

Daily Chatter

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Himsel takes \$20,000 Peerson wins \$50,000

Winner will ride home in style

The owner of the highest scoring horse at this year's Wayne Hodges & Outlaw Conversions/NCHA Eastern National Championships will take home a brand new, deluxe 3-horse slant load horse trailer compliments of Wayne Hodges Trailers. The winner (age 18 or older) will have one-year use of the trailer. If there is a tie for the highest score, there will be a drawing to determine the winner.



Barbara Himsel, Danville, IN, won the \$20,000 Non-Pro championship with 220 points aboard Dellers Rey Jay, by Rey Jays Quixote.



TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Open - 1st go
\$10,000 Amateur - FINALS
TASTE OF MISSISSIPPI

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Non-Pro - 1st go
Non-Pro - FINALS
Open - FINALS

This was her first time to show at the Nationals since she was a youth rider, 12 years ago. And Barbara Himsel, Danville, IN, made the most of her time with a 220-point win in the \$20,000 Non-Pro.

"The first cow was a little rough," said Himsel. "But there were still a lot of fresh cattle. My last one was definitely the mon-ey-maker. It was fast and hard. I had 20 seconds left, but they told me to stay hooked."

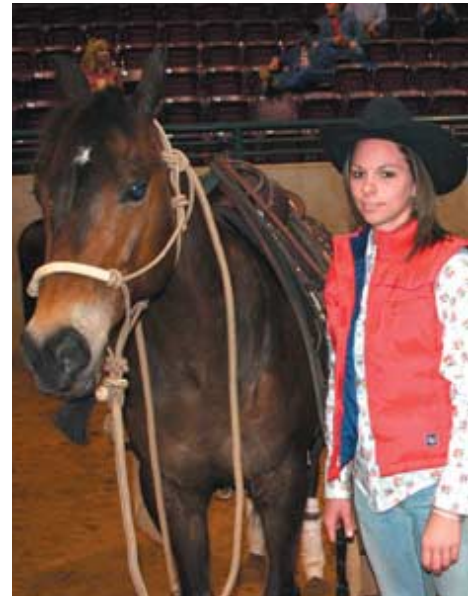
Himsel, the daughter of trainer Brad Mitchell and sister of trainer

Jim Mitchell, rode Dellers Rey Jay, who was born and raised on her father's farm. Himsel has shown the six-year-old gelding since he was four and won the Non-Pro Derby at the Quarter Horse Congress on him.

"He's a hard stopper and he stays down low and swoops," she noted. "And he's cow smart and gritty. He really showed his smarts tonight."

Himsel advanced to the finals with 218.5 points, the second-

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Left to right: Jamie Sokol, New Smyrna Beach, FL, was reserve champion of the \$20,000 Non-Pro riding He Packs A Pistol; Blain Peerson, Live Oak, FL, rode Ladys Dual Peppy to claim the \$50,000 Amateur championship with 219.5 points; Jessica Weaver, Nacogdoches, TX, was \$50,000 Amateur reserve champion.

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highest score of the go-round which was won by Reagan Lancaster and Talamasca Cat with 220.

“It’s a challenge every day,” said Himself, who got back into cutting three years ago and shows exclusively in Area 15. In addition to corn, soybeans, and hogs, Himself and her husband, who is not a cutter, also raise cattle on their Danville farm.

Jamie Sokol, 21, a two-time Senior Youth champion at the Eastern Nationals, changed pace this year with a horse her mother, Kathy, purchased just six weeks ago.

“He’s really a big stopper and you really have to sit down on him,” said Sokol of eight-year-old He Packs A Pistol, who carried her for a 215-point second-place finish in the Finals. “If you don’t sit down, it’s not going to be too pretty.”

Ted Sokol, Jamie’s father, had ridden He Packs A Pistol, by Smart Little Pistol ,for part of the 2005 season to place in the Open World Championship Top 20 standings.



You say it’s your birthday!

