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Spot on!

\$200,000 win for Spots Hot and Wesley Galyean



Non-Pro rider Wesley Galyean and Spots Hot worked last in the first set and marked 225 to win the 2004 NCHA Open Futurity.

Non-Pro rider Wesley Galyean, 21, riding his stallion Spots Hot, scored a stunning victory in the NCHA Open Futurity. The win paid Galyean \$200,000.

"I never guessed this would happen, but I always knew he was a great horse," said Galyean of the Chula Dual son he raised and trained himself. "His character is unbelievable. Every day he comes out and gives his all every time."

Galyean and Spots Hot were on the money with their first two cows, but it was the third that took them to the top and helped earn 225 points. They had won the Open Semi-Finals the night before with 223 points.

"There at the end, I was working that cow for what seemed forever," said Galyean. "It seemed like five minutes straight. But my horse kept right in there and never gave up."

"I just knew he wasn't going to let that cow get by him. I couldn't hear my helpers because the crowd got so loud. So I didn't know how much time I had left. I was just trying to stay in there and keep riding until I heard the buzzer."

Galyean and his brother Beau, and father, Jody, had been through a grueling and exciting three weeks of competition.

Altogether, the Galyeans earned more than \$365,000. It

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was an unparalleled accomplishment in the sport's biggest and most prestigious event. In 2001, father and son, Ronnie and Tag Rice, Buffalo, Texas, placed first and second in the Open Futurity, but never have two members of the same family garnered three NCHA Futurity championships in the same year.

In addition to the Open Championship, Wesley placed fourth, on Spots Hot, and ninth, on Classy Dualin, in the Non-Pro Finals. Jody, a professional trainer and former NCHA Open Futurity Champion, finished ninth on A Black Widow in the Open Futurity. Beau, 24, won the Limited Open Finals on Double Down Merada and placed another horse in that division; he also was Reserve Non-Pro Champion on Highlightcat.

Wesley and Beau are third generation horsemen. Their grandfather, Kenneth is a legendary Quarter Horse showman and trainer with hundreds of championship wins in halter and performance events. Jody has also been successful in a variety of performance horse disciplines, but cutting is his forte.

Quintan Blue, ridden by Roger Wagner for Jim Vangilder was Reserve Champion with 222 points. The Mecom Blue daughter won both the go-rounds and the aggregate with scores of 220 and 220.5.

"She's just got that charisma about her," said Wagner. "She just reads cattle so well and thinks about where she is going."



Top: Roger Wagner and helper with NCHA Open Futurity reserve champion Quintan Blue, owned by Jim Vangilder. Above, left to right, Wesley, Kenneth, Beau, and Jody Galyean.

Truck Winner Feels Like a Futurity Champion

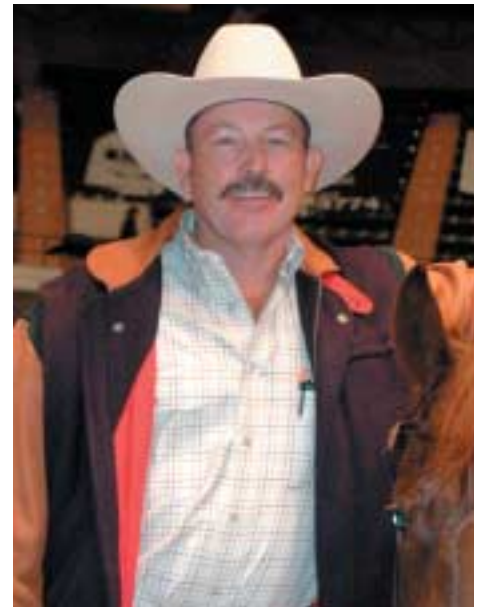
JoAnn Parker of Weatherford, Texas, an NCHA member since 1976, won the drawing for the fully loaded Chevy Duramax Diesel Crewcab Truck at the NCHA Futurity last night.

"This is like winning at the Futurity finals," said Parker, who asked NCHA Futurity Amateur finalist Douglas Wyatt to represent her at the drawing. "I seem to win more if I'm not there."

Each person who purchased a 2004 NCHA membership had their name thrown into the hat for the truck. In addition, each check won at an NCHA-approved event during the point year earned that person another entry for the truck. One hundred entries were drawn as finalists at the beginning of the Futurity, and each day a drawing eliminated a handful of those finalists. On Sunday, Charlie Ashcraft, Dean Holden, Teresa Home, Kyle Krause, and JoAnn Parker were the only ones left with a shot at the truck. In turn, they, or their representatives, drew a set of keys from a hat and tried to start the truck. Wyatt, on behalf of Parker, was the last to go, and drew the winning keys. ★



Douglas and Lynn Wyatt call JoAnn Parker to tell her that they drew the winning keys on her behalf in NCHA's Chevy Truck Giveaway.



