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TODAY'S ACTION

Dulces Smart Lena, co-reserve champion of the Super Stakes, scored 222.5 points under Phil Rapp to lead the first three rounds of Open Derby competition. Owned by Esperanza Ranch, the Smart Little Lena stallion also won the Augusta and Memphis Futurities. Action resumes today with Super Stakes champion JR Red Diablo, ridden by Chubby Turner, slated to work in the fifth bunch.

Also look for Hope Justice's Super Stakes Non-Pro champion Freckles Lena Boon in the fifth bunch under Shannon Hall.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.
Derby Open 1st go-round (cont.)
 98 entries • 7 sets

TOMORROW'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.
Derby Open 1st go-round (cont.)
 101 entries • 7 sets

MONDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.
Derby Open 2nd go-round

HEALTHY HORSES DON'T COUGH...

Dusty hay, feed, straw and arenas combined with long trailer rider and stress of competition can lead to inflammatory airway disease in as many as 50% of performance horses.

Often unnoticed in the early stages, inflammatory airway disease makes it impossible for horses to perform at their best and often lead to more serious respiratory problems.

Representatives from Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, makers of Ventipulmin Syrup and Torpex will be conducting demonstrations near the stall office in the Burnett Building from 9 am to 12

Merrill makes good with "Good Girl"

Anderson and Alpha Zeta second



Megan Merrill and Colonels Smart Gal (Good Girl) scored 222 for their win.

Megan Merrill claimed her first NCHA "big three" limited age event buckle as 2002 Super Stakes 5/6 Classic Amateur reserve champion. Yesterday, she claimed her first win with a 222-point performance on Colonels Smart Gal, her Super Stakes Classic mount.

"I was really prepared and I had a good feeling about tonight," said Merrill, after her run. "She was awesome in the practice pen and I couldn't have asked for anything more out there. She was as ready as she was going to get. I just had a feeling that I could do it."

Merrill drew seventh in the third and last bunch of 33 finalists. Karen Anderson had marked 220 late in the first bunch; the next highest score was Julie Wells' 218, as the first rider in the third bunch.

"Instead of going through the herd and trying to find something, I just went cutting," explained Merrill about her strategy in the Finals. "I was going for first place, so I just went for it and everything just happened to pan out.

"Every cow that I wanted was where it needed to be, and they

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Left to right: Karen Anderson, Amateur Classic/Challenge reserve champion; Beverly Brent split 4/7; Julie Wells placed third.

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did everything that I needed them to do," she added. "I couldn't have asked for them to be better."

In the go-round, where it took 215 to advance to the Finals, Merrill had scored 216, but felt uneasy going into the herd.

"It worked out, but I kind of had a bad feeling in the go-round and I never get that feeling on her," she noted. "The cattle in my bunch were tough and I was next-to-last."

Merrill, who is a senior studying public relations at the University of Oklahoma, has been riding all of her life. Her parents, Frank and Robin Merrill, own Windward Stud in Purcell, OK, which has been home to some of the Quarter Horse breed's top cutting, reining and race sires, over the years.

Colonels Smart Gal, by Colonel Barrachone out of A Smart Little Girl, by Smart Little Lena, was bred by the Merrills. Frank and Robin's older daughter, McKenzie, competed with A Smart Little Girl; Colonels Smart Gal, nicknamed "Good Girl," is the mare's first performer.


"She's never bad," said Megan of Colonels Smart Gal. "She's either good or great. That's what's been the most fun about showing her. I don't have to worry about much."

In addition to her winning style and her freckled, blazed face, Colonels Little Gal can be distinguished by her ears — the tip of her left ear is missing. "Another mare bit it off when she was a

baby," explained McKenzie. "My mom was there at the time. She even tried to look for it, but couldn't find it."

Greg Hillerman trained Colonels Little Gal for the Merrills and Andy Sherrerd, their resident trainer, keeps her tuned for shows.

"She's just five, but she doesn't take much work these days," said Megan. "She's an old soul."


**"The man who never
 makes a mistake
 works for the man
 that does."**



You say it's your birthday!

