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Hydrive to 222

Hydrive Cat and Allen top first go-round

WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

**Classic/Challenge
Open 2nd go-round**

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Senior Youth Go-round
(Youth in Watt Arena)

THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE

Classic/Challenge Non-Pro

1st go-round - 9 sets

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Senior Youth Go-round, cont.
(Youth in Watt Arena)

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Classic/Challenge Non-Pro

1st go-round - 4 sets

Followed by

Junior Youth - FINALS

Senior Youth - FINALS



Clint Allen and daughters Kate, left, and Addison, right. Allen won the first go-round of the Classic Challenge with 222 points on Hydrive Cat, owned by Shane and Jane Plummer, Farmington, UT.



Hydrive Cat, reserve champion of the 2006 NCHA Futurity and earner of over \$360,000, scored 222 points yesterday under Clint Allen to lead all Classic Challenge contenders to today's second go-round. Kittens, with Phil Hanson, was second with 221.

"We had our cows picked out and went down there to do our job," said Allen, who rides the 5-year-old stallion for Shane and Jane Plummer, Farmington, UT.

"I didn't really want to cut my third cow with so much time left," he added. "But it worked out like that, so I went with it and hoped for the best. He does his job every time."

Allen trained the High Brow Cat son for former owners Dave and Georgia Husby and has ridden him his entire career.

Until last Thursday, Hydrive Cat had been at Buffalo Ranch in

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Left to right: Phil Hanson, pictured with daughter Megan, scored 221 points yesterday on Kittens, owned by Bonnie Martin; Hanson also scored 216 riding Little Silver Belles for Julie Clarke, on Monday. Boyd Rice marked 220 points with ARC Cat Her Please for Kurt and Angie Harris, as well as 216.5 on Sophisticated Catt, owned by Keith Feister.

Farmington, where he stood to over 200 mares this season, his first, according to Allen.

Buffalo Ranch resident trainer Greg Smith had worked Hydrive Cat for several weeks before his trip to Texas and the sorrel stallion was ready to go show, when Allen stepped into the saddle.

“I thought breeding might make him a little ornery, but he’s pretty honest,” said Allen. “He’s filled out a lot since they’ve been breeding him. Some studs that get thick like that lose some of their quickness. But he can still cover a cow and has a lot of strength to him.”

If all goes as planned, Hydrive Cat will stay with Allen for the rest of the year, with his next stop the Music City Futurity and Classic.



Summer Spectacular champions and finalists will be the very first to sport the beautiful, newly designed Gist silver and gold belt buckles, similar to the Open Derby champion’s buckle, pictured above.



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Left to right: Gary Gonsalves earned 219 points yesterday on CD Hombre for Iron Rose Ranch; Tag Rice also marked 219 on six-time champion Copaspepto, owned by Marvine Ranch; Shannon Hall scored 218.5 on Clay McCullar's Royal Red Pepto, and 216.5 on Wise Little Miss for Gary Oliver.

Kittens, a 2008 NCHA Super Stakes Open finalist (8th) under Russ Miller and the earner of nearly \$200,000, has spent most of her career west of the Rockies, where she has earned 12 championships and 4 reserves for Miller and owner Bonnie Martin, Las Vegas, NV.

This summer, Miller's kids are competing in the High School Rodeo finals and Phil Hanson got the call to ride Kittens.

"That's the first time I've ever shown her," said Hanson, who scored 221 points on the 6-year-old High Brow Cat daughter. "I got lucky and got to step on her back. She's really a neat little mare. She's got a lot of look and crouch on a cow and is a lot of fun to show."

Hanson also qualified Little Silver Belles, owned by Julie Clarke, for today's second go-round with 216 points.

Junior Youth finalists

Junior Youth riders vied yesterday in Watt Arena for slots in Friday's Youth Finals in Will Rogers Coliseum. Ali

Good topped all 121 contenders with 219 points aboard Papanurse; Harris Shepard was second with 218 on Peponita Times Two; and Whitney Hall

marked the third-highest score of 215.5 riding Duals Play Kit. Thirty-two riders with scores of 210 or higher advanced to the finals.

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Dual Rey Me	1999	G	\$628,059
(Dual Pep x Miss Smart Rey Jay, by Smart Little Lena)			
Sister CD	2002	G	\$606,399
(CD Olena x Little Baby Sister, by Dual Pep)			
Little Pepto Gal	1998	M	\$485,668
(Peptoboonsmal x Freckles O Lena, by Doc O'lena)			
San Tule Uno	2003	S	\$424,816
(San Tule Freckles x Smart Little Thunder, by Smart Little Uno)			
Im Countin Checks	2002	S	\$412,118
(Smart Lil Ricochet x Autumn Boon, by Dual Pep)			
High Brow CD	2004	S	\$410,946
(High Brow Cat x Sweet Little CD, by CD Olena)			
Redneck Yachtclub	2004	G	\$403,272
(San Tule Freckles x Sheyssmartlittlelena, by Smart Little Lena)			
Merada Clone	1998	G	\$400,940
(Meradas Money Talks x Lilly Dual, by Dual Pep)			
Our Little Dyno	2002	S	\$389,673
(Little Dyno x Our Little Peppy, by Peppy San Badger)			
Hydrive Cat	2003	S	\$362,161
(High Brow Cat x Ruby Tuesday Dna, by Peppy San Badger)			

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