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Hansma wins third consecutive title

Mary Lynn Zirnhelt takes Non-Pro



Top: Guy Heintz, reserve champion in the Open. Above: Heidi Hadlock, reserve champion in the Non-Pro.



Sandy and Gerry Hansma with Caught Me Lookin. Gerry won the Open Championship for the third consecutive year.

Gerry Hansma, of Alberta, Canada, won an unprecedented third consecutive Open Western National championship yesterday. His mount was Caught Me Lookin, last year's Open champion.

Caught Me Lookin's 228-point score was a full four points above second-placed Floin ridden by Guy Heintz.

"I cut three awesome cows," said Hansma, who drew fourth to ride in the second bunch. "I never felt a run fit so well with the horse and the cattle. Everything was, bang, right there.

"The horse was sharp and very powerful," he added. "The cattle had a lot of feel, so he had time to get in the ground and show some style and everything was pretty much in the center of the pen."

Gerry's wife, Sandy, scored 217.5 points on Caught Me Lookin in the Non-Pro finals to place third.

"He wasn't as good in the Non-Pro because they cut steers which are more numb than heifers," explained Hansma. "He's 15.1 hands and a big horse. He

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does better on cattle that take him somewhere. If he gets to moving on a slow cow, he'll get into a little bit of trouble, just because he's so big."

The Hansma's bred Caught Me Lookin out of Rocksan Rolls, by Docs San Badger. Hansma had won the Canadian Snaffle Bit Futurity on Docs San Badger, and also won some smaller futurities on Rocksan Rolls. Caught Me Lookin's sire is Smart Little Baggins, by Smart Little Lena.

"When he was born he was very, very pretty," said Hansma of Caught Me Lookin. "So we wanted to come up with a good name because if things turned out, we might want to keep him as a stud. Sandy is the one that came up with his name."

Caught Me Lookin's oldest foals are 2004 three-year-olds.

Hansma, brother to Texas trainers Paul and Winston, also was a finalist aboard Right on CD, owned by Cub Wright of Canada. His 2001 Western National Championship win came aboard LL Playing Leopard owned by Kim Cotes. He also won the \$10,000 Novice Championship in 2000 riding Bubba White.

Open Reserve Champion

Guy Heintz, also a Canadian from Alberta, scored 222 points to claim the reserve championship title on Floin owned by Barry Shane of Canada.

"We picked the cattle we wanted and I just tried to stay clean and get the highest check I could," said Heintz. who was a finalist on Floin in last year's \$10,000 Novice division.

Heintz has had six-year-old Floin since the Mr Peponita Flo gelding was three, and had shown him successfully in Canadian aged events. Shane just started riding the horse this past winter.

"Barry had an older horse that he showed for quite a few years and it was 20," explained Heintz. "He was looking for something else and this horse is about as close to the old horse as there is."

Heintz is a second generation trainer. His father and mother, Roger and Doris, both show, and his daughter, Maria Heintz, 25, won last year's Canadian Cutting Horse Non-Pro Futurity. Non-Non



Mary Lynn Zirnfelt won the Non-Pro Western National Championship with 221.5 points on homegrown DFL Docs D Or.



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Non-Pro Champion

Mary Lynn Zirnhelt, from British Columbia, scored 221.5 on DFL Docs D Or to win the Non-Pro Western National Championship by half a point over Heidi Hadlock on Starolena.

“My horse was fantastic,” said Zirnhelt, who was making her fourth appearance as a finalist in the National Finals. “I had prepared him myself in the warmup pen and he was ready. It just seemed like he was thinking, today’s the day.”

Zirnhelt credited her helpers with selecting good cattle. “They helped me pick money cows,” she said. “My first cow was excellent and the second cow was a Charolais-cross. That’s the kind of cow I like to cut at home. It kind of drew us and I think my horse liked it, too.”

Six-year-old DFL Docs D Or, by Doc Freckles Leo, was raised by Mary Lynn and her husband, Bob, and trained by Bob. His full brother, DFL Pep D Or, won the Non-Pro go-round for his owner James Butlin of Canada, and finished thirteenth in the finals. He was one of three Western National Finalists sired by 15-year-old Doc Freckles Oak, who the Zirnhelts stand at their facility in

Canada, where they keep a small but elite band of mares.

The Zirnhelts were contestants at the first Western National Championships where their gelding, Hesa Son Ofa Colonel, qualified for four events. They were also both members of the winning team at the NCHA International Championships in Houston in 1996.

Bob Zirnhelt is a cattle broker and volume buyer for British Columbia. “It works very well,” noted Mary Lynn. “We couldn’t do what we do if we didn’t have the cattle supply.”

Non-Pro Reserve Champion

Heidi Hadlock, winner of the 1999 NCHA Western National Non-Pro Championship aboard Dandyolena, claimed the reserve championship with a 221-point ride on Starolena, a Grays Starlight daughter she acquired just three weeks prior to the Championships.

“I was really pleased,” said Hadlock, whose husband, Lawson, won the 1999 Open Championship on Dandyolena, the \$3,000 title in 2001 on Stylish Lil Cowgirl, and the \$10,000 Novice in 1997 with Cruella Dville.

Lawson had taken on Starolena, an eight-year-old Grays Starlight daughter, eight months ago for client Steve Ralston. Ralston had purchased the mare at four and turned her out as a broodmare, until last fall, when he asked Hadlock to get her back into show condition.

“When we picked her up in Texas, she was so fat, I honestly didn’t think she’d fit through the trailer door,” said Heidi. “It took a while to get her back in shape, but this spring, she really started to click. She’s so smooth and handles cattle so well. We won all three days of a weekend show right before this show, so I had some confidence and momentum coming into the show.”

The Hadlock’s 10-year-old daughter, Paige, had scored a 75 on Starolena recently in a youth cutting.

The Hadlocks are hosts of the annual team roping and dinner held each year during the Western National Championships at their cutting facility outside of Ogden.

“We love this show and we love Ogden,” said Heidi. “We were really pleased to see so many new faces this year.”

AQHA/NCHA Affiliate Challenge Standings as of May 10

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