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Woody Be Lucky? You bet!



Woody Be Lucky, who topped yesterday's field with 220.5 points, is shown with owner Karen Hansen and trainer Don Crumpler.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE
Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

1st go-round, cont.
Super Stakes Classic Open
135 entries • 9 sets
Ends approximately 10:00 p.m.

TOMORROW'S SCHEDULE
Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

2nd go-round
Super Stakes Classic Open

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE
Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

1st go-round
Super Stakes Classic Non-Pro
112 entries • 8 sets

FINALS
Super Stakes Classic Open

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE
Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

1st go-round
Super Stakes Classic Non-Pro
102 entries • 7 sets

FINALS
\$10,000 Novice Open Finals



Cutters don't usually envy the rider who gets first crack at the herd. But first draw proved the place to be yesterday for Don Crumpler, Paul Hansma and Bubba Matlock.

Crumpler was the first rider in the ninth and last bunch on Woody be Lucky, owned by Karen Hansen, Weatherford, TX, and Woody Be Lucky crowned the day with a 220.5-point performance.

"He's just a big old neat horse," said Crumpler. "He's so big, he's not supposed to be able to do what he can. I think it's his heart that makes him do what he wants to. The only time he gets short is in front of a cow."

Woody Be Lucky, by Nitas

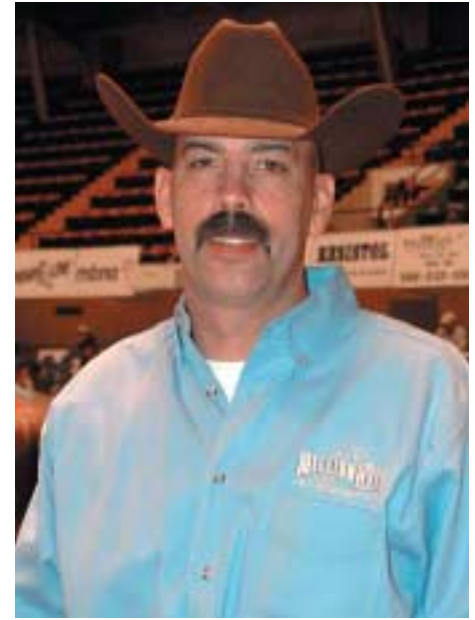
Wood, has been a winner for both Crumpler and Hansen, most recently as fourth-placed finalist in the Bonanza Open Cutting.

"I just love him," said Hansen, who will ride the six-year-old gelding this week in non-pro competition. "He's been a great horse for me."

Early on, Woody Be Lucky was dubbed "The Freak" because of his size and the nickname stuck.

"We call him Freak because of what he tries to do and the way he is built," said Hansen of Woody Be Lucky. "Probably our biggest problem has been that

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Left to right: Paul Hansma rode Sultress, owned by Jack and Susan Waggoner, Bridgeport, TX, to score 219 points; Bubba Matlock and Nitas Sweet Son, owned by Nancy Graham, Lady Lake, FL, also scored 219; Gary Gonsalves marked 218.5 points on Spookys Catmando, owned by Jeff and Kay Barnes, Wilton, CA.

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sometimes he over does things. He's got so much play that he wants to make big moves. But he's gotten more serious and doesn't have the misses he had as a younger horse."

It was a good day for Nitas Wood, a stallion bred and owned by Crumpler and his family. Nitas Sweet Son, by Nitas Wood, tied Sultress for second place yesterday with with 219 points.

Sultress, owned by Jack and Susan Waggoner, Bridgeport, TX, and ridden by Paul Hansma, was the first horse in the first herd. Sultress scored 219 points, then saw the next eight riders eliminated. At the final buzzer in the first bunch, there were eight sub-210-point scores, including six zeros.

Bubba Matlock rode Nitas Sweet Son, owned by Nancy Graham, as the first entry in the third herd and also marked 219 points. The rest of the field fared even worse than Hansma's bunch, with nine scores under 210 points.

"You never want to be the first horse going," said Hansma. "But a lot of times, you make the best of what you get. I had some others on my mind, but the first two cows that I picked just happened to work. Then the third cow walked out and volunteered, so I cut it."

