

# Daily Chatter

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## Widows peak! 227 Wrigley takes Non-Pro Classic Ltd



Left to right: Austin Shepard, Stacie Shepard, Widows Intentions, and Jim Langdale. Shepard rode Widows Intentions, owned by Langdale, to win the Super Stakes Open Classic with 227 points. Langdale rides the gelding in tonight's Non-Pro Classic.

### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

1st go-round

Super Stakes Amateur

FINALS

Super Stakes Classic Non-Pro

### THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

1st go-round

Super Stakes Open

### FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

1st go-round

Super Stakes Open, cont.

FINALS

Super Stakes Classic Amateur

### SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

1st go-round

Super Stakes Open, cont.

FINALS

Super Stakes Amateur



You don't get many shots in this pen and I took it," said Austin Shepard, after a "breath-taking" 227-point win on Widows Intentions, owned by Jim Langdale, Quitman, GA.

Widows Intentions, by Widows Freckles, had drawn dead last to work in the last bunch, where Goody Two Sue, with Tim Smith, and Reys Dual Badger, under Darren Simpkins, each scored 226 points.

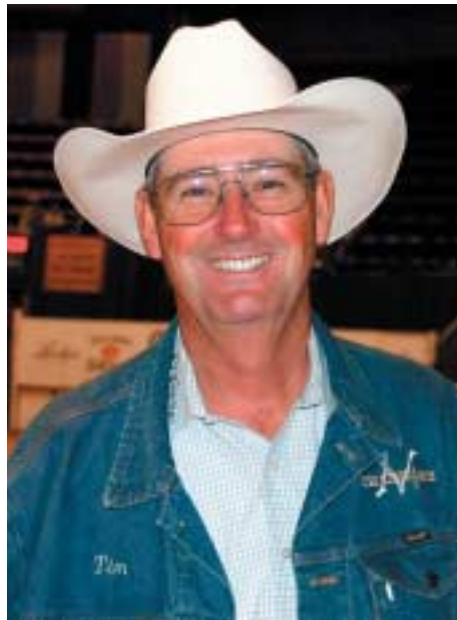
Shepard's first cow was good, but could have been better. When he drove the second one out of the

herd, he had 60 seconds left on the clock. Plenty of time for two cows, but Shepard and Widows Intentions stuck with their second choice all of the way.

"I probably should have quit," Shepard said. "But I didn't, and it paid off.

"I was able to send him to a couple of stops," he added. "But when the cow started getting tired, I had to tighten down and he listened.

"He gives everything he's got. We never missed that second cow. He kept putting himself in



Left to right: Darren Simpkins scored 226 points on *Reys Dual Badger*, owned by S & S Partnership, Houston, TX, to claim co-reserve of the Open Classic; Tim Smith and *Goody Two Sue*, owned by Tom Deregt, Carmel, CA, tied *Reys Dual Badger* for the co-reserve title; Ed Flynn and *Boon San Kitty*, owned by Walton's Rocking W Ranch, Mineral Wells, TX, placed fourth in the Classic Open Finals with 223.5.

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the right position. He could have given up and had a miss at any time, but he didn't."

Shepard trained *Widows Intentions* for the horse's breeder Robert Middleton; he had also shown the gelding's sire, *Widows Freckles*.

"I knew I liked him when I first saw him," said Shepard. "He looks just like his daddy. He's real low-headed, and he's confident and gritty like him."

*Widows Intentions*, who has earned well over \$250,000, was reserve champion of the 2004 NCHA Open Derby, but fractured his pelvis last year at the Derby and was laid up for six months.

Since his comeback, at the first of this year, he has placed third in the Memphis Open Classic, was a finalist in the South Coast Cutting in Las Vegas, and won the NCHA Eastern Open



## You say it's your birthday!

These NCHA members are celebrating their birthday today.

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"If you chase money,  
you never catch it. But if you  
chase performance, money  
catches up with it. "

*Dick Brown, coach*





*Left: Julie Wrigley, Weatherford, TX, a leader coming into tonight's Classic Non-Pro Finals on Wood Ya Wanna, won the Classic Non-Pro Limited on Yabba Dubba Dual, by Dual Pep. Right: Tom Deregt, Carmel, CA, was reserve champion of the Classic Non-Pro Limited on Goody Two Sue, who was co-reserve champion of the Classic Open with 226 points under Tim Smith.*

Nationals in Jackson. He is also the highest scoring (432.5) horse coming into today's Classic Non-Pro Finals under Langdale.

This was Shepard's first win in a Triple Crown event at Will Rogers, and it was especially gratifying to him because of Widows Intentions.

"He's six years old and he deserved to win one here," said Shepard. "That little horse has been a blessing. He's my favorite horse and always will be.

### Co-reserve champions

Goody Two Sue, like Widows Intentions, has been pulling double duty this week. The Smart Lil Ricochet daughter carried her owner, Tom Deregt, as reserve champion of the Classic Non-Pro Limited, yesterday, and also qualified for the Non-Pro Wild Card. But the Wild Card immediately preceded the Classic Open Finals and Deregt scratched so that Goody Two Sue would be fresh for that event.

