

# Daily Chatter

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## Boon San Kitty still tops Score of 434 advances to Finals



Ed Flynn and NCHA Horse of the Year Boon San Kitty, by High Brow Cat, claimed the high cumulative score of 440.5 leading to the Classic Open Finals.

### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

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

### TOMORROW'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

### SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

2nd go-round  
Super Stakes Classic Non-Pro

Go-round  
Open Wild Card

### MONDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

1st go-round  
Super Stakes Classic Amateur

### FINALS

Super Stakes Classic Ltd. Non-Pro  
Super Stakes Classic  
\$10,000 Novice Non-Pro



They had to “come a’cluckin,’” as Buster Welch would say, to get past yesterday’s second round.

By the end of set five, the bubble stood at 432 points. After Classy Dualin and Matt Gaines marked 217 points as the first entry in the sixth set (for a combined score of 436 points), the bubble had risen to 433.5.

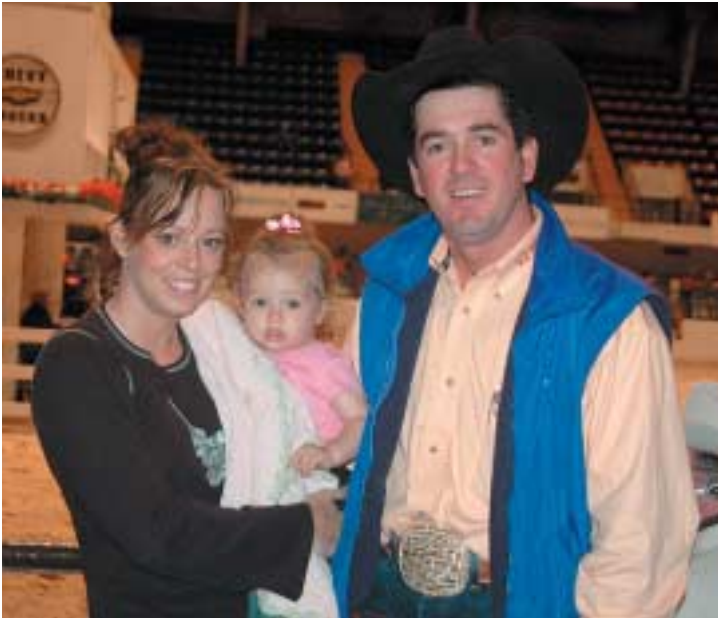
In the end, it took a score of 434 points to advance to the Super Stakes Classic Finals. In addition, horses with scores between 433.5 and 430 points qualified for the new Wild Card round, where the four highest scoring horses will

also earn slots to the 25-horse finals.

Boon San Kitty, who worked in the middle of the third bunch under Ed Flynn, didn’t have to prove much to advance, based on her first round score of 221 points. But the former NCHA Horse of the Year has a knack for engaging cattle and was on top of her game. With a 219.5-point performance, she leads the field to the finals with 440.5 points.

“That mare just takes control of those cattle so well,” said Flynn, who trained the six-

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Left to right: John Mitchell, shown with wife, Hope, and their daughter, rode Slate River Ranch's Lynx Of Style, by Docs Stylish Oak, to qualify for the Super Stakes Classic Finals with 437 points; Bubba Matlock and Nancy Graham were all smiles, after Matlock qualified Graham's stallion Nitas Sweet Son, by Nitas Wood, for the Finals with 436 points.

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year-old High Brow cattle daughter for Walton's Rocking W Ranch, Mineral Wells, TX. "When it's a little bit difficult, that seems to be when she's on her best."

Flynn has shown the mare throughout her illustrious career.

Lynx Of Style and John Mitchell drew fourth in the second bunch with a first round mark of 218. They rode out of the second round with 219 points and the second-highest combined score of 437 points.

"He's been good all along," said Mitchell of the five-year-old gelded son of Docs Stylish Oak, owned by Slate River Ranch, Weatherford, TX. "I missed the finals of the Futurity on him, but that's the only finals he's missed.

Glade Knight, the owner of Slate River Ranch, qualified for the NCHA Non-Pro Futurity Finals on Lynx Of Style and has continued to add earnings to the gelding's record, which currently stands at \$166,823.

Mitchell purchased Lynx Of Style for \$6,000 as a yearling, on the merits of his pedigree, at the NCHA Futurity Sales.

