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Trevor Dare Earns First NRBC Open Championship on Jerseys Baby Driver

On Saturday night, crowd favorites Trevor Dare and Jerseys Baby Driver added another line to their resume, winning the Level 4 Open Championship at the National Reining Breeders Classic.

Dare and Jerseys Baby Driver, by Yellow Jersey out of Wind Her Up Chic, were first on the ground in the last set of horses on Open Finals night. From the moment they ran into the pen, the roar of the audience was deafening, and those cheers built to a crescendo when the score – a 228 – was announced.

"Everyone works really hard to get to the Finals," Dare said. "For me, I have wondered, 'Can I ever win it? Is it even possible?' So to win it is awesome. I feel amazing."

Jerseys Baby Driver, known to his fan base as Hercules, is known for his in-the-ground stops, and taking advantage of that talent is always part of Dare's plan.

"I always try to nail that first stop. In the past, I haven't always hit that first stop as strong as I know he's capable of, but I said 'Whoa' and it just felt right. I backed up, and then another area I might not have shown him to the best of his ability before is his turns, but he turned hard both ways tonight," Dare recalled. "I remember sitting in the middle thinking, 'Holy smokes! This might



work!""

According to Dare, Hercules just got better and better the whole run.

For the win, Dare, Jerseys Baby Driver, and owner Janice Laney, were presented with an incredible array of prizes plus a check for \$75,000. Adding that to the stallion's list of accomplishments, which includes the 2021 National Reining Horse Association Derby Open Level 4 Championship, pushes his lifetime earnings to more than \$225,000!

But for Dare, it's not about the money that Jerseys Baby Driver has won, or what he's done for his career. "We post all the time on social media about how he is with my little boy who is only a year-and-a-half old. That horse is a big, strong man, and my boy will walk up to him and this horse will put his head down and his little ears up. My kid doesn't know how to really feed treats, but he will and this horse won't bite his fingers," Dare said. "This horse is so good to my family, both inside and out of the arena."

There were numerous people on the list to thank. "I thank my wife. She organizes and manages my whole life, every single day. Without her, I'm pretty much worthless. I thank my whole team, family, and friends. I have a great support system that I can call on any time," he said.

So what does this win mean for the new champion? "It's awesome to win for sure, but tomorrow morning is going to be another day, and we'll be trying to get ready for the next one," he said. "As for this horse, I'm just going to enjoy every ride I get to have on him."

Former Champion Casey Deary tied himself for Reserve on two great horses – Down Right Amazing and Americasnexttopgun, with each marking a 226.5 to win \$45,000.

Down Right Amazing, owned by DAG Ventures LLC, is by Gunner out of Shesouttayourleague. Deary and Down Right Amazing, whose lifetime earnings were nearing \$125,000 prior to the NRBC, won the preliminary round as well.

In 2020, Deary and Americasnexttopgun, by Walla Walla Whiz out of Americasnextgunmodel, won the 2020 NRBC Championship. Deary and the stallion, owned by Puno Performance Horses, have won more than \$203,000, not including what they've collected at this year's NRBC.









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Level 3 Open Champions Fernando Salgado & Gunnabeabrightstar

Saturday night in the Open Finals, it was Fernando Salgado's score of 225.5 on Gunnabeabrightstar that would seal the deal on the Level 3 Open Championship. That score would also put Salgado fourth in the Level 4 Open with the six-year-old stallion by ARC Gunnabeabigstar out of Abbie Be Tuff.

"This horse is for sure special to us," Salgado said. "I started him and made all the Level 4 finals as a three-year-old and was second in Tulsa and second in Ardmore. He's always been great for me. Then when we bought our place, I sold him to the Neibergers so he went to Casey Deary, and he was very successful with Casey as well."

The horse ended up in Salgado's string after an injury in 2021 sidelined him for a bit. By the time he was ready to show again, Deary already had a solid string. "They thought about me when they were looking for someone to show this horse, so I was over-the-moon happy," Salgado shared.

