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Caleb conquers with 221.5 Queen trumps cumulative



Caleb Anderson, 15, won the Senior Youth championship with 228 points on Las Vegas Lights, owned by his father, Steve Anderson, and the second go-round of the Classic Challenge Non-Pro with 221.5 points on his own horse, Prissie Cat.

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

**Classic/Challenge
OPEN JOHN DEERE FINALS**

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Derby Amateur - 1st Go-round

Classic/Challenge Open Wildcard

MONDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

**Derby Amateur
1st go-round - 5 sets**

**Classic Challenge
OPEN FINALS**

TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

**Classic/Challenge Amateur
1st go-round - 5 sets**

**Classic/Challenge
Limited Non-Pro
FINALS**

WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

**Classic/Challenge
Amateur 1st go-round, cont.**

**Classic/Challenge
Limited Non-Pro FINALS**

**Classic/Challenge
Non-Pro Wild Card**

Less than 24 hours after he scored 228 points to win the Senior Youth Scholarship Cutting, Caleb Anderson, 15, Weatherford, TX, marked 221.5 to top the second go-round of Classic Challenge Non-Pro competition.

Elizabeth Queen and Sister CD earned the highest Non-Pro go-round cumulative with scores of 219 and 215.5.

Riding Prissie Cat, Caleb drew fifth to work in the eighth and last bunch of cattle, with a bubble of 430.5 points on the

board and a 211.5-point score from the first go-round.

"I wasn't really worried about it," said Caleb. "I know that mare can do a lot of cool stuff. I had to mark a big score, but I would have been satisfied getting into the Limited or the Wild Card. I wasn't trying to mark that big score. It just came."

Six-year-old Prissie Cat, by High Brow Cat, was the horse that carried Caleb as reserve champion of the 2008 NCHA Super

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Left to right: Elizabeth Queen and Sister CD ranked first in cumulative average with 434.5 points; Hope Mitchell rode homegrown Cat N A Hat for a cumulative score of 434 points; Lindy Ashlock and Royal Me Twice were among second go-round leaders with 217 and earned a cumulative score of 433 points.

Stakes Classic Non-Pro Limited and a Non-Pro finalist.

“I’m kind of wondering if it’s real or not,” said Caleb, following yesterday’s winning run. “I’ve ridden this mare for about a year and I showed her five times at the Super Stakes, so I know her real well and I know how to ride her in this pen. But that (high score) doesn’t happen very often.”

Prissie Cat was a gift to Caleb from his mother, Heidi; his Youth champion mount, Las Vegas Lights, belongs to his dad, Steve Anderson, who qualified for the Non-Pro Finals with 432.5 points on Esthers Rita.

“It depends on the situation at the time,” said Caleb, when asked which mount is his favorite. “I’ve ridden this one (Prissie’s Cat) more, but Las Vegas Lights is a little more capable of marking that big score.

“He’s mainly a go-and-stop horse. This one is a little harder to ride because she moves differently.”

Elizabeth Queen’s mount, Sister CD, will be performing as a Summer Spectacular finalist for the fifth time, and for the last time as a limited age event finalist in Will Rogers Coliseum.

The six-year-old gelded son of CD Olena was reserve champion of the 2006 NCHA Open Derby under Paul Hansma; placed third in the 2006 NCHA Non-Pro Derby under Skip Queen, Elizabeth’s husband; was third in the 2007 NCHA Open Classic Challenge with Hansma;



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These NCHA members are celebrating their birthday today.

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Left to right: Codie Green earned a cumulative of 433.5 on Buckaroo Boon; Chance Smith was a second go-round leader with 217.5 points on Justa Cool Cat; ; Brad Wilson, shown with John Ayres and Jessie Harper, was also a go-round leader with 217 points on Redneck Style.

and finished tenth in the 2007 Classic Challenge Non-Pro for Skip. With over \$606,000, CD Olena is ranked as the number two leading active NCHA money earner.

Mitchell's Cat N A Hat

Hope and John Mitchell have had 5-year-old Cat N A Hat under wraps, since an injury kept the High Brow Cat son out of the NCHA Futurity. This week, Hope and the bay stallion earned 218 and 216 points in the go-rounds to rank second behind Elizabeth Queen and Sister CD, leading up to the Classic Challenge Non-Pro Finals.

"He was our best three-year-old and John and I were supposed to show him in the Futurity," Mitchell explained. "But he crippled just before and we turned him out for a year and started back with him this year."

Grant Simon showed the stallion for the Mitchell's at the Super Stakes, where John showed horses for Slate River Ranch and Hope was out of action, following the birth of their son Jack, at the beginning of the show.

Simon had some bad luck in the Super Stakes, but placed third at the Cotton Stakes in his next show with Cat N A Hat; Hope placed as reserve champion of the Breeders Invitational Non-Pro on him.

"He's really special to us because he's a lot like his mother was as far as looks," said Mitchell, referring to Cat N A Hat's dam, Spin N Roses, the horse that John Mitchell rode as 1997 NCHA Futurity Champion in his native Australia. When Mitchell moved to America, the Docs Spinifex daughter, later purchased by Glade Knight for his Slate River Ranch, came with him.

"He's probably my favorite horse since Freckles Lena Boon and I've only shown him three times," said Hope, referring to the mare who carried her to non-pro championships in the 2002 NCHA Super Stakes, Augusta Futurity, Abilene Spectacular and Bonanza.

A little bit of Bucki

Most Classic Challenge horses carry some history with them into the arena and Royal Me Twice, Lindy Ashlock's

mount, is one of them. Ashlock earned a cumulative score of 433 points on the 6-year-old gelded son of Royal Fletch that she purchased from non-pro Hall of Fame rider Bucki James in February.

Bucki has been forced out of the saddle by cancer, but is following the Summer Spectacular via webcasting.

Kathy Daughn, who won her second NCHA Futurity title on Royal Fletch, trained the 3-year-old Royal Me Twice for James.

"He was a little green and kind of scared of cattle, but he had so much talent," said Daughn. "It's really great to see him come on like this."

Royal Me Twice was to have been Ashlock's husband's mount. But when Lindy rode him at a small show several weekends ago and won the non-pro division, she decided to enter him in the Classic Challenge. "I think I've kind of taken him over," she admitted.

Adams and Reyann Hickory

Dusty Adams and 6-year-old Reyann Hickory, the earner of over \$270,000, marked 218.5, the second-highest score from the Non-Pro second go-round.

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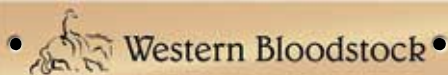


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