Hansma trained Sultress, a five-year-old Dual Pep daughter, and showed her for the Waggoners as a semi-finalist in the NCHA Futurity, as well as a final-



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*These NCHA members
are celebrating their birthday today.*

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Glenn Hirt	Maple City, MI	Dolly Thacker	Bellevue, ID
Karen Hudon	Canada	Pat J Tobias	North Zulch, TX



Among yesterday's high-scoring riders, with 217.5 points each, were left to right: Sean Flynn, on *Playing Short*, owned by Jim and Judy Spaulding; Tim Smith, riding *Goody Two Sue*, owned by Thomas Dereg; and Tom Long, aboard *Fishin For Bizness*, owned by Mike and Debra Flashman.

ist in the 2005 Super Stakes.

Jack Waggoner placed third on the mare at the 2005 Music City Non-Pro Classic and was a non-pro finalist on her at the 2006 Abilene Spectacular.

"She's a cute little mare," said Hansma, who won the MillionHeir Classic on Milt and Mary Bradford's gelding, *Our Little Dyno*, two weeks ago. "That's her thing. She's little and not a great athlete, but she's really smart about a cow."

Sultress is out of *Cats Sultana*, by *High Brow Cat*, the mainstay of Jack and Susan Waggoner's breeding program and the industry's leading sire in 2005.

"We've traded some breedings," said Hansma, who manages *Bar H Ranche*, home to leading sires *Dual Pep* and *CD Olena*. "They (Waggoners) breed some mares to *Dual Pep* and we breed some of our *Dual Pep* daughters to *High Brow Cat*."

Bubba Matlock credited his herd

settler, *Ronnie Rice*, good helpers, and his horse for helping him survive the third bunch.

"The cows were pretty tough, but it helps when *Ronnie's* down there settling," Matlock noted. "And I've got a good horse that handles those situations really well."

Most recently, *Nitas Sweet Son*, by *Nitas Wood*, won the *Memphis Non-Pro Classic* and was an *Augusta Classic* non-pro finalist under Nancy Graham, *Lady Lake, FL*.

Matlock, who has been riding the six-year-old gelding for the past year, was a finalist on the horse at the *Music City Classic*; *Don Crumpler* rode *Nitas Sweet Wood* as reserve champion of the 2004 *West Texas Futurity*.

"He's a lot of fun to show," said Matlock. "You don't have to go very fast to mark a big score, and he's got so much eye appeal and a big stop."

Matlock, 33, reserve champion in the 2004 *NCHA Limited Open Derby* on *My Best Jewel*, trains primarily for *GCH Land & Cattle Company*, *Weatherford*, home of 1997 *NCHA Futurity Open* reserve champion and juvenile sire *Dualin Jewels*.

As a rodeo rider, Matlock had never been around cutting horses until he went to work for *Gerald Alexander* six years ago.

"I started colts for *Gerald* and I took a liking to it," said Matlock. "So I moved to *Weatherford* and went to work for a

few guys. I had a lot of good opportunities and tried to take advantage of them. And I had lots and lots of good help along the way. You can't do it without the help."



While the number one slot proved right for *Hansma* and Matlock, *Gary Gonsalves* made the most of his draw as the next-to-last rider in the fifth bunch. Riding *Spookys Catmando*, owned by *Jeff and Kay Barnes* of *Wilton, CA*, *Gonsalves* tagged a 218.5-point performance.

"We just got lucky with the cows," said *Gonsalves*. "There were three left that we'd liked all the way through. I was surprised that I was able to have a chance to cut them. They were survivable and that's all that I wanted."

While five-year-old *Spookys Catmando*, by *High Brow Cat* out of *San Starlight*, has been an open finalist at numerous limited age events, including the *NCHA Derby* and the *Suncoast Classic*, *Gonsalves* said that the horse didn't hit his full stride until he was gelded last fall.

