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Lena Brow and Tangy Starlight are World Champions

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Donnie O'Brien and his wife Tammy with Lena Brow, owned by Dean Terry. Donnie rode the mare to win the \$3,000 Novice World Championship. Tammy finished fourth in the \$10,000 Novice/Non-Pro aboard Hes Plain Western.



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Trainer Donnie O'Brien, 43, and owner Dean Terry hit the jackpot with two championships in their first run at the World.

Last week, Smart Play Who, ridden by O'Brien, upset Sprats Dualin Jewel and Chubby Turner in a tight race, to win the \$10,000 Novice World Championship title.

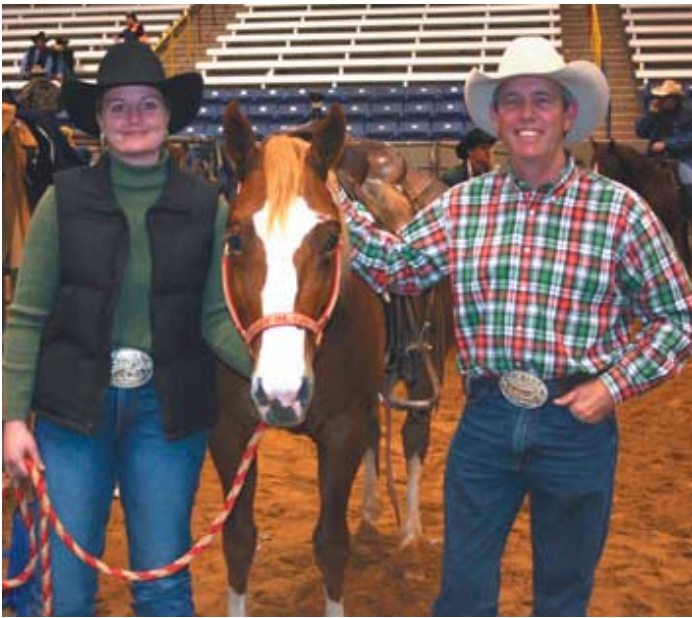
Yesterday, O'Brien came to the \$3,000 Novice Finals on Lena Brow with the World Championship in his pocket. But the road had not been easy during the first few months of 2005.

"She was out of shape and

when we started showing, we got all messed up," admitted O'Brien. "She and I weren't even jiving. But after four or five months, we finally started clicking and she was great. There were a lot of stretches where I marked a lot of big scores on her."

O'Brien purchased the High Brow Hickory daughter from former World Champion Robert Rust, who had shown her at the NCHA Futurity, then laid her off following surgery on her stifle.

"I was at Robert's and he showed me the mare and said that he'd pay me to start showing her and try to sell her for him,"



Left to right: Woody Be Tuff, winner of the \$3,000 Novice World Finals with owner Jill Peacock, Wichita Falls, TX, and trainer and Doc Crumpler; Boe Bouget rode Instant Petty Cash, owned by Harvey Honore, Jr, Baton Rouge, LA, as \$3,000 Novice Reserve Champion.

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explained O'Brien. "That's how it all got started. And I loved that mare from the beginning."

That was August 1, 2004, when Lena Brow was a four-year-old.

"She was green when we started last year," said O'Brien. "I just kind of trained her as we went along. By the time summer got here, she was doing well. The last three days of the season, she marked 76, 75 and 74 with two wins and a second at Silverado. She's tough."

"Smart Play Who was very good to start with," O'Brien added. "I've had him since he was three and he was well seasoned because of the aged events."

Although O'Brien, who lives in Pineville, MO, has been training cutting horses for 20 years, 2005 was the first time that he hit the road on a year-long campaign.

"I've ridden horses for Dean Terry for ten or twelve years," explained O'Brien. "We both wanted to do it and with good help and good horses, it kept working and working for us."

"Going against Chubby Turner (in the \$10,000 Novice) was a real challenge — just to stay up with him. He's an excellent showman."

O'Brien's wife, Tammy, finished as Reserve Champion of the \$10,000 Novice/Non-Pro World Finals and ranked fourth in the World Championship standings.



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Left to right: Laura Fenimore, Bend, OR, rode Tangy Starlight to win the \$10,000 Novice/Non-Pro World Finals and the World Championship; Robert Fullwood, Lakeland, TN, finished 2005 as \$10,000 Novice/Non-Pro Reserve World Champion on Zacked.

Jill Peacock's well-named stallion Woody Be Tuff won his second World Finals in one week, when he aced the \$3,000 Novice Finals, yesterday. He also won the \$10,000 Novice World Finals.

"He makes you feel like Superman," said rider Don Crumpler of five-year-old Woody Be Tuff, who has been a multiple major limited age finalist this year with Crumpler and Peacock. "He gave me the same score in the \$10,000 Novice."

Woody Be Tuff, by Nitas Wood, a stallion owned and raised by the Crumpler family of Wichita Falls, TX, scored 225 points in the last round of both World Finals.

"My lowest score on him here has been 216," added Crumpler. "And that was my fault. He's been good every time and when I need him, he steps up to the occasion."

Instant Petty Cash, owned by Harvey Honore, Jr, Baton Rouge, LA, appeared less than his best because of soreness during the World Finals, according to rider Boe Bouget. But the seven-year-old son of SR Instant Choice retained his rank as Reserve World Champion.

"This horse has been very good for me all year," said Bouget. "I've had a lot of fun with him."

This was the first year that Bouget, 35, set out to win a world championship. His wife Tammy won the \$2,000 Rider World Championship on WR Molly San Badger and his daughter Blair placed third in the Junior Youth standings.

"He was kind of put on a shelf for a while, when I got him," said Bouget of Instant Petty Cash. "I had to do a little fixing on him and we got off to a slow start. I didn't earn one check on him for the first two months. But then he started coming around and wound up being my best horse."

