

McCutcheon Victorious in SWRHA WinStar Casino Non Pro Futurity

The Southwest Reining Horse Association Futurity Non Pro, Intermediate Non Pro, Limited Non Pro, and Non Pro Prime Time finals were held Saturday, October 27, at the Hardy Murphy Coliseum in Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Mandy McCutcheon, of Pilot Point, Texas, finished as both the Champion and Reserve Champion, earning over \$7,000, an EZ-Go golf cart, and an NRHA Lawson Bronze.

She won the Finals on Haidachino Hollywood, by Hollywood Dun It and out of Haidachino Cherry. The pair marked a 217.5, and earned a check for \$4,510.

“Winning like this makes me feel good about going to the Futurity,” said the NRHA’s newest Million Dollar Rider. But winning on homegrown “Cherry”, owned by her father, Tim McQuay, is bittersweet for McCutcheon.

“When I win on a Hollywood Dun It foal that we’ve raised, it makes me miss him even more,” she explained. “I’m always glad to win, but it reminds me that he’s not around anymore.”

Haidachino Hollywood and McCutcheon are already familiar with winning – in September, they topped the Tulsa Classic Futurity.

“He’s a great horse. All the ones I showed today are like that,” she admitted. “I know I have a few kinks to work out, but I’m proud of them.”

McCutcheon earned the Reserve Championship with Whizota, by Topsail Whiz. Whizota is actually a full brother to Whizard Jac. They earned \$2,745 for a 215 score.

“I like this horse a lot, but I’m just getting with him,” she said. “We only bought him a couple of months ago.”

Mandy will also show her fifth place horse, Chexable, at the NRHA Futurity.

Victoria Lambert of Hempstead, Texas, rode Guaranteed By Amos, to the Intermediate Non Pro Championship. The pair won a check for \$1,536 for their score of 214.5.

Although Lambert has been involved in reining competition, this is her first year to show in Futurities – and so far, she has been successful. She bought her horse from Pat Rogers during the Tulsa Classic Futurity. “I’m really grateful that Pat gave me the opportunity to purchase this horse,” she said.

Lambert and Guaranteed By Amos competed at their first Futurity – the 4R Futurity, held in Katy, Texas – and won both the Non Pro and Intermediate Non Pro.

“I was so excited,” Lambert said after her win. “This horse has been so great, and I can’t wait to show her some more. We’ll be showing at the NRHA Futurity next month.”

Lambert and Guaranteed By Amos placed third in the Non Pro division, winning the Houston Ranch Non Pro Mare Bonus. The bonus paid an additional \$1,000 for the highest placing mare in the Non Pro Futurity.

The Intermediate Non Pro Reserve Championship was won by Flis Sassella and Twilight Rooster. Flis and Twilight Rooster scored a 214, and won \$801.

Another first-time Futurity rider captured the Limited Non Pro finals. Jackie Redish, of Whitesboro, Texas, won the Championship on her horse, I Love A Surprise, with a score of 207.5. The Championship paid \$1,106.

“This is unbelievable,” said Redish, following the awards ceremony. “This is my first saddle and my first Lawson bronze I’ve won. I can’t believe it.”

According to Redish, I Love A Surprise was “right there for me the whole time.” She plans on showing the 3-year-old gelding at the NRHA Futurity, and competing on him as a Derby horse.

Redish was quick to recognize key people who have supported her. “There are too many to name,” she said. “I just am so thankful to everyone who has helped me.”

The Limited Non Pro Reserve Championship went to Reggiero Musacci and Lil Miss Roan Peppy. The pair marked 203, earning \$760.

Although the rest of the show didn’t work out as planned, veteran Non Pro rider Jim Morgan was still happy with his Non Pro Prime Time Championship on Von Won It. Morgan marked a 211.5, pocketing \$487.

“This is a good horse, but I wish it was a great one,” he admitted. “Still, we’re doing well, and learning to adjust to each other.” Morgan said that Von Won It is his only NRHA Futurity entry. “I think we will do fine – I’m going to dance with the one I take.”

Steve Harris and Lil Ruf Showgirl won the Non Pro Prime Time Reserve Championship. The duo scored 210.5, earning \$334.

The Southwest Reining Horse Association Futurity and Horse Show conclude Sunday with the Rookie and Limited Non Pro.

For more information on the Southwest Reining Horse Association Futurity, call 580-759-2572, or visit www.swrha.com.