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Qualifiers named for The Western Horseman Cup presented by UBS
The finals of the NCHA / Western Horseman Cup will be held January 27 in Augusta, GA

(Fort Worth, TX)—The 30 finalists for the 2007 Western Horseman Cup / NCHA Championship Cutting Series 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 2006 point year will meet up for one final showdown on January 27, 2007. The event is presented by UBS, one of the world's premier global financial firms.

Inaugurated in 2004, the Western Horseman Cup features a \$156,000-added finals. There is \$89,000 added to the Open division and \$67,000 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 2006 championship series encompassed 44 events with over \$12 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.

This year if a horse (Open Division) or non-pro rider (Non-Pro Division) finishes among the top five point earners in more than one season, the next highest point earner who has not previously qualified will be deemed a qualifier from that season. In other words, each season will produce five qualifiers in each division.

The finalists are:

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Open Division

Horse	Owner	Owner's Hometown	Rider	Total
Dual Smart Rey	Strawn Valley Ranch	Strawn, TX	Phil Rapp	245
Purdy Boy Flash	Jack & Susan Waggoner	Bridgeport, TX	Tag Rice	235
Highbrow Supercat	Paul W Dean	Claremore,OK	Tommy Marvin	200
Im Countin Checks	Tommy Manion	Aubrey,TX	Matt Gaines	195
Autumn Acre	Manion & Rapp	Weatherford,TX	Phil Rapp	160
Etickets Cat	Wagonhound Land & Livestock	Douglas, WY	Tim Smith	150
Sister CD	Skip & Elizabeth Queen	Lipan, TX	Paul Hansma	150
Kittens	Frank & Bonnie Martin	Las Vegas, NV	Russ Miller	135
Hick Chicaroo	Latigo Canyon Ranch	Santa Ynez, CA	Scott Weis	130
Wild Haired Cat	Champions Way Enterprises	Bartonville, TX	Richard Johnson	110
Absolutely Stunning	Karen Freeman/Tommy Manion	Aubrey, TX	Roger Wagner	110
DMAC Snoopdog	David & Stacie McDavid	Fort Worth, TX	Gary Gonsalves	110
Lil Lena Long Legs	Phil & Mary Ann Rapp	Weatherford, TX	Phil Rapp	95
Frecklesareinstyle	H2H Joint Venture	Prineville, OR	Phil Hanson	75
Platinum Bob	Jody Hatchett	Memphis, TN	Sean Flynn	75

Non-Professional Division

Rider	Horse	Owner	Total
Chad Bushaw	High Heel Kitty; Peps Calm Down; TF Dox Sweet Pepto	Chad & Aimee Bushaw	345
Elizabeth Queen	CD Hombre; Rockin N Playing	Elizabeth Queen	305
James Vangilder	Mr Tele San; Pet Squirrel; Guys Little Jewel	James N Vangilder	300
Matt Miller	Hokies Cat; Tachitas Madera	Matt Miller	270
Dustin Adams	MH Into Cutting; Rey Ann Hickory: MH Bijous Bodee	Dustin & Deena Adams	260
Clay McCullar	MH Dynos Tonette; Doc O Color	Clay McCullar	200
Jimmy Kemp	MH Lena Little Dyno; Cata Boom; MH The Millions Mine	Jimmy & Terrye Kemp	145
Julie Hansma	Reytheon; Bob Dualin	Paul & Julie Hansma	110
Kelle Earnheart	High Steppin Cat	Pat & Teresa Earnheart	110

Janet Westfall	Royal Incognito; CD Little Dog	Russ & Janet Westfall	105
Teri Paradis	Lookin At A Lena	Teri Paradise	115
Colton Rothwell	Peppys Stylish Lena, Lenas Taxis	Richard & Priscilla Rothwell	110
Dana Heinrich	Precious Lil Pearl	Rod & Dana Heinrich	110
Jason McClure	Bee Sweet Hickory; Cats Gotta Merada	Jackie McClure	100
Sandy Bonelli	Blue Leboon	Sandy Bonelli	85

The Western Horseman Cup Finals will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, January 26, 2007 in the Augusta, GA Civic Center Arena. The event will be broadcasted live on the web through the Augusta Futurity website, www.augustafuturity.com.

The National Cutting Horse Association is made up of over 17,000 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 \$36 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.