

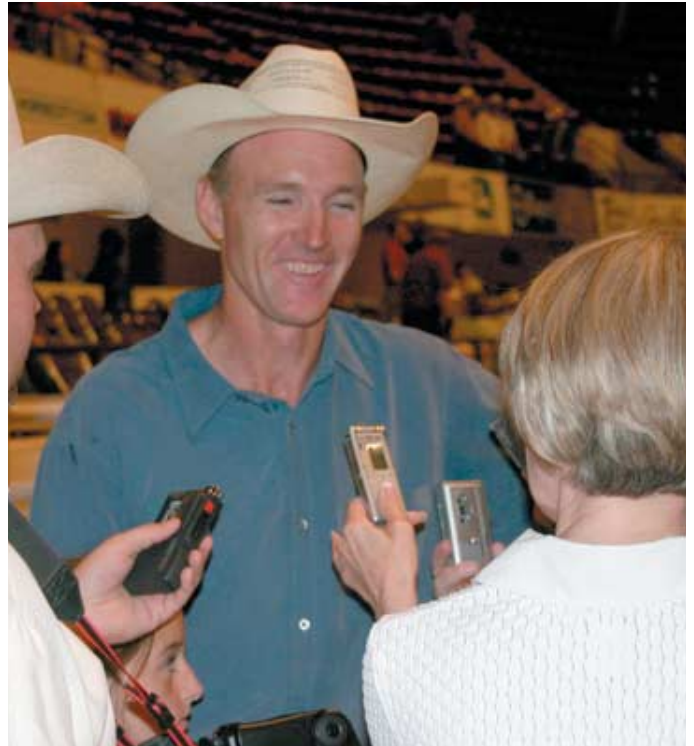
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Rockin By Choice #1 choice Non-Pro co-champions



Paul Hansma rode Rockin By Choice, owned by Elizabeth Queen, Lipan, Texas, to win the NCHA Derby with 224.5 points.

Rockin By Choice, ridden by Paul Hansma for Elizabeth Queen, topped an exceptional field yesterday to win the NCHA Open Derby with 224.5 points.

Mates Little Cokette, ridden for Darren Blanton by rookie Jason Clark, claimed reserve with 222 points.

"He can do some amazing things," said Hansma of Rockin By Choice, who took command late in the second bunch of cattle. "He's an athlete, he likes to go low, he can handle pressure, and he's real cool-minded. You can call on him and he gives it to you."

Rockin By Choice worked three cows, one of which Hansma knew.

"All the cows on my list had pretty well been taken," he said. "I knew the first cow. The second

one was kind of a last minute pick.

"I thought I had 25 seconds when I went for my third cow, but when I turned around and saw 10 seconds, I kind of cussed myself and thought I should have stayed on the second cow. But I just took the first thing that was there and put my hand down and it worked out really good."

Hansma won the 1994 NCHA Derby on Hicapoo, owned by Jim and Mary Jo Milner.

Elizabeth Queen purchased the gelded son of SR Instant Choice as a two-year-old, from Rickie Cox, during the NCHA Futurity Sales; he had been started by Eddie Howard. Both Queen and Hansma have shown the horse successfully, including a win in the Abilene Spectacular Open division, and as NCHA Open Super Stakes reserve champion.

"I look back to that hot quit I had in the first



Left to right: Jason Clark scored 222 points to claim the NCHA Derby reserve championship aboard Mates Little Cokette, owned by Darren Blanton; Scott Ferguson, on Coontail Cat, and Jim Vangilder, aboard Quintan Blue, were co-champions of the NCHA Non-Pro Derby.

go-round which seemed so silly,” said Queen, who was eliminated in the first go-round of Derby Non-Pro competition, “and now I think maybe it was for a reason. He was probably stronger tonight for it, because I hadn’t been showing him all week. It gave him that intensity and brightness.”

Reserve Open champion

Jason Clark and Mates Little Cokette made the most of their last-place draw in the first bunch.

“It seemed kind of a negative deal, especially against this caliber of horses,” admitted Clark. “But it all worked out pretty good.

“I thought, we’re in the Finals and we’ll just give it our best. My first cow was okay, but I got off in a bad spot and that kind of hurt me. Then I came back pretty strong on my last two cows.”

Darren Blanton purchased the Smart Mate daughter in June of her three-year-old year from Pat Fitzgerald; she had been trained to that point by Roy Cox.

Clark showed Mates Little Cokette as an NCHA Futurity Semi-Finalist, but ran into his corner help on the first cut. The incident frightened the filly and according to Clark, she has just started coming back to her pre-Futurity peak.