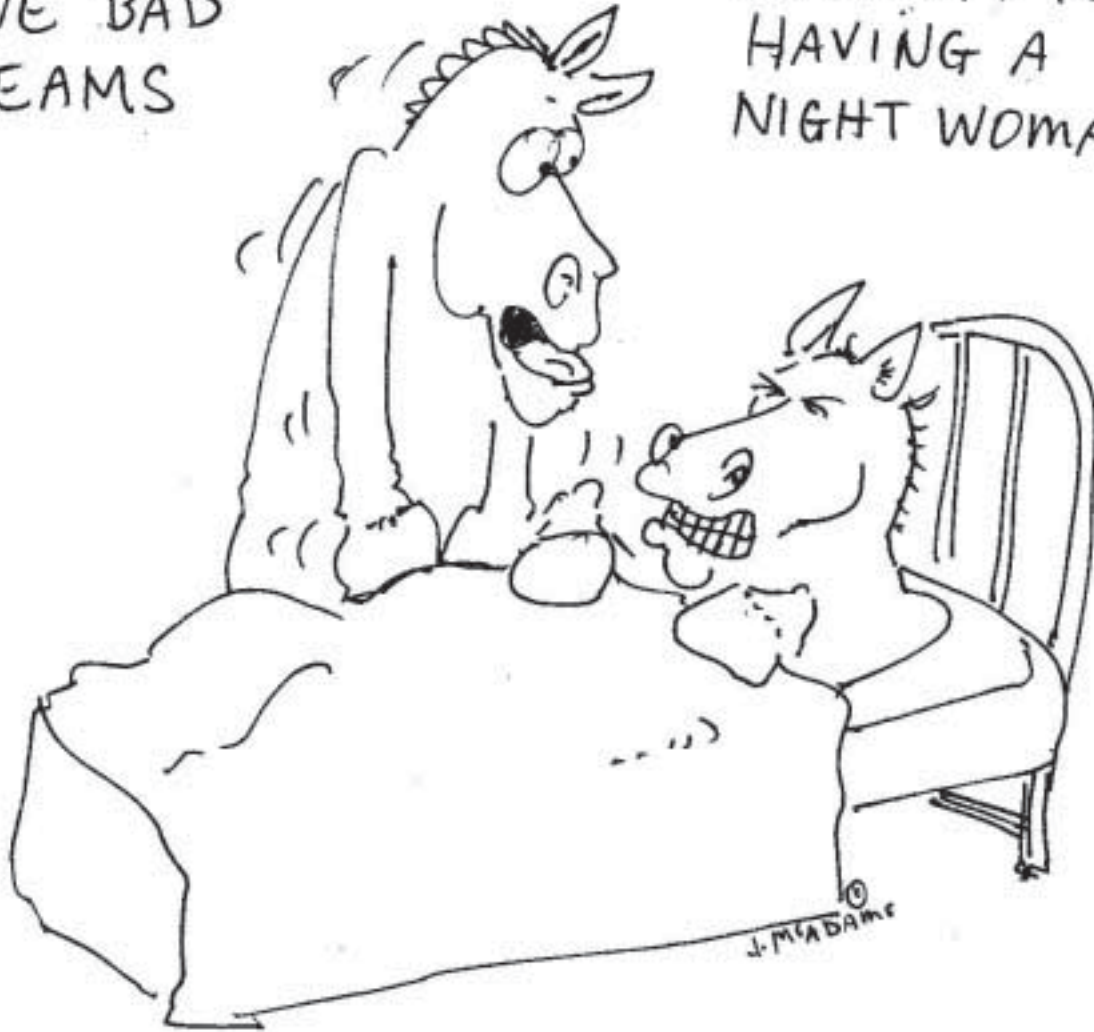
"We had some good go-rounds, but I never could get him shown to his potential," *Gonsalves* explained. "Ever since we cut him, he's been more consistent. I've also been able to show him on weekends and that's really helped him, too."

Most recently, *Spookys Catmando* placed sixth at the *Memphis Classic*.


"Whether you think you can or you can't, you're absolutely right."
Henry Ford


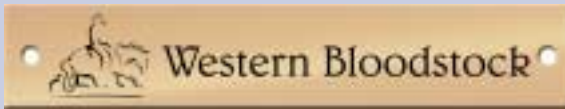
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