The pair's run was almost perfect. "I had a little bobble on the left rollback, which was 100 percent my fault, but he did everything I asked of him and a little more. I am so thankful to my team, my customers, the Neibergers, and Casey for sharing this horse." Salgado laughed, and





joked, "If I was Casey I don't know that I would share a horse as nice as this!"

The NRBC was only the pair's second event since reuniting. "I ran him first at the Run For A Million Qualifier at the Cactus Classic, and we qualified for the Million there," Salgado said.

With almost \$65,000 credited to his name before the NRBC, Gunnabeabrightstar has always been a winner. "I have been coming here for 10 years to compete, and this is the first time I've been that close and on the same level as all those guys I've been trying to learn from," Salgado said. "Next up for this horse is to give him some time off, take care of him, and then go to Las Vegas for the Run for the Million."

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Level 2 Open Champions
Jimmy Van der Hoeven & Onecoolchic
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der Hoeven to get to where he is today.
Originally from the Netherlands, Van
der Hoeven qualified for the NRBC Open
Finals 10 years ago, and walked away with
the Level 2 win. Fast forward to the 2022
NRBC, and Van der Hoeven won the Level
2 for the second time.

"There's a little bit of a goofy side to her," he said of Onecoolchic, a five-yearold mare by Magnum Chic Dream, now unofficially an \$8 Million Sire, and out of Skeets Red Dunit. "I think that gives them grit and makes them good."



Van der Hoeven has had a lot of success with the Magnum Chic Dream lineage, and said when that line of breeding is trained and ready to go, they last a long time.

"They ride the same outside as they do inside," he said. "They never change their ways of doing things."

Onecoolchic will be rebred this year at Cedar Ridge Stallion Station, in Whitesboro, Texas, where Van der Hoeven trains under Casey Hinton. At the same time she will get ready to show at the NRHA Derby.

"Reining is exciting to me," he explained. "Everything is fast, but precise, and I can be just as satisfied when something works whether I'm riding at home or in the show pen."

Van der Hoeven thanked the Hinton family and the entire team behind him.

Level 1 Open Katie Davis & Starfire Sixtysix

Winning the Level 1 Open Classic Finals at the NRBC is every young trainer's dream, and for Katie Davis that dream came true on Saturday. She rode Starfire Sixtysix to the win with a score of 219.5.

"It's wonderful every time I get to ride that mare," she said.
"I have a really good support system, and everybody cheering definitely moves you along. It makes a difference when you hear everybody cheering, you want to keep doing well for them."

Davis explained her plan was to run hard on the five year old mare who is by Inferno Sixty Six and out of Wind It Up Chic.

"I squeaked into the Level 1 Finals, and I was out for a redemption run," Davis said. "My favorite thing to do on that mare is run and stop, so I was grinning ear to ear."

Owned by Kevin Corcoran, Davis started the mare as a two year old and could tell from the beginning she had something special.

"We knew from the first time I ran her down as a two year old and asked for her to stop with shoes on. She was always so good with her front end. I've always had confidence in her."

The mare Davis calls Fire, will enjoy some pasture time before it is time to tune up for the next show.

"I think today really helped my chances of getting to show her in the Derby," Davis laughed.

Davis is an assistant trainer for Deary Performance Horses and thanked the Deary family, the Corcorans, farrier Glen Spalding, and veterinarian Frank Fluitt.





Joy Deary Presents the American Flag

The Opening ceremonies of the Level 4 Finals was extra special, and a highlight was the presentation of the American flag during the National Anthem.

Joy Deary and her pony, who presented the American flag during the ninth round of the 2021 Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, did the same in the Great Southwest Equestrian Center's Coliseum Arena.

Joy had a big day, grabbing a win in the second slate of the Short Stirrup class in the Wheless Arena.

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Prime Time Open Champions - Cody Sapergia & Chicowhiz

Chicowhiz's huge stops and pretty appearance in the show pen impressed the judges during the first section of the Open Finals. Cody Sapergia rode the seven-year-old stallion, by Smart Chic Olena out of Whizicle, to a score of 222 (includes handicap) to win the Prime Time Open title.