“I’ve been showing her on the weekends here and there, trying to get her courage and confidence back up,” he explained.

This was Clark’s best finish at Will

Rogers Coliseum. “I don’t mind a guy like Paul Hansma beating me,” he said. “He’s one of my mentors. I’ve worked with him a lot and he’s one of my heros.”

Hansma is ranked seventh among cutting’s all-time leading trainers with more than \$3 million.

Non-Pro co-champions

Jim Vangilder and Scott Ferguson tied with 220 points for the Non-Pro championship. It was a grand slam for Vangilder, who had won both go-rounds and the Semi-Finals aboard Quintan Blue.

Ferguson, who won last year’s Non-Pro Derby on Laredo Blue, rode Coontail Cat, the mare he also showed through the second go-round of Open competition.

“I’m very honored to be tied with Quintan Blue,” said Ferguson. “I think that mare is probably one of the best cutting mares to ever come to this arena. It’s a big honor to be tied with her.”

“She’s a one-of-a kind horse,” said Vangilder, who was cutting’s leading owner in 2004. “I’ve had some nice horses and she’s unlike any other.”

Vangilder scored 220 points as the last rider in the first bunch, and Ferguson made his mark as the third to cut in the second bunch.

Quintan Blue, by Mecom Blue, was reserve champion to winner Spots Hot in the NCHA Open Futurity. Spots Hot,

ridden by her owner Wesley Galyean, finished third in the NCHA Open Derby with 220 points.

“You gain by experience,” noted Vangilder, who put in some time on a practice horse on the morning of the Finals, with a focus on making good cuts.

“I did really well until I got off of my second cow. I got off when I should have stayed on. But I try to look at it as a learning experience. Hopefully next time, I’ll make the right choice.

“She’s extremely smooth and easy to ride,” he added. “It seems like when you’re on her everything is in slow-motion. She’s has a way of slowing a cow down. Even though you know you’re moving quick, it doesn’t seem like it.”

Vangilder substituted Quintan Blue for another mare he had entered to ride, when trainer Roger Wagner succumbed to some bad luck on the mare in the Open go-round with her. Quintan Blue has earned over \$250,000 in open and non-pro competition.

Ferguson purchased Coontail Cat as a yearling and trained her himself with the help of Matt Budge. He qualified for the NCHA Non-Pro Futurity Semi-Finals on the High Brow Cat daughter and was a non-pro finalist with her at the Augusta Futurity.

“I’ve been kind of snake bitten with her,” said Ferguson. “But she was the best she’s ever been with me here. She got stronger every go-round.”

