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Double Play

Playin Playgun and Will Nuttall sweep the Novice classes



Playin Playgun, ridden by Will Nuttall for Switchback Cutting Horses, won both the \$10,000 Novice and \$3,000 Novice Western National Championships. Pictured with Nuttall are his wife, Krista, daughter, Fallon, and son, Wyatt.

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Junior Youth - 1st go-round

36 entries • 3 sets

YOUTH GRAND ENTRY

Senior Youth - 1st go-round

33 entries • 3 sets

Following go-round:

Youth Business Meeting

and at 7:30 p.m.

Pool & Pizza Party

Comfort Suites

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Junior Youth FINALS

Senior Youth FINALS

\$3,000 Novice/NP - 1st go-round

68 entries • 5 sets

MONDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

\$10,000 Amateur - 1st go-round

79 entries • 6 sets

\$3,000 Novice/NP FINALS

3:00 p.m. • Hadlock Arena

Team Roping

The cattle in the \$3,000 Novice Finals were just the way Playin Playgun likes them - tough. So were the cattle in the \$10,000 Novice Finals.

On Thursday, 6-year-old Playin Playgun, ridden by Will Nuttall for Switchback Cutting Horses, claimed the \$3,000 Novice championship with 219; on Friday, he came back to capture the \$10,000 Novice title with 222 points.

"I knew Scott Amos was behind me on his good horse and I needed to get a lot done," said Nuttall, referring to Scott Amos and Wee Little Badger, Western National Open champions in 2004 and 2005. "This horse has been a

great individual. He likes cattle like this. He likes it tough."

In the \$3,000 Novice Finals, Playin Playgun kept a treacherous second cow at bay.

"My little horse was burying and stopping hard," Nuttall noted. "He was sliding and stopping so hard, I thought he was going to fall down."

In the \$10,000 Novice Finals, Playin Playgun found himself in a race with his last cow and the buzzer. "I knew it would be close," said Nuttall. "I just kept riding and praying and hoping that we did not get into the back fence."

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Photo on the left: Richard Fields, owner of \$10,000 Novice reserve champion Rio Gato, with the 5-year-old mare's rider, Al Dunning. At right: Mike Wood, who placed third in the \$10,000 Novice division riding Oakville Highway, owned by Sally Fisher, Altadena, CA.

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“We were hung up behind the turnback horse and ran out of time. But it worked out great. They even gave me another point.” Playin Playgun’s score was adjusted up from 221 to 222 points.

Nuttall purchased Playin Playgun as a 2-year-old at the NCHA Futurity

Sales and sold the horse to Switchback Cutting Horses in Red Lodge, MT, when Nuttall went to work for the ranch in 2004.

“He was a great 3-year-old,” said Nuttall of the Playin Stylish son, bred by Burnett Ranches out of a Playgun daughter. “He won the Futurity in Canada and in Wyoming, and was reserve in Utah. He also won a little



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These NCHA members are celebrating their birthday today.

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Photo on the left: Scott Raftery, pictured with wife Cheri, rode his daughter's horse, Lil Commando, as reserve champion of the \$3,000 Novice division. Lawson Hadlock, right, finished third in the \$3,000 Novice aboard Little Sun Rey, owned by J.G. and Donna Sartin.

futurity in Idaho and was fourth in the Pacific Coast Futurity.”

Playin Playgun and Nuttall also rank seventh in 2006 NCHA \$3,000 Novice World championship standings, and tied for the win in the last round of the World Championship Finals.

Switchback Cutting Horses is owned by David Leuschen, founder and former head of the Goldman Sachs Global Energy & Power Group.

Nuttall, who placed as reserve champion in last year's \$10,000 Novice on Flo Motion for Switchback, also split 10th/11th with 212 points on Keep It

Short, owned by his son Wyatt,; Nuttall will ride Switchback's Flo Motion next week in Open competition.

Rio Gato, ridden by Al Dunning for Jackson Land & Cattle Company, which is owned by Richard Fields, finished as reserve champion with 216.5 points.

“My friend Will was ‘on’ at this show with that gray horse and I don't think anybody was going to beat him,” said Dunning. “He was in a different stratosphere from the rest of us.”

Five-year-old Rio Gato, by High Brow Cat, was purchased by Fields as 2-year-old at the NCHA Futurity Sales.

She was bred this spring to leading sire and former NCHA Futurity champion Peptoboonsmal, who Fields purchased last month from Elaine Hall.

