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## Showdown for the Western Horseman Cup

*The finals of the NCHA/Western Horseman Cup to be held January 27.*

(Fort Worth, TX)—The thirty finalists in the 2005 Western Horseman Cup cutting horse Finals have been invited to Augusta, GA to compete in a one round, sudden death competition for the Cup. The top fifteen Non-Pro riders and top fifteen Open horses from the National Cutting Horse Association 2005 point year will meet up for one final showdown on January 27, 2006.

Inaugurated in 2004, the Western Horseman Cup features a \$250,000-added finals. There is \$150,000 added to the Open division and \$100,000 added to the Non-Pro division. The Western Horseman Cup, held during the Augusta Futurity in January, is for horses that have qualified by earning points at existing NCHA-approved limited age events across the United States and Canada throughout the year. The 2005 championship series encompassed 43 events with nearly \$6 million in added money. The series is split into the Quarter Horse News Spring Season, which concluded May 22; the Horsecity.com Summer Season, which concluded September 18; and the Westernhorseman.com Fall Season, which concluded November 12.

The finalists are:

### Open Division

Horse	Owner	Owner's Hometown	Rider	Rider's Hometown
Cat T Masterson	Jack & Susan Waggoner	Bridgeport, TX	Tag Rice	Crowley, TX
One Time	Matthews	Warsaw, NC	Matt Gaines	Weatherford,

Pepto	Cutting Horses			TX
Quintan Blue	James Vangilder	Jackson, MO	Roger Wagner	Weatherford, TX
Spots Hot	Wesley Galyean	Ardmore, OK	Wesley Galyean	Ardmore, OK
Mates Little Cokette	Darren Blanton	Dallas, TX	Jason Clark	Millsap, TX
Tap Dancing Cat	Tom & Jennifer Lyons	Grandview, TX	Tom Lyons	Grandview, TX
Boonbay Smash	Painted Springs Farm	Brentwood, TN	Brad Mitchell	Thompson Sta, TN
Freckles Royally Doc	James Vangilder	Jackson, MO	Roger Wagner	Weatherford, TX
Neat Little Cat	Jim & Judy Spaulding	Rocky Ford, CO	Sean Flynn	Weatherford, TX
Show Biz Ben	Becky Elliott	Estill, SC	Austin Shepard	Summerdale, AL
Lynx Of Style	Slate River Ranch	Weatherford, TX	John Mitchell	Weatherford, TX
Special Order Paint	Frank & Ora Diehl	Ruskin, FL	Kory Pounds	Millsap, TX
Cats Moonshine	Gail Holmes	Longmont, CO	Lloyd Cox	Fort Morgan, CO
A Black Widow	Richard & Kay Bergquist	Marietta, OK	Jody Galyean	Ardmore, OK
Pepto Rio Playboy	Tim Brewer	Weatherford, TX	J. B. McLamb	Weatherford, TX

#### Non-Professional Division

<b>Rider</b>	<b>Horse</b>	<b>Hometown</b>
Chad Bushaw	A Cat Above; Shortys Last Stretch	Weatherford, TX
Janet Trefethen	Wholly Cats	Napa, CA
James Vangilder	Quintan Blue; Justa Lil CD; Freckles Royally Doc	Jackson, MO
Skip Queen	Nurse Charles; Glows: Rockin By Choice	Lipan, TX
Scott Ferguson	Coontail Cat	Hempstead, TX
Dustin Adams	MH Lay Down Lady: Billies Smart Lena	Dublin, TX
Matt Miller	Not By Choice; CD Stars;	Millsap, TX

	Travs Smart Kit	
Beau Galyean	Highlightcat; Double Down Merada	Ardmore, TX
Ora Diehl	Special Order Paint	Ruskin, FL
Meredith McCullar	CD Olena Peppy; Dual Rey Nurse	Baird, TX
Elizabeth Brumbaugh	LJ Dual Rey; KD Shorty	Weatherford, TX
Kyle Manion	Candybag, Brainiac	Aubrey, TX
Elizabeth Queen	Nurse Charles; Glows; Rockin By Choice	Lipan, TX
Becky Elliott	Show Biz Ben	Estill, SC
Megan Merrill	Sheza Stray Cat	Purcell, OK

The Western Horseman Cup Finals will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> in the Augusta, GA Civic Center Arena. The event will be broadcasted live on the web through the Augusta Futurity website, [www.augustafuturity.com](http://www.augustafuturity.com).

The National Cutting Horse Association is made up of over 16,000 members across the United States with a wide range of backgrounds. The sport of cutting has roots in Western ranching traditions, where good horses were a necessity for every day ranch work and cattle handling. From cowgirls to CEOs, from firefighters to professional football players, the common ground is often in the cutting arena. Each year more than 2,200 NCHA-approved events are held throughout the country with more than \$35 million in prize money awarded.

To learn more about the National Cutting Horse Association and the sport of cutting, call 817-244-6188 or visit [www.nchacutting.com](http://www.nchacutting.com).