*These NCHA members
are celebrating their birthday today.*

Karl Heinz Balk	Powell Butte, OR	Jamie Mayse.....	Spring Creek, NV
Sarah Beyer	Missoula, MT	Houston McKenzie.....	Mccamey, TX
Jim Bilbrey	Conyers, GA	William McKiever	Monticello, AR
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Kerry Blanchard.....	Port Allen, LA	H W Newbold	Oblong, IL
Mike Claytor.....	Minco, OK	Donnie O'Brien.....	Pineville, MO
Walter Dickover.....	Flemington, MO	Phyllis Reese	Omak, WA
Lynn Folkman	Ogden, UT	Bobby Reeves	Festus, MO
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Jeff Goff	Queen Creek, AZ	Sally Rosen.....	Merion, PA
Steve Hard DVM	Weatherford, TX	Vester Smith	Higgins, TX
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Ron Jackson	Bloomington, IN	George Stout.....	Naperville, IL
James Jett	Decatur, TX	Sam Turner.....	Weatherford, TX
Misha Johnson	Farmington, UT	Doris Tyson	Nampa, ID
Doug Jordan.....	Greenville, TX	George Ward	Lees Summit, MO
Thomas Kaier	Charlotte, TN	Lou Weaver	New Smyrna, FL
Lindsay Kern	Pilot Point, TX	Larry Woodard Jr.....	Wendell, NC
Marjorie Massaglia.....	Ramona, CA	Jesse Ybarra	Center, TX
Randy Maxwell.....	Durby, MT		



Left to right: Lee Tennison, Sue Hixson, and Tim Drummond split 4/7 with Beverly Brent.

Anderson takes reserve

Karen Anderson, of Southlake, TX, made her Will Rogers debut as a finalist in the 2002 Super Stakes Amateur Classic. Yesterday, she scored a personal high with 220 points and a reserve championship in the Amateur

Classic/Challenge.

"My goal was to just be in the middle and cut clean," said Anderson, who worked in the first bunch. "I was nervous, but then I chilled out and my horse was great."

Anderson rode Alpha Zeta, a six-year-old Smart Little Lena gelding, who

her husband Steve, a non-pro, has also shown. Steve Anderson was also a Classic/Challenge Non-Pro finalist on Tiny Telesis.

"My husband helps me," said Karen. "He was in my corner. He told me he was a non-pro out there, but I said, 'I don't care, I want you with me.'"