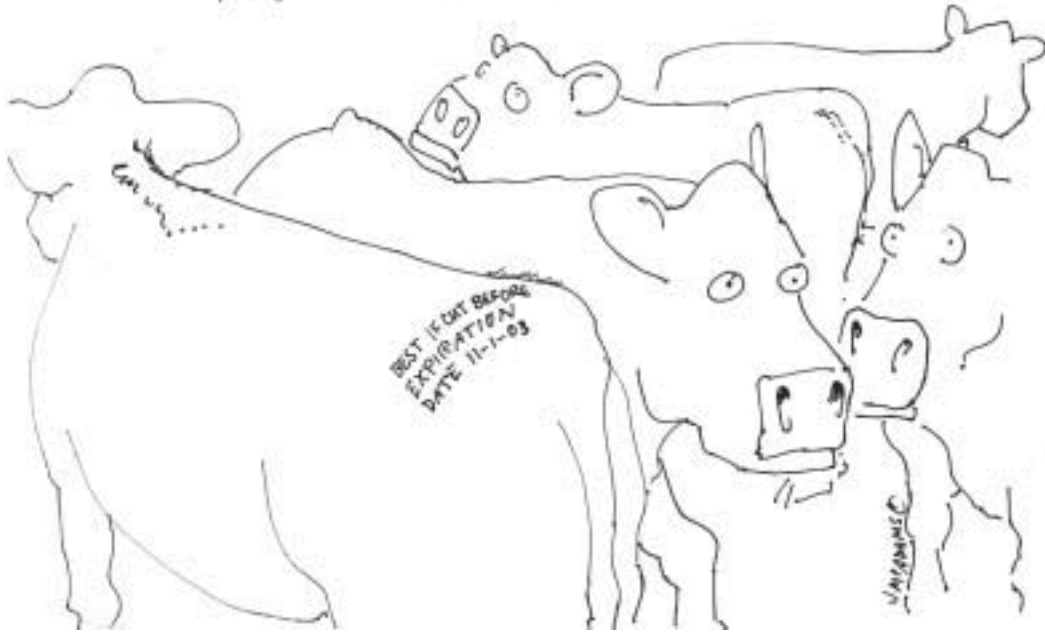
NCHA DERBY OPEN FINALS

Score	Horse	Sex	Sire	Dam	Dam's Sire	Rider	Owner	Home	Earned
224.5	Rockin By Choice	G	SR Instant Choice	Rockin Playgirl	Freckles Playboy	Paul Hansma	Elizabeth Queen	Lipan, TX	\$75,000
222	Mates Little Cokette	M	Smart Mate	Cokette	Doc Quixote	Jason Clark	Darren Blanton	Dallas, TX	\$38,295
220	Spots Hot	S	Chula Dual	Sweet Shorty Lena	Shorty Lena	Wesley Galyean	Wesley Galyean	Ardmore, OK	\$32,130
219.5	Cowcattin	S	Cattin	Smokee Uno	Mr Gun Smoke	Kobie Wood	Cotton & Davis QH	Kaufman, TX	\$25,965
219	Freckles Royally Doc	G	Freckles Fancy Twist	Miss Royally Doc	Doc's Mahogany	Roger Wagner	Jim Vangilder	Jackson, MO	\$15,527
219	HR Playin Legend	M	Little Lenas Legend	HR Playin Hickory	Freckles Playboy	James Payne	Cowan Select Horses	Havre, MT	\$15,527
219	Moms Stylish Babe	M	Docs Stylish Oak	Playboys Mom	Freckles Playboy	Kathy Daughn	Drummond Land & Cattle	Pawhuska, OK	\$15,527
217	Little Shorty Pep	S	Shorty Lena	Little Angel Pep	Peppy San Badger	Scott Amos	Walt & Louanna Burdette	Myton, UT	\$12,661
216.5	Special Order Paint	G	Color Me Smart	Very Special Peppy	Peppy San Badger	Kory Pounds	Frank & Ora Diehl	Ruskin, FL	\$12,174
216	Boonbay Smash	M	Peptoboonsmal	Kimberlena	Doc O'Lena	Brad Mitchell	Painted Springs Farm	Brentwood, TN	\$11,688
215.5	Stylin Kitty	M	Playin Stylish	Quixote Kitty Lena	Doc O'Lena	Grant Quigley	Norda & Jim Berger	Houston, TX	\$11,201
215	Cats Moonshine	S	High Brow Cat	Genuine Moonshine	Genuine Doc	Lloyd Cox	Gail Holmes	Longmont, CO	\$10,470
215	Mary Has Freckles	M	Freckles Playboy	Little Proud Mary	Smart Little Lena	Ed Flynn	Walton's Rocking W Ranch	Mineral Wells, TX	\$10,470
214.5	A Black Widow	M	High Brow Cat	Smart Prissy	Smart Little Lena	Jody Galyean	Richard Bergquist	Marietta, OK	\$9,497
214.5	Studio Playgirl	M	Freckles Playboy	Studio Lena	Doc O'Lena	Kory Pounds	Melissa Gardner	La Marque, TX	\$9,497
214	Outlaw Cat Aka Jack	S	High Brow Cat	Little Smashed	Peppy San Badger	Tommy Marvin	Rodney Sharp	Yellville, AR	\$8,767
213	Diditinadually	S	Dual Pep	Some Kinda Playgirl	Freckles Playboy	Rick Mowery	Buffalo Ranch	Weatherford, TX	\$8,281
212.5	Spookys Catmando	S	High Brow Cat	San Starlight	Grays Starlight	Gary Gonsalves	Jeff & Kay Barnes	Wilton, CA	\$7,794
211	Love Tracker	M	DJ Tracker	Playboys Heidi	Freckles Playboy	Guy Woods	EE Ranches of Texas	Whitesboro, TX	\$7,307
208	Sultress	M	Dual Pep	Cats Sultana	High Brow Cat	Paul Hansma	Jack & Susan Waggoner	Bridgeport, TX	\$6,820
196	Stylish Curly	G	Docs Stylish Oak	Smart Little Curly	Smart Little Lena	Curly Tully	Katherine MacMillan Tanner	Lexington, OK	\$6,334
180	Lynx Of Style	G	Docs Stylish Oak	Tabasco Lass	Peppy San Badger	John Mitchell	Slate River Ranch	Richmond, VA	\$5,847
0	Cheries Playgun	M	Playgun	Smart Little Cherie	Smart Little Lena	Wayne Czisny	Polo Ranch	Sheridan, WY	\$4,873
0	Tap Dancing Cat	G	High Brow Cat	Hickorys Golden Flo	Mr Peponita Flo	Tag Rice	Tom & Jenifer Lyons	Grandview, TX	\$4,873
0	Wholly Cats	M	High Brow Cat	Marcellena	Doc O'Lena	Chris Benedict	Janet Trefethen	Napa, CA	\$4,873