These NCHA members are celebrating their birthday today.

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| Linda C Avery..... Vale, OR | Randy Humphrey..... Tecumseh, OK |
| Steve Carter..... Bentonville, AR | Dale Kennedy Camden, AL |
| Theron Chapman Jr Galena, IL | Charles Kirksey..... Mantachie, MS |
| Stephen Christensen Windsor, CA | Gary Kraft Mackinaw, IL |
| Sarah H Conyers Richmond, KY | Andrea Lee..... Bakersfield, CA |
| Jessica Devries Canada | Gaye Lynn McGinn Henderson, TX |
| Lisa Dykema Bentonville, AR | Ralph G Mills Cookeville, TN |
| Steven C Evans..... Fort Wayne, IN | Megan Moffett Chico, CA |
| Sarah Ewing..... Exeter, CA | Michael T O’Neill Stuart, FL |
| Kelly Garrison..... Paducah, TX | Roy Passmore Canada |
| Dale Gordon..... Riverdale, CA | Mendy Riddle Wynnewood, OK |
| Scott Green..... Lufkin, TX | Julie Schneider Bakersfield, CA |
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| Susan Haliburton..... Hico, TX | Tricia Smith..... Council Grove, KS |
| Scott Hendy..... Roseburg, OR | Greg Stelly..... Sunset, LA |
| Francis D Hill Cartersville, IL | Keri Davis Sutton..... Old Fort, TN |
| Nicki Hiner..... North Powder, OR | Shellie Wallace Aubrey, TX |
| Lyndell G Hobbs..... Ellensburg, WA | Charmel Winkler Tishomingo, OK |
| R. Hommerding Holdingford, MN | |

TASTE OF MISSISSIPPI

Thursday, March 16
7:00 p.m. Trade Mart Bldg.

“For myself, I am an optimist.

It does not seem much use being anything else. ”

Winston Churchill



Left to right: Michael Carlyle, Weatherford, TX, finished third in the \$50,000 Amateur aboard Magnalight; Reagan Lancaster, Pilot Point, TX, placed third on Talamasca Cat in the \$20,000 Non-Pro; Tuesday's complimentary Catfish Fry was a big hit with all the cutters, including the youngsters.

\$50,000 Amateur

Blain Peerson, Live Oak, FL, scored 219.5 points on Ladys Dual Peppy, to win the \$50,000 Amateur championship by half a-point, over Jessica Weaver and Bucolena Fitz.

"They had three cows picked for me before we ever went down there," noted Peerson. "It seemed like every time I turned around, they were in the right position for me to be able to go in and cut them clean."

"That was my goal going in. I knew if I could go in and get my horse in the right position that he would take care of me like he has all week."

Peerson placed third in the go-round with 216.5 points and also qualified for today's \$10,000 Amateur Finals.

"You don't get many opportunities to draw up third in the second bunch of the Finals," he added. "It was an opportunity that I wanted to take advantage of and I just got very fortunate."

"On my third cow, I could feel my horse getting a little bit tired. Ben (Roberson, Peerson's trainer) was in the corner and he kept telling me to keep riding and not let up. Fortunately, my horse kept giving me everything he had."

The win was Peerson's first in a major event; he tied for fourth here previously in the \$10,000 Amateur in 2000, and was a finalist in last year's \$20,000 Non-Pro.

Peerson purchased five-year-old Ladys Dual Peppy through trainer Sam Shepard.

"He just gets better every time we ride him," said Peerson. "He's turned out to be everything we were looking for."

Peerson, who operates a large feed mill for dairy farms in the Live Oak area, had shown pleasure horses on the Quarter Horse circuit with his wife, Cindi, and daughter, Tyler, 13, who also

showed here this week.

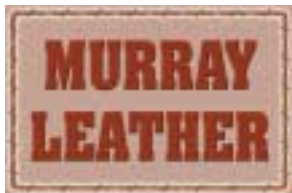
"I sold our last pleasure horse last fall and we're having a blast," said Peerson.