Bouget also placed fourth in the \$10,000 Novice standings aboard Rio N Freckles, owned by Chris Thibodeaux.

Lena Brow finished the 2005 season with earnings of \$46,715; Instant Petty Cash earned \$26,684. Woody Be Tuff moved from 75th place to ninth with earnings of \$12,182 — \$8,900 of which was earned in the World Finals.

\$10,000 Novice/Non-Pro

Laura Fenimore, 16, Bend, OR, and her mare Tangy Starlight were in a close race with Bill Burton, aboard Captain Scrumpy, and Robert Fullwood, on Zacked, coming into the World Finals. But Fenimore stepped up to the plate in the first two go-rounds with scores of 219 and 220 and secured the World Championship title with a win in the World Finals.

"This weekend was special because yesterday was the date that my mom died and today would have been my mom and dad's anniversary," noted Laura.

Randy, Laura's father, shares her passion for cutting; her sister, Carrie, 23, has also shown.

Laura acquired Tangy Starlight



when the mare was six, with \$1,500 in earnings.

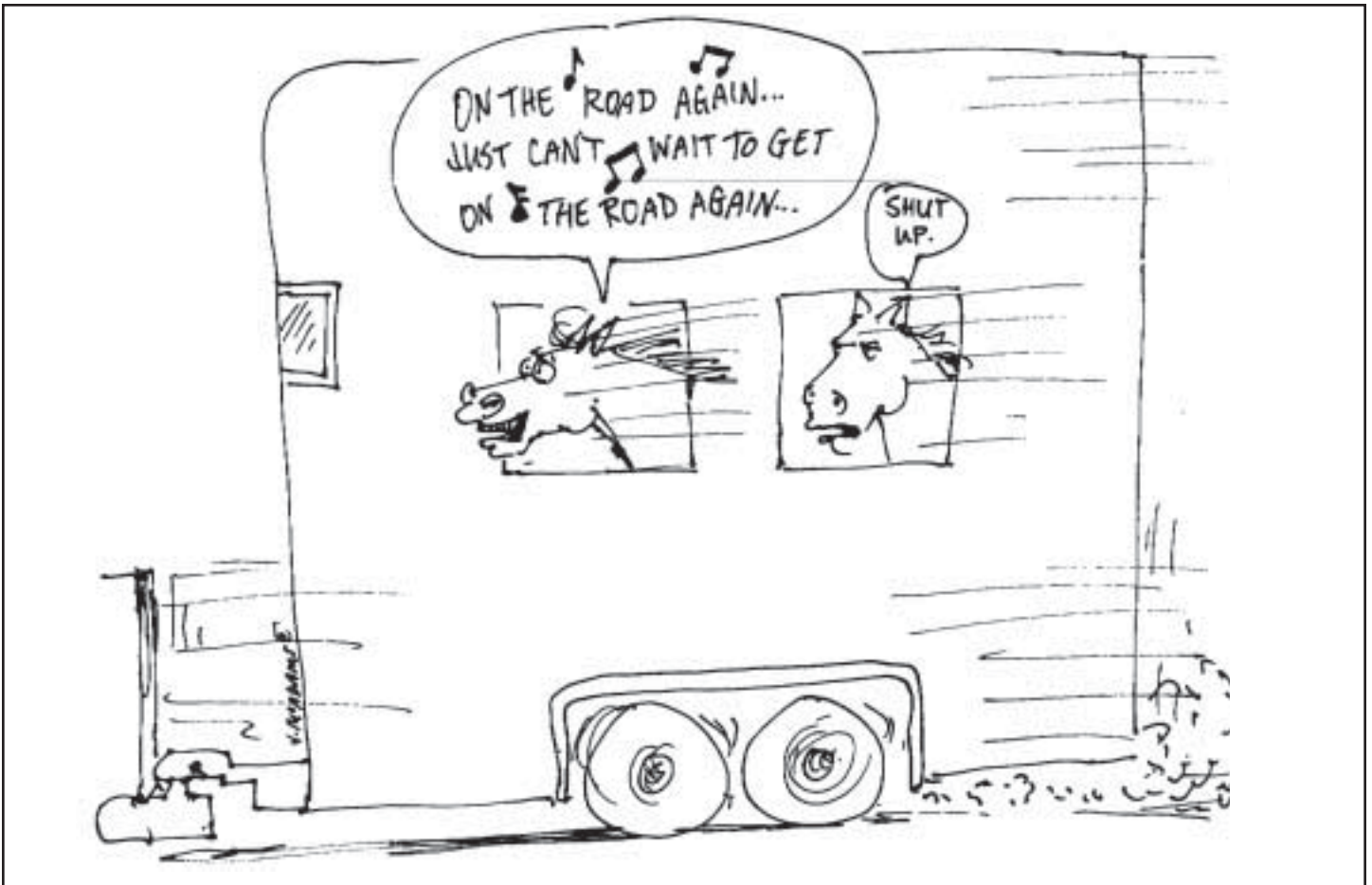
"When I got her she was really green," she explained. "It's been a learning experience all the way. But it's neat to have come so far. This last year, anything I would ask her to do, she would do it."

Robert Fullwood, Lakeland, TN, moved from third place to claim the Reserve World Champion's title at the World Finals, with go-round scores of 215.5, zero, 215.5 and 222, aboard Zacked, by Zack T Wood.

"He's the best horse I've ever had, by far," said Fullwood, who operates a construction and landscape business in Memphis. "Every time he knows I am in a bind or nervous, he steps up big time. He's really smart and he's got a big stop."

Fuller, who competed as a youth and returned to the sport a year and a-half ago, after an 11-year hiatus, purchased Zacked from Miles and Becky Elliott, Estill, SC.


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