"For me, it felt very good," Sapergia explained. "He ran in and stopped great, backed up really good. The turns were on the money, too. They were really clean, and he was just with me the whole time."

The Gainesville, Texas, trainer calls the horse Jimmy and has ridden him since he was a four-year-old. Jimmy came from Canada through Andre De Bellefeuille's breeding program and is owned by Larizza Rizzi.

"At the NRBC, it's always a great event to be a part of," Sapergia said. "It's been a great show all these years, and I'm really happy to win something here. I thank Garth Brown and Francesco Martinotti who have both been very helpful. I always think back to when I rode with Duane Latimer, and I try to remember what he told me at that time. Of course, I thank Larizza Rizzi, the owner, for giving me the opportunity to show this horse."

Congratulations to Saturday's Winners from the Tellepsen & Wheless Arenas

Non Pro & Int. Non Pro Champions Rita Clausen & Smart Tinseltown

In the Tellepsen arena Saturday afternoon, it was Rita Clausen who rode her way to first place in both the Non Pro and Intermediate Non Pro. Clausen is 15 years old from Scottsdale, Arizona, and rode Smart Tinseltown to a score of 144.5.

Smart Tinseltown is a 12-year-old gelding by Smart Spook and out of Tinseltown Lil Step.

"He's an amazing horse, and he's been a part of our family for many years," she said. Both horse and rider love stopping and schooled on Friday in the youth to perfect their maneuvers. Clausen was relieved to hear her score, realizing all of her hard work paid off. She will show again on Sunday in Slate 2 in the Coliseum Arena.

"We'll ride him tonight and work on running into the big arena because he hasn't been ridden in there very much," Clausen said.

Green Reiner Level 1 Champion Joetta Bell & Silver Gunn

Joetta Bell has had an exciting week at the NRBC between competing herself and watching both her husband and daughter show. On Saturday Bell won the Green Reiner Level 1 in Slate 1 aboard Silver Gunn.

"He's really fun to show, and I'm getting more comfortable in my stops," Bell said. Bell's daughter also showed Silver Gunn in the Youth 13 & Under later in the day.

Bell will also show the five-year-old grey gelding, by Gunnatrashya out of Silvernbluestarbuck, Sunday in Slate 2 of the Green Reiner.

The wife and mother thanked the Deary team and her family, saying her favorite part of the reining world is experiencing everything with her



family.

"I think that's really important," she said. "It's really a lost art outside of the horse world."

Green Reiner Level 2 (1) Co-Champion Heidi Battier & Great White Nite

Heidi Battier was just looking for something to do for herself when, on a whim, she met Kim and Dave Moore. Although she'd ridden horses as a child, she'd never competed, but after several lessons with the Moores she fell in love with the horses.

"I didn't really know what reining was for the first little bit, but I've loved it all. It's been so enjoyable," Battier shared.

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PHONE: 405.600,1990 EMAIL: Sarah@SilverSpursEquine.com www.SilverSpursSaleHorses.com Trashy Spot. Although Battier and the gelding started off strong, they had recently hit a rough patch. "We kind of had a really nice honeymoon phase, but he's deaf and I'm not always the most sensitive, and he's a little more sensitive," she said. "We've really worked hard this week and it was one of those things where I just had to trust my trainer. We kept improving every day, and it's really fun to look at where I was at the last show and compare it to today."

In Saturday's competition in the Wheless Arena, Battier split the win of the Green Reiner Level 2 with a score of 71.

"I thank Dave and Kim Moore.
They're not only exceptional trainers
– they're exceptional people. I feel so
lucky to ride in the barn where I do
and have all the team matse that are
super supportive," she said.

Battier's husband joined her in Katy, and it looks like he might become a staple at events. "He needs to come more often because he's good luck," she laughed.

Unrestricted Youth High Point Kennedy Buchanan

The Unrestricted Youth (2) and High Point were won by Kennedy Buchanan on Circuit Breakr. The Scottsdale, Arizona, teenager recently acquired the four-year-old gelding by Mr Electric Spark out of Arc Wanna Martini, so the NRBC was her first time really showing him.