Jessica Weaver, Nacogdoches, TX, had a big smile on her face way before the buzzer sounded in the Finals.

"I was having fun," said the 18-year-old high school senior, who was riding 14-year-old Bucolena Fitz. "He's a great horse and the toughest horse I've ever seen. He's fast and hard to sit on, but I've had him almost three years and I've lost maybe two cows since I've owned him."

Jessica, who began showing cutting horses four years ago, also competes in team roping and breakaway roping, in addition to cutting, in High School Rodeo events.

Next fall, she is headed to Stephen F. Austin University on a full scholarship, where she plans to compete on the school's equestrian team and major in poultry science.



AQHA/NCHA Affiliate Challenge Scores

The AQHA/NCHA Affiliate Challenge brings a “team” concept to the Wayne Hodges/Outlaw Conversions NCHA Eastern National Championships. The top 10 scoring affiliates at this show will earn cash awards totaling \$27,000 from the American Quarter Horse Association. The program is designed to reward participation as well as excellence, with points awarded as follows:

- 10 points Enter and Show in a Class
- 25 points Make the Finals of a Class
- 25 points Place 3rd - 10th in the Finals of a Class
- 40 points Reserve Champion of a Class
- 50 points Champion of a Class

Here’s a look at the scores through Wednesday’s competition:

Affiliate	Points
NORTH MISSISSIPPI CHA	1,455
FLORIDA CHA	1,355
ONTARIO CHA	715
HEART OF DIXIE CHA	650
MID SOUTH CHA	580
MIDDLE TENNESSEE CHA	530
OHIO CHA	510
SOUTHEAST CHA	505
EAST TENNESSEE CHA	500
SOUTHEAST TEXAS CHA	485
KENTUCKY CHA	425
OIL BELT CHA	410
CHISHOLM TRAIL CHA	380
LONE STAR CHA	355
ROSE COUNTRY CHA	340
GATEWAY CHA	325
WEST POINT CHA	320
STATE OF MISSOURI CHA	295
LONGHORN CHA	290
LOUISIANA CHA	255
MAGNOLIA CLASSIC CHA	250
GREAT LAKES CHA	240
INDIANA CHA	215
GEORGIA CHA	210
AREA 18 CHA	205
SOUTHEAST OKLAHOMA CHA	205
BLUEGRASS CHA	170
NUECES CANYON CHA	170
NORTHEAST LOUISIANA CHA	160
WEST TENNESSEE CHA	155
WATEREE CHA	145
ARKLAHOMA CHA	135
RIVER CITY CHA	125
WALLER CHA	125

Affiliate	Points
WHITE RIVER CHA	125
ACADIAN CHA	120
EAST COAST CHA	120
SALT CREEK CHA	120
WEST CENTRAL TEXAS CHA	95
SHINING M CHA	85
BRAZOS VALLEY CUTTERS	80
RED RIVER CHA	80
NORTHERN ILLINOIS CHA	70
SOWEGA CHA	70
BLUE BONNET CHA	65
NEW MEXICO CHA	60
CENTRAL TEXAS CHA	50
DOUBLE EAGLE CHA	50
NORTHEAST CHA	50
KANSAS CHA	45
MID STATE ILLINOIS CHA	40
FOLLY MOON CHA	30
NORTHERN PIEDMONT CHA	30
BEEF EMPIRE CHA	20
CENTRAL OKLAHOMA CHA	20
CENTRAL SAVANNAH RIVER AREA CHA	20
PENNSYLVANIA CHA	20
ARIZONA CHA	10
C S CUTTERS	10
LIVE OAK CHA	10
NEVADA REINED COW CHA	10
NORTH TEXAS CHA	10
OZARK MOUNTAIN CHA	10
RIVERBOATS CHA	10
SAN ANGELO STOCK SHOW & RODEO	10
SOUTHERN OKLAHOMA CHA	10
SOUTHWEST OHIO CHA	10

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