Classic/Challenge Amateur Finals

Score	Horse	Sex	Sire	Dam	Dam's Sire	Rider	Home	Purse
222	Colonels Smart Gal	M	Colonel Barrachone	A Smart Little Girl	Smart Little Lena	Megan Merrill	Purcell, OK	\$6,551
220	Alpha Zeta	G	Smart Little Lena	Little Memry Maker	Peppy San Badger	Karen Michelle Anderson	Southlake, TX	\$6,268
218	PS Tell Grandma	M	Doc O Lena Twist	Doc Sugs Lisa	Doc's Sug	Julie Wells	Richards, TX	\$5,986
217	Bobalite	G	Bob Acre Doc	Cinnabars Lil Star	Grays Starlight	Lee Tennison	Fort Worth, TX	\$5,279
217	Docs Stylenaette	M	Docs Stylish Oak	Playboys Samantha	Freckles Playboy	Tim Drummond	Pawhuska, OK	\$5,279
217	Pudden Pop	M	Pop A Top Pep	Smart Pudden	Smart Little Lena	Beverly Brent	Lufkin, TX	\$5,279
217	Smart San Pep	M	Smart Chic Olena	Clegg San Pep	Mr San Peppy	Sue Hixson	Deridder, LA	\$5,279
216.5	The Pink Stuff	M	Peptoboonsmal	Dry DotToo	Doc O'Lena	Roy Speer	Camden, AR	\$4,432
216.5	Yu Play Playboy	G	Freckles Playboy	Ms Tiffer	Cols Lil Pepper	Michael Randolph	Belton, TX	\$4,432
216	Conchita Bingo Rebel	M	Bingo Hickory	Conchita Gay Rebel	Doc Quixote	James N Vangilder	Jackson, MO	\$4,008
215	Voicemail	G	Lenas Telesis	Califari	Cal Bar	Jordon Schults	West Point, MS	\$3,726
214.5	Freckles Copper Penny					Elly McGregor	Brantford, ON	\$3,443
214	Perfect High Brow	G	High Brow Hickory	Perfect Percision	Docs Precession	Matt Miller	Jonesboro, AR	\$3,160
213	Cash Colors	M	Cash Quixote Rio	Budha Lady	Docs Budha	Victoria Taylor	Clermont, IA	\$2,454
213	CD Date	M	CD Olena	Doc's Steady Date	Doc Bar	Shelly Hall	Granbury, TX	\$2,454
213	Jewel In The Night	M	Grays Starlight	Olenas Jewel	Doc O'Lena	Gretchen Markland	Plano, TX	\$2,454
213	Shortys Little Tess	M	Shorty Lena	Little Miss Tio	Peppy San Badger	Ryan Smith	Royse City, TX	\$2,454
212.5	Whisper In The Wood	M	Zack T Wood	Fletches Daughn	Jae Bar Fletch	Gene E Wollenberg	Wichita Falls, TX	\$1,748
211	Glamorous Dually	M	Dual Pep	SR Glamorous Lady	Doc's Hickory	Francie Butler	Valley Mills, TX	\$1,465
210.5	Chicks Dig My Dually	G	Dual Pep	Docs Chickory	Doc's Hickory	Cindi J Carper	Newport Beach, CA	\$1,183
209	CJ Tara	M	CJ Sugar	Peps Dry Brooke	Dry Doc	Sue Vinson	Midkiff, TX	\$850
208	Bonitas Telesis	G	Lenas Telesis	Bonita Carmen	Docs Cutter King	George M Thiel	Minden, NV	\$850
207	Smart Little Flick	G	Smart Little Lena	Flickaretta	Beretta San	Nick Karanges	Ft Worth, TX	\$850
205	Sallie B Badge	M	Playboys Badge	Sallie B Haida	Haidas Little Pep	Carroll Matthews Baggett	Turkey, NC	\$850
204	Stylish Escort	G	Docs Stylish Oak	Playboys Escort	Freckles Playboy	Jerry Paterson	Stephenville, TX	\$850
200	Young Boogie Man	G	Young Gun	Cee Beulena	Peppy Lena San	Billy Atwood	Kosciusko, MS	\$850
198	Poco Sugars Star	G	Poco San Lena	Moria Sugar	Son O Sugar	Lu Lynne Liles	Ada, OK	\$850
196	BR Pianoman	G	Docs Stylish Oak	I Know A Secret	Freckles Playboy	Julie Ann Wrigley	Glenbrook, NV	\$850
195	Badge O Lena	G	Playboys Badge	Haidas Cindy	Haidas Little Pep	Elizabeth Brumbaugh	Weatherford, TX	\$850
192	Smart Fox Solano	G	As Smart As The Fox	Milady Solano	Doc's Solano	Adyn Schuyler	Lena, MS	\$850
186	Olena Boon Bar	S	CD Olena	Miss Tincie Boon	Boon Bar	Jane Bussey McGehee	Benbrook, TX	\$850
180	Woodulena	M	Zack T Wood	Smart Little Patrona	Smart Little Lena	Mike Price	Dallas, TX	\$850
0	HR High Hickory	G	Doc's Hickory	SR High Times	Peppys High Gear	Dan Pearson	Spearmen, TX	\$850



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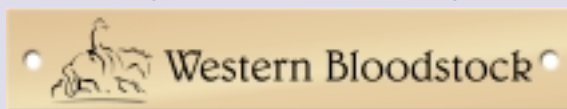
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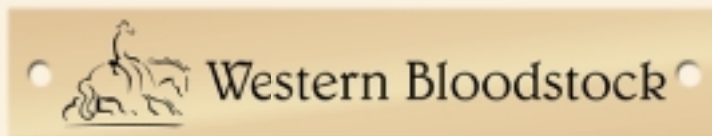
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TODAY'S MYSTERY PHOTO



Nobody correctly identified yesterday's Mystery Photo of Dash N Mate, a gelding by Dash For Cash out of Doc's Playmate. He was one of the few offspring of race sire Dash For Cash out of great cutting-bred mares. Sally Harrison photographed him at the Phillips Ranch in 1988.

The first person to identify this reiner-turned-cutter will win a \$30 gift certificate from Macaroni Grill on University.

Submit your answer in writing to Carolyn Crist in the Show Office.

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

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