likely, the Abilene Spectacular. "That mare taught me a lot," said Rice. "And I haven't been as nervous here this year like I have been in the past. It takes off some of the pressure."


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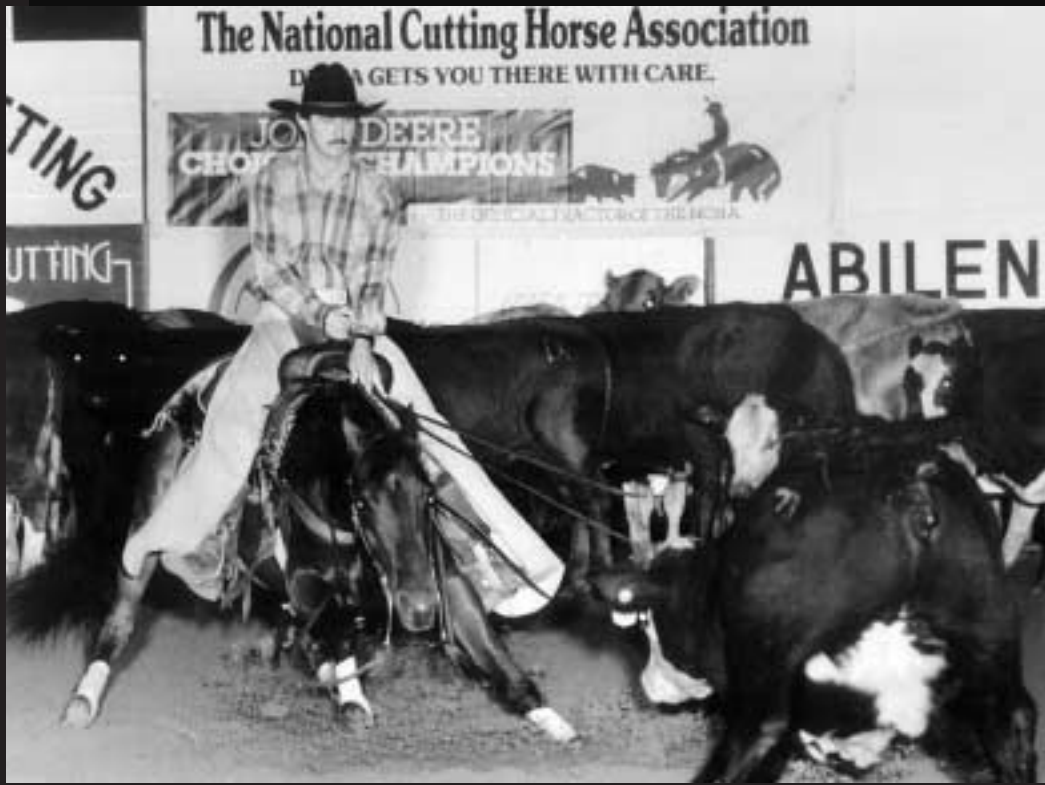


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TODAY'S MYSTERY PHOTO



The first person to identify this horse and rider will win 4 fish dinners at Zeke's Fish & Chips. Submit your answer in writing to Carolyn Crist in the Show Office.

The winner will be identified in tomorrow's *Daily Chatter*.



Becky Elliott had the winning caption for yesterday's Mystery Photo:

"Pickle or no pickle, you can shoe the next one, Ma."

She wins dinner for 4 at Spring Creek Barbeque.

Runner-up was Derek Dethridge: "This is the way we 'ready' our horses for the Coliseum temperature during the Futurity." He wins a copy of *Doc Bar*, by Gala Nettles.



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Part I

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6,
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7
AND MONDAY, DECEMBER 8**

NCHA FUTURITY MIXED SALE SESSIONS

9:00 a.m. daily – Watt Arena
Show Horses – 2-Year-Olds – Yearlings
Weanlings – Broodmares – Aged Stallions

Part II

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

PREFERRED BREEDERS SALE OF YEARLINGS, WEANLINGS, BROODMARES & STALLIONS – SESSION I

9:00 a.m. – John Justin Arena

FEATURING THE ABSOLUTE DISPERSAL OF TWIN WILLOWS RANCH

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

SELECT SEASONED CUTTING HORSE SESSION

6:00 p.m. – Watt Arena
North Texas Champions Club
Stallion Service Auction.
Mexican buffet, music & fun
benefiting the NCHA Foundation.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

PREFERRED BREEDERS SALE OF YEARLINGS, WEANLINGS, BROODMARES & STALLIONS – SESSION II

9:00 a.m. John Justin Arena

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

NCHA FUTURITY SELECT 2-YEAR-OLD SESSION

6:00 p.m. – Watt Arena
Includes 2-year-olds started & shown on cattle;
inspected & evaluated
by Western Bloodstock
Preceded by a Texas-style
buffet benefiting NYCHA



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Part III

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

PRIMETIME FUTURITY SALE – SESSION I

9:00 a.m. – Watt Arena
Show Horses – 2-Year-Olds – Yearlings
Weanlings – Broodmares – Aged Stallions

Session begins with the
Production Sale of S.E. Montgomery's

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Followed by the Production Sale
of Dr. & Mrs. Gary Benton's
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

PRIMETIME FUTURITY SALE – SESSION II

9:00 a.m. – Watt Arena
Show Horses – 2-Year-Olds – Yearlings
Weanlings – Broodmares – Aged Stallions

Part IV

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13
SUPER STALLION SATURDAY**

7:00 a.m. – Watt Arena
Complimentary "Cowboy Breakfast"
followed by a

MILLION DOLLAR STALLION PARADE

and introduction of their owners
and a day-long display
of these CUTTING SUPER SIREs

NCHA FUTURITY 2-YEAR-OLD IN-TRAINING SESSION

9:00 a.m. – Watt Arena
Includes 2-year-olds started
& shown on cattle; inspected & evaluated
by Western Bloodstock

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

NCHA FUTURITY FINALS SALE SESSION

Show Horses – 2-Year-Olds – Yearlings -
Weanlings – Broodmares – Aged Stallions

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