NCHA DERBY NON-PRO FINALS

Score	Horse	Sex	Sire	Dam	Dam's Sire	Rider	Owner	Home	Earned
221	Coontail Cat	M	High Brow Cat	DC Monkeyote	Dee Colonel	Scott Ferguson	Scott & Sarah Ferguson	Hempstead, TX	\$16,241
221	Quintan Blue	M	Mecom Blue	Quiolena	CD Olena	Jim Vangilder	James Vangilder	Jackson, MO	\$16,241
217.5	Cats Candy Bar	G	High Brow Cat	Candolena	Doc O'Lena	Brad Rogers	Brad Rogers	Madill, OK	\$15,378
217	MH Lay Down Lady	M	Little Dyno	Lady Sadie Solano	Doc's Solano	Dustin Adams	Dustin & Deena Adams	Logandale, NV	\$14,519
217	Midnight Rondeevous	M	Smart Little Rondee	Shakin Flo	Mr Peponita Flo	Sandy Bonelli	Sandy Bonelli	Petaluma, CA	\$14,519
215	Budha Boon	S	Duals Blue Boon	Budha Lady	Docs Budha	Paula Wood	Paula Wood	Stephenville, TX	\$13,371
215	Fancy Nancy Dually	M	Dual Pep	Smart Little Alison	Smart Little Lena	Greg Coalson	Greg & Shelly Coalson	Weatherford, TX	\$13,371
214.5	San Jolean	M	San Jo Lena	Stingin On A Star	Lpls Stinger	Will Arthur	Carroll & Mark Baggett	Turkey, NC	\$12,510
213	A Cat Above	M	High Brow Cat	Bearilyn Monroe	Dual Pep	Chad Bushaw	Chad & Amie Bushaw	Weatherford, TX	\$11,362
213	Holidoc Mate	G	Smart Mate	Holidocs Miss Adrian	Holidoc	Kelle Earnheart	Kelle Earnheart	Hernando, MS	\$11,362
213	Show Biz Ben	G	Show Biz Billy	Haidas Amour	Haidas Little Pep	Becky Elliott	Becky Elliott	Estill, SC	\$11,362
211	George Ah Cat	G	High Brow Cat	Sweet N Lou	Haidas Sugar Doc	Edley Hixson Jr	Edley Jr & Sue Hixson	Deridder, LA	\$9,927
211	Shortys Last Stretch	G	Shorty Lena	Docs Handy Ann	Doc Quixote	Chad Bushaw	Chad & Amie Bushaw	Weatherford, TX	\$9,927
210	Yabba Dabba Dual	G	Dual Pep	SR Gettin Busy	Shorty Lena	Alisa McCleary	Alisa McCleary	Collierville, TN	\$9,066
209	Hannalena Jewel	M	Lenas Jewel Bars	Jae Bar Hanna	Doc's Jack Sprat	Georgia Husby	Georgia & Dave Husby	Weatherford, TX	\$8,492
208	Glows	G	Smart Lil Ricochet	Aglow Little Peppy	Peppy San Badger	Skip Queen	Skip Queen	Lipan, TX	\$7,918
207	Fishin For Bizness	G	Show Biz Billy	Freckled Badger	Peppy San Badger	Steve Williams	Steve & Shelly Williams	Grantsville, UT	\$7,057
207	Wholly Cats	M	High Brow Cat	Marcellena	Doc O'Lena	Janet Trefethen	Janet Trefethen	Napa, CA	\$7,057
200	Sues Barn Cat	M	High Brow Cat	Final Sue	Peponita	Sandy Bonelli	Sandy Bonelli	Petaluma, CA	\$6,196
190	Surfing In The Sand	M	Smart Mate	Tomson Cat	Son O Doc	Stephen Vincel	Stephen & Jenelle Vincel	Ballwin, MO	\$5,622
183	Aristos Ms Valentine	M	Smart Aristocrat	Wynonna Wood	Doctor Wood	Doug Nimpfer	Doug Nimpfer	Burleson, TX	\$5,048
180	Studio Playgirl	M	Freckles Playboy	Studio Lena	Doc O'Lena	Melissa Gardner	Melissa Gardner	La Marque, TX	\$4,474

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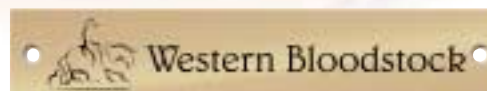
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