"I feel the Lynx mares — the good ones — have been great producers," said Mitchell. "He's out of a Little Peppy mare (Tabasco Lass), who was out of a (Doc's) Lynx daughter. I had tried to buy a mare out of his mother. She was being shown by a non-pro in Amarillo



## ***You say it's your birthday!***

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are celebrating their birthday today.*

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Lindsey Lee ..... Hamilton, MT	Rusty Winchester ..... Pilot Point, TX



Left to right: Sean Flynn, riding Neat Little Cat, by High Brow Cat, tied with his brother Ed to mark 219.5, the highest score from the second go-round; Don Crumpler rode Woody Be Lucky, by Nitas Wood, for a combined score of 436.5; Darren Simpkins tied Crumpler with 436.5 points aboard Reys Dual Badger, by Dual Rey.

and she had every part of a great horse. She wasn't lacking anything. Then this horse came along.

"I was sitting at the sale flicking through the book and there he was. I think if you study (pedigrees) and watch for individuals, they're pretty true. That's how we came to have him."

Slate River Ranch is home to the stallions Playdox, Bobs Freckle and That Sly Cat.

Reys Dual Badger and Woody Be Lucky both advanced to the finals with scores of 436.5 points. Reys Dual Badger, sired by Dual Rey, is owned by S & S Partners, Houston, TX, which includes the six-year-old stallion's trainer, Darren Simpkins.

Reys Dual Badger, the earner of \$175,270, earned go-round scores of 218 and 218.5. Woody Be Lucky, shown by Don Crumpler for Dan and Karen Hansen, Weatherford, TX, earned 220.5 points as the second-highest scoring horse in the first go-round, and marked

216 in the second. The six-year-old gelding is by Nitas Wood, who also sired Nitas Sweet Son, one of four horses that tied with 436 points.

Shown by Bubba Matlock for Nancy and Jim Graham, Lady Lake, FL, Nitas Sweet Son scored 219 and 217, respectively, in the go-rounds.

"It got kind of tough down there," said Matlock of the second round, where he had drawn fourth to work in the third bunch. "The cows wouldn't let us cut clean, but we got through it.

"Good help is great to have down there. When you get a little nervous, they talk you through it. I had good help and my horse was really good, as

always."

Ed Flynn and his brother Sean Flynn were the second round's high-scoring riders with 219.5 points each. Sean, who qualified for the Wild Card with 433.5 points, was aboard Neat Little Cat, owned by Jim and Judy Spaulding, Rocky Ford, CO.

"His athletic ability is why I like him so much," said Flynn of the five-year-old son of High Brow Cat. "And he's probably as good-minded a stud as you'll ever be around.

"He was good in the first go-round, but I had a miss and only marked a 214. So we had to come back and mark something today."

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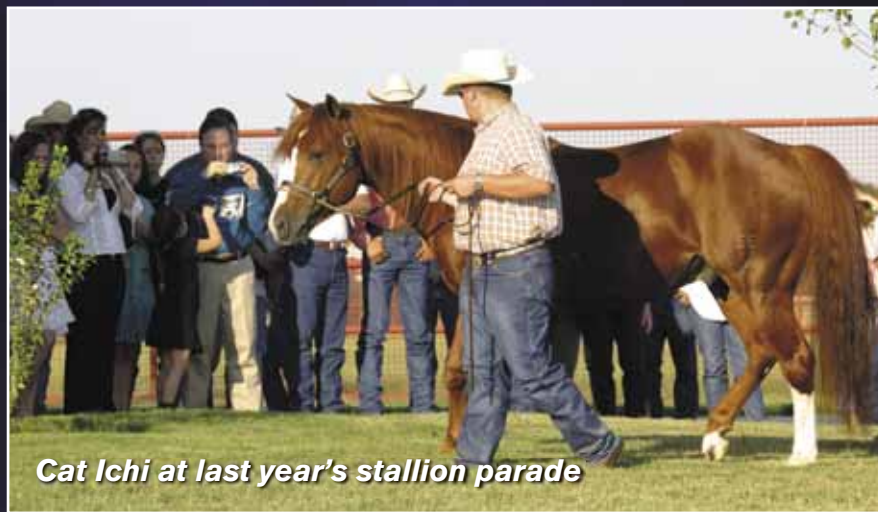
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