Rick Mowery (left) and Deditinadually placed third with 218 points in the Open Finals; Lloyd Cox (center) on Cats Moonshine, and Scott Weis (right) on TF Smartlitle Linda, tied for fourth.

2004 NCHA FUTURITY OPEN FINALS

Score	Horse	Sex	Sire	Dam	Dam's Sire	Rider	Owner
225	Spots Hot	Stallion	Chula Dual	Sweet Shorty Lena	Shorty Lena	Wesley Galyean	Wesley Galyean
222	Quintan Blue	Mare	Mecom Blue	Quiolena	CD Olena	Roger Wagner	Jim Vangilder
218	Deditinadually	Stallion	Dual Pep	Some Kinda Playgirl	Freckles Playboy	Rick Mowery	Rick & Shelly Mowery
217.5	Cats Moonshine	Stallion	High Brow Cat	Genuine Moonshine	Genuine Doc	Lloyd Cox	Gail Holmes
217.5	TF Smartlitle Linda	Mare	Smart Little Lena	My Lucky Linda	Peppy San	Scott Weis	Latigo Canyon Ranch
216	KD Shorty	Mare	Kit Dual	Shorty Lena Sue	Shorty Lena	Austin Shepard	Robert C Brown
215.5	Love Tracker	Mare	DJ Tracker	Playboys Heidi	Freckles Playboy	Guy Woods	EE Ranches of Texas
215.5	Zacks Little Bowman	Mare	Zack T Wood	Bowmans Little Jewel	Smart Little Lena	Bubba Matlock	GCH Land & Cattle Company
213	A Black Widow	Mare	High Brow Cat	Smart Prissy	Smart Little Lena	Jody Galyean	Richard & Kay Bergquist
213	Scooters Stylish Oak	Mare	Docs Stylish Oak	Scooters Playmate	Freckles Playboy	Gary Gonsalves	Jeff & Kay Barnes
212	Cattilion	Mare	High Brow Cat	Staraleno	Grays Starlight	Cara Barry	Tim Barry
212	Chandolena Rey	Mare	Dual Rey	Chandolena	Doc O'Lena	Corey Holden	Linda Holmes
211.5	Gorgeous Jewel	Mare	Lenas Jewel Bars	Jena Doc	Peppy San Badger	Russ Miller	GCH Land & Cattle Company
211	Cat T Masterson	Stallion	High Brow Cat	Pretty Lean Chick	Doc O'Lena	Tag Rice	Jack & Susan Waggoner
211	Lester Armour	Stallion	Playin Stylish	Dual Kual	Dual Pep	Sam Shepard	Kenny & Jana McLean
210	Lil Lewis Long Legs	Stallion	High Brow Cat	Lil Lucy Long Legs	Dual Pep	Shannon Hall	Kickapoo Farms
210	Sues Barn Cat	Mare	High Brow Cat	Final Sue	Peponita	Andrew Coates	Sandy Bonelli
205	Catarista	Mare	Smart Aristocrat	Royal Sho Cat	High Brow Cat	Merritt Wilson	Mary Dangelmayr
204	Oak A T Cat	Stallion	High Brow Cat	Pretty Freckles Oak	Docs Freckles Oak	Tim Smith	Robert Graves
204	Squeaky Cat	Gelding	High Brow Cat	Hildas Toy	Squeak Toy	Grant Simon	Slate River Ranch
197	Pepto Rio Playboy	Stallion	Peptoboonsmal	Barbi Freckles Rio	Freckles Playboy	J B McLamb	Tim Brewer
194	Rio Smart Lena	Mare	Smart Little Lena	Money Talks Rio	Doc Quixote	David Stewart	Dan Churchill
193	Bowmans Cat Man	Stallion	High Brow Cat	Bowmans Fancy	Lenas Jewel Bars	Tag Rice	Jeffrey Matthews
193	Sheza Stray Cat	Mare	High Brow Cat	Annie Prairie	Winnin Doc	Andy Sherrerd	Megan Merrill
180	Jazzys Pep Talk	Mare	Peptoboonsmal	Jazzy Dry	Dry Doc	Lee Francois	Willard Alexander

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