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Glade Knight Playin N Fancy Smart with 223 Dustin Adams Unexplainable 218.5

THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

**Derby Non-Pro
2nd go-round**

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 9:00 a.m.

**NCHA Summer Spectacular Sale
Watt Arena**

Beginning at 12:00 p.m.

**Derby Limited Non-Pro
FINALS**

Beginning at 3:00 p.m.

NON-PRO SEMI-FINALS

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 9:00 a.m.

**NCHA Summer Spectacular Sale
Watt Arena**

Beginning at 10:00 a.m.

**John Deere Division of the Open
FINALS**

Beginning at 3:00 p.m.

OPEN SEMI-FINALS

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 10:00 a.m.

**Bill Freeman Memorial
Will Rogers Coliseum**

Beginning at 3:00 p.m.

**NON-PRO FINALS
OPEN FINALS**



Glade Knight, left, topped the first go-round of Non-Pro Derby competition with 223 points on Playin N Fancy Smart, by Smart Little Lena. Knight is pictured with his son, Nelson, and loper, Elizabeth.

NCHA Super Stakes co-champion Playin N Fancy Smart warmed up for the first go-round of the NCHA Derby Non-Pro by capturing the high cumulative of 436 points (218 and 218) in the Open go-rounds.

"She's an unbelievable mare and Kory has done an incredible job," said Glade Knight, who rode Playin N Fancy Smart to win the first go-round of Non-Pro competition with 223 points.

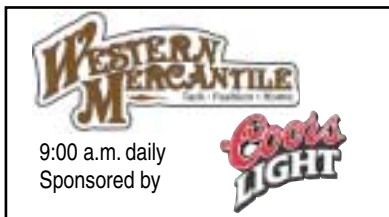
It was Kory Pounds, the Smart Little Lena daughter's trainer, who showed in the Open

rounds, and who rode her to tie High Brow CD for the Super Stakes championship with 227 points.

Yesterday was the first time Knight, a hotel owner and developer whose company is headquartered in Richmond, VA, had been on the mare's back since the Super Stakes.

"I don't practice on her," Knight noted. "I just walked her around the arena when she first came in here."

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Left to right: Dustin Adams (pictured with his wife, Deena) marked 218.5 points on MH Unexplainable, by Smart Sugar Badger; Matt Miller and Snoop Cat, by High Brow Cat, earned the third-highest go-round score of 218 points; Mary Ann Rapp, Weatherford, TX, scored 217 points on Swingin Star Pepto, by Peptoboonsmal;

“I do feel a lot of pressure riding her, just because she is so good. Being early in the herd [Knight drew third to work] you have to make quick decisions. My help made great decisions on the cattle and we had a lot of working time.

“She’s easy to move through the herd and accurate on the cows. If you do your part, she covers everything else.”

Knight, who owns Slate River Ranch in Weatherford, TX, bred Playin N Fancy Smart out of Playin N Fancy Peppy, a Freckles Playboy daughter trained by John Mitchell, and shown by Mitchell and Knight to earn nearly \$200,000.

“Her mom was terrific,” said Knight. “I don’t know if there is anything more exciting than to come down here with your mares’ babies and be able to show like that.”

Knight also qualified for today’s second go-round with 210 points riding Sarahs Super Cat, by High Brow Cat. His son, Nelson, scored 215.5 in the first round on Aristodox, by Playdox, and 213 on Bobs Squeak, by Bobs Freckle.

John Mitchell qualified Sarahs Super Cat, as well as Slate River-owned Peptos Stylish Miss, by Peptoboonsmal, for Saturday’s Open Semi-Finals.

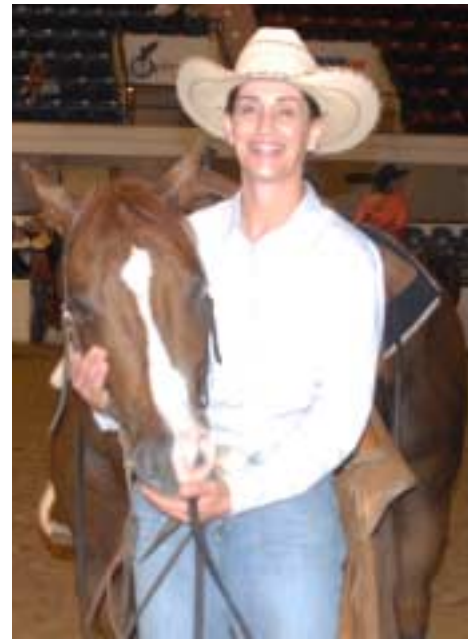
Slate River Ranch is also the home of sires Playdox, Bobs Freckle and That Sly Cat.



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Left to right: Janet Westfall, Los Olivos, CA, rode Lil Bit Reckless, by CD Royal, to also score 217 points; Adan Banuelos, Jacksboro, TX, marked 216.5 points on Dual With Christy, by Nitro Dual Doc; Julie Hansma and homebred Al Poccino, by Dual Pep, matched four other horse and rider pairs with 216 points.

Adams and MH Unexplainable

Dustin Adams, ranked second among Non-Pro first go-round contenders with 218.5 points, also rode a homegrown horse.

“I was really proud of him today,” said Adams of MH Unexplainable. “The first two cows just wanted to run wall to wall, but he never missed them, even when they tried to trick him.”

MH Unexplainable, by Smart Sugar Badger, is out of Justa Ginnin Miss, the horse Adams showed to win the 2000 NCHA Derby Amateur, when he was 20 and just beginning to show cutting horses.

“He’s a lot like his mother,” said Adams, who broke and trained MH Unexplainable himself and has shown him as a finalist in 10 major events, including a second-place finish in the South Point Cutting and fourth in the NCHA Super Stakes Non-Pro.

Adams and his wife, Deena, also a non-pro competitor, live in Dublin, TX. In less than 10 years, Adams has risen to rank fifth, with over \$1.5 million in earnings, among all-time leading non-pro riders.



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Memorial services for Bill Freeman will be held at 10 a.m. Sunday in Will Rogers Coliseum.

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