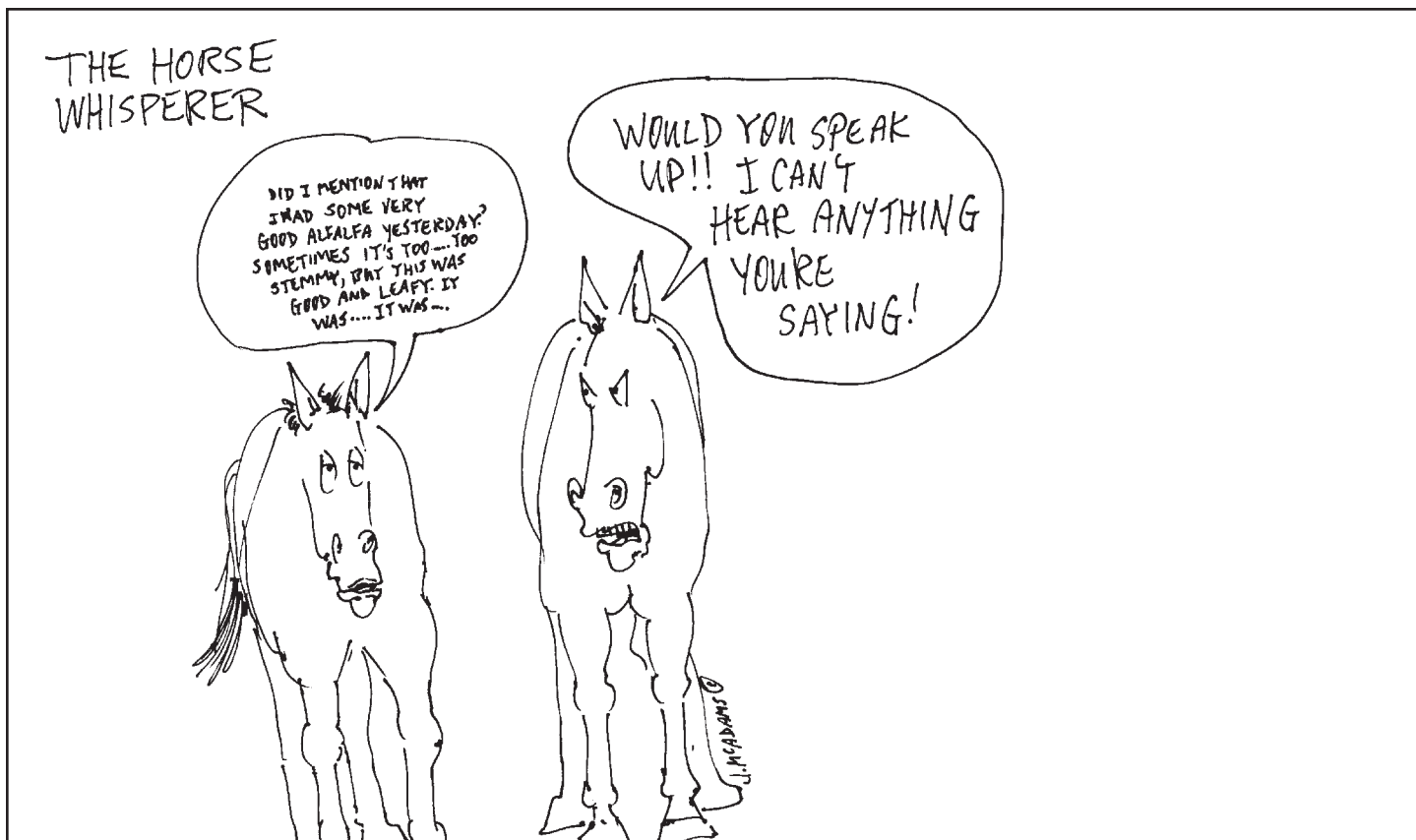
“When she's on a cow, she looks great,” said Dunning. “She looks strong and she looks tough.

“I cut some good cows on her (in the Finals), but if I could have found my third cow, I think I could have given (Will) a run for the money.”

Dunning also split 6th/8th with 213.5 points on Lectric Brakes, owned by Cindy and Duane Watkins, Prescott, AZ.

Current AQHA/NCHA Affiliate Challenge Standings (through 4/27)

Montana CHA.....	795	Washington CHA.....	185	Chisholm Trail CHA.....	20
Utah CHA.....	735	New Mexico CHA.....	175	Kentucky CHA.....	20
Western States CHA.....	670	Oregon CHA.....	170	Kern County CHA.....	20
Arizona CHA.....	660	Minnesota CHA.....	120	Northeast Mississippi CHA.....	20
Central Utah CHA.....	595	Palo Duro CHA.....	70	Saskatchewan CHA.....	20
Alberta CHA.....	490	Cha Of Nebraska.....	65	Beef Empire CHA.....	10
Northern Arizona CHA.....	480	Brazos Valley Cutters.....	60	Blue Bonnet CHA.....	10
Idaho CHA.....	475	Deep Fork CHA.....	60	Bluegrass CHA.....	10
Gold Country CHA.....	470	Redwood Empire CHA.....	55	Double Eagle CHA.....	10
Nevada Reined Cow CHA.....	390	Southern Oklahoma CHA.....	55	Muenster CHA.....	10
Wyoming CHA.....	325	Mid Valley CHA.....	50	North Dakota CHA.....	10
Cascade Cow Cutters.....	320	North Texas CHA.....	50	Oil Belt CHA.....	10
Canadian CHA.....	315	San Angelo SS&R.....	45	Ozark Mountain CHA.....	10
Northwest CHA.....	295	Longhorn CHA.....	40	Rose Country CHA.....	10
Iowa CHA.....	250	Pacific Coast CHA.....	30	Southeast Texas CHA.....	10
British Columbia CHA.....	225	Salt Creek CHA.....	30	State Of Missouri CHA.....	10
Four Corners CHA Club.....	225	San Diego CHA.....	30	Wateree CHA.....	10
South Dakota CHA.....	200	Sundance CHA.....	30	Western Nevada CHA.....	10



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