"We opted not to show her (in the Wild Card) because I really thought I had a chance," explained Smith. "As it turned out it was a good decision."

Deregt purchased Goody Two Sue as a yearling, at the NCHA Futurity Sales. Richard Anderson, who manages Deregt's horse operation in Carmel, CA, trained her, and Smith started riding her in the middle of her four-year-old

year.

"We've doubled up on her whole life," said Smith. "But I didn't show her at all when she was five because she had some leg issues.

"She's really animated and really fast. You can't try to contain her. It makes her mad. So I just go with it. I can ride as fast as she can go, so it works out really well."

Smith is familiar with Goody Two Sue's family. Her mother is the famous show horse and broodmare Meradas Little Sue; Smith also rode Mighty Fine Sue, out of Meradas Little Sue.

"They're both very much like their mother," noted Smith. "They're a little bit cranky and they don't like to be messed with. But they cut."

Six-year-old Reys Dual Badger came into the Super Stakes Classic off of a co-championship win at the Bonanza under Darren Simpkins, who owns the stallion in partnership with Terry Strange (S & S Partnership). Tag Rice had also won the 2006 Memphis Futurity Classic with 225 points, as a catch-rider for Simpkins, on the Dual Rey son.

"He's a good, honest, intelligent horse," said Simpkins, whose best score on Reys Dual Badger was a 228-point win at the 2004 Brazos Bash. "And a good athlete to go with it.

"It was a good cutting. I was proud of my horse and proud of the way I

showed him."

Reys Dual Badger was bred by Roger and Shannon Meline and purchased as a yearling by Glen Woodridge, who sent the colt to Simpkins. Simpkins and Strange bought him as a long two-year-old.

"I knew I had a nice horse," said Simpkins. "But you've got to do your job and get them shown. It's nice having a horse that you know is not going to give up. He never gives up. He always tries."

With last night's check, Reys Dual Badger, who stands at DLR Stallion Station, Weatherford, TX, will have lifetime earnings of more than \$200,000.

### Super Stakes Classic Limited

It's been a great week for Julie Wrigley, who won the first go-round of the Non-Pro on Wood Ya Wanna, and claimed the championship of the Classic Non-Pro Limited with 222 points, yesterday, on five-year-old Yabba Dabba Dual.

"The fun thing was to be able to win it on a horse that wasn't the one I've been doing well on," said Wrigley.

Wrigley purchased Yabba Dabba Dual, a Dual Pep son, last year from Alicia McCleary

"I've had placings on him, but this is the first thing that I've won on him," she said. "He's very easy to ride."

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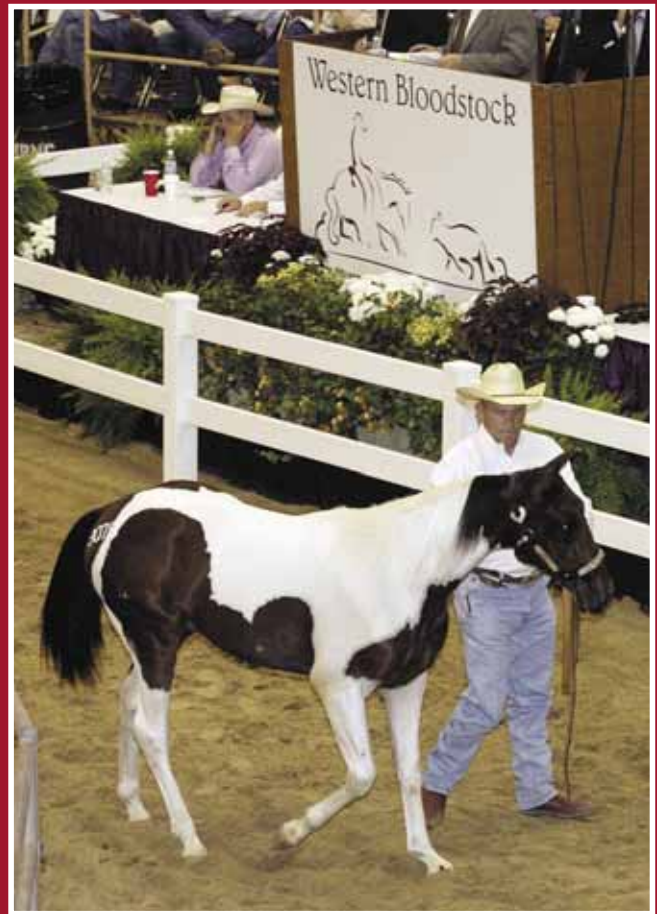


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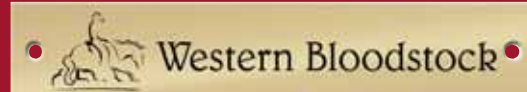
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