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One cool cat!

One Smart Lookin Cat and Craig Morris claim Futurity championship with 226



Left to right: John McClaren, Nancy McClaren, Amanda Morris, Craig Morris, Alex Morris, and Judy Morris.

One Smart Lookin Cat, ridden by Craig Morris, one-upped himself on Sunday, in a 226-point performance that eclipsed his semi-finals score by three points.

The High Brow Cat son, owned by John McClaren, of McGregor, TX, is the first horse since Doc O'Lena, (in 1970) to win the NCHA Futurity semi-finals and the finals, in the same year.

"I really wasn't trying to force anything," said Morris of his finals strategy. "I just wanted to get my horse shown again. Not only is this horse a great athlete, he's a great thinker."

Dual Rey daughter Twice As Reycy, ridden by Lloyd Cox, scored 222 points, despite a "miss" penalty, to claim the reserve championship for owner Gail Holmes, of Longmont, CO. Meanwhile, High Brow Cougar, Twice As Reycy's half-brother, by High Brow Cat, placed third under Tim Denton with 220.

Lloyd Cox and Tag Rice tied for fourth on Miss Woody Two Shoe and Steves Nurse, respectively.

Morris, who celebrated his 36th birthday on Saturday and was making just his second appearance in the Futurity finals, had missed the finals by one

point or half a-point on seven other occasions. His \$200,000 win put him over the \$1 million earnings mark and makes him eligible for inclusion in the NCHA Riders' Hall of Fame.

McClaren purchased One Smart Lookin Cat from Wiens Ranch, of Sedalia, CO, at two, on the advice of Morris.

"The first time I tried him, he did some exceptional things and I told John I thought he was a super star," Morris recalled. "I was also familiar with his mother. Lloyd Cox had won a tremendous amount of money on a three-quarter sister to him."

Cox had ridden Smart Lookin Hi Brow, out of The Smart Look, to win the 1999 NCHA Derby and Abilene Spectacular Derby, as well as four other major events and \$216,732.

McClaren, a Chevy dealership owner, got involved in cutting when another Chevy dealer, 1995 NCHA Futurity Amateur Reserve Champion Jerry Durant, gave him a breeding to Haidas Little Pep.

McClaren rode One Smart Lookin Cat in the Amateur, and this is thought to be the first time a horse that competed in the Amateur division won the Open finals of the NCHA Futurity.

2003 NCHA FUTURITY OPEN FINALS

Score	Horse	Sex	Sire	Dam	Dam's Sire	Rider	Owner
226	One Smart Lookin Cat	Stallion	High Brow Cat	The Smart Look	Smart Little Lena	Craig Morris	John McClaren
222	Twice As Reycy	Mare	Dual Rey	Rey Lena Girl	Smart Little Lena	Lloyd Dennis Cox	Gail Holmes
220	High Brow Cougar	Stallion	High Brow Cat	Rey Lena Girl	Smart Little Lena	Tim Denton	Catherine & William Lacy
219	Miss Woody Two Shoes	Mare	High Brow Cat	Miss Echo Wood	Doctor Wood	Lloyd Dennis Cox	Lannie Louise Mecom
219	Steves Nurse	Mare	Dual Rey	Shortys Candy	Shorty Lena	Tag Rice	Kelly Schaar
218	Just Smart	Stallion	Smart Little Lena	Justa Lil Tomboy	Freckles Playboy	Neil Roger	Glade Knight
217.5	Mighty Joe Merada	Gelding	Meradas Money Talks	Lilly Dual	Dual Pep	Boyd Rice	Gary & Kathy Benton
217	Opus Cat	Mare	High Brow Cat	Flips Lil Angel	Colonel Flip	Tim Smith	John Hicks
216	Cat Ichi	Stallion	High Brow Cat	Laney Doc	Doc Quixote	Guy Woods	Bill J & Jo Ellard
216	Oaks Smart Chance	Mare	Doc's Oak	Bobs Smart Chance	Bob Acre Doc	John Mitchell	Glade M Knight
215	High Stylish Oak	Stallion	Docs Stylish Oak	SR High Style	Docs Hickory	Jason Clark	Clark & Dunning
215	Play Like Clay	Mare	Freckles Playboy	Miss Doc Smoke	Doc's Smoke	Lindy Burch	Teddy Price
215	RW Hail Mary	Mare	SR Instant Choice	Little Proud Mary	Smart Little Lena	Ed Flynn	Walton's Rocking W Ranch
215	Teles Again	Stallion	Lenas Telesis	Peppy La Pu	Peppy San Badger	Ian Chisholm	Teles Again Partnership
214.5	Kit Dualena	Stallion	Kit Dual	Lenas Lucinda	Doc O'Lena	J B McLamb	Tim Brewer
214	Lectric Brakes	Gelding	Lectric Playboy	Lightning Lil Dulce	Smart Little Lena	Philip Rapp	Phil & Mary Ann Rapp
214	Peptolena Lucinda	Mare	Peptoboonsmal	Lenas Lucinda	Doc O'Lena	J B McLamb	Tim Brewer
213	Amando Pistolero	Stallion	Playgun	Amanda Starlight	Grays Starlight	Rock Hedlund	Jim Milne
213	Big Red Gun	Gelding	Young Gun	Shortys Blue Angel	Shorty Lena	Greg Wright	Emmy & Dick Hanson
213	Kittys High Brow Cat	Mare	High Brow Cat	Kittys Destiny	Smooth Herman	Kevin Parker	Parker & Albrecht
213	Royal Blue Angelena	Mare	Peptoboonsmal	Holly Cee Lena	Doc O'Lena	Greg Welch	Richard Walpole
213	Smart River Dancer	Stallion	Smart Little Lena	Miss Rebecca Boon	Boon Bar	Ascencion Banuelos	Tom Warriner
212	Little Cat Olena	Stallion	High Brow Cat	Bonnie Tari	Doc Tari	Carlos Banuelos	Carl & Shawnea Smith
208	Shortys Starlight	Mare	Grays Starlight	Miss Shorty Lena	Shorty Lena	Sam Shepard	Kenny & Jana McLean
204	Reys Dual Badger	Stallion	Dual Rey	Lipshy	Haidas Little Pep	Darren Simpkins	S & S Partners



The 2003 NCHA Futurity was telecast live on DISH Network, and will be replayed several times in the coming weeks.

MYSTERY PHOTO



Susan Waggoner wins a copy of *The Cowboy Life of James L. Kenney* (also available on amazon.com) for her caption to yesterday's Mystery Photo:

"Cutting', what da hey's a cuttin'?"



If they ever bottled Sean Ryon, this is how you would get your next hat creased. Instead, you should come to the Coors Light Western Mercantile at the NCHA limited age events in Fort Worth.



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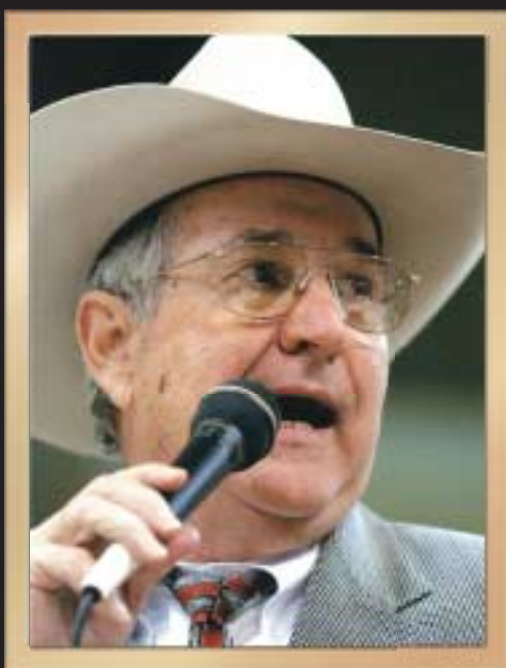


Elaine Hall presented a check for \$81,600 to Sam Shepard on behalf of Kenny McLean for the 2003 Larry Hall Stakes Open winner and a check for \$20,400 to Glade Knight as the Larry Hall Stakes Non-Pro winner.

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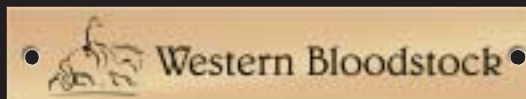
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