"I showed him in the Classic earlier this week, but it didn't really go a planned," Buchanan said. "I went on my other horse yesterday, and she did really good so that prepared me for today."

Buchanan appreciates all the support she gets from her family, saying her sister came in from college to watch her compete at the NRBC.





Youth 14-18 Classic Challenge Champions Mary Riley Cachat & Trashy Spookshow

Mary Riley Cachat is the Champion of the Youth 14-18 Classic Challenge with Trashy Spookshow. The eight-year-old gelding, by Gunnatrashya out of Spook Off Sparks, was shown to a score of 140.5 for the win.

"I've had this horse for about three years now," Cachat said. "He's one of my favorite horses we've ever owned. He has really helped me get into this sport and get me to where I am today."

Cachat has been reining since she was eight or nine years old and has seen plenty of success in the arena. This was the second time Cachat and Trashy Spookshow have been to the NRBC.



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Youth 14-18 High Point Faith Horner & My Special Sidekick

Faith Horner scored a 146 on My Special Sidekick Saturday evening in the Tellepsen arena to win the Youth 14-18 Class, as well as the High Point award. Horner also won the class Friday afternoon on the four-year-old gelding, by Gunners Special Nite out of A Shining Sidekick.

"Josh Tishman showed him last year, so this is one of our first shows together," she said. "Today, I think I just ran him a little bit harder, and he had a lot more try."

The youth rider hopes to be able to show My Special Sidekick as good as Tishman one day.

Saturday was Horner's last day to show, and she thanked her trainers Casey Deary and Josh Tishman, her mother and grandmother.

Youth 13 & Under (2) Champions Trinity Bell & Lena Who Whizit

Trinity Bell rode Lena Who Whizit, affectionately known as Queso, to the second slate of the Youth 13 and Under Saturday evening. The 10-year-old palomino gelding is by Lena Spark out of Wa Hoo Whizit.

"He's a saint," Bell said. "He's pretty automatic."

Bell did not let her nerves get the best of her in the show ring, and accomplished her goal of making it to the NRBC.

"It's time for me to set a new goal now," she said. "I'd like to thank Casey Deary and Josh Tishman."

Short Stirrup (2) Champions Joy Deary & Chicsdundreamin

After a full week of showing, Joy Deary and Chicsdundreamin ended with the Short Stirrup championship Saturday morning. Deary showed the 15-year-old palomino gelding, by Magnum Chic Dream and out of Goody Goody Dun Drop, in the Wheless arena to a score of 74.

"Our circles were really good," she



said. "I didn't go long enough on my last stop, but he still did great, and I'll work on loping off on the correct lead for next time."

Next time will be at the NRHA Derby in June.

The Weatherford, Texas rider looks forward to watching her dad, Casey Deary, in the Open Finals Saturday night and will be carrying the American flag in the opening ceremonies.

Deary loves giving Chicsdundreamin kisses, and he will no doubt be getting plenty after winning the Short Stirrup.

Short Stirrup High Point Lily Forzani & Annies Custom Pistol

The Short Stirrup High Point was awarded to Lily Forzani and her 10-year-old gelding Annies Custom Pistol, by Gunner and out of Anniegityergun The duo took the high point title by winning the Slate 1 of the Short Stirrup and second in Slate 2. Forzani scored a 73.5 Saturday morning in the Wheless arena, besting her Friday score of a 72.5.

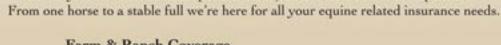
"My run today went much better than yesterday, especially our run down," Forzani said.







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Byng 100 N. Main Ada, OK 74820 (580) 436-3090 Fax (580) 436-3013 She received Annies Custom Pistol as a birthday gift last year, and now the pair are inseparable. Forzani wants to be a reining horse trainer when she grows up, just like her mentor and trainer, Stefano Calcagnini. The 10-year-old has put in the hard work it takes to win at the NRBC and looks forward to continuing her reining career.

Prime Time Rookie L1 & L2 High Point Joetta Bell & Gunnabelectric

Gunnabelectric carried Joetta Bell to the Rookie L1 & L2 High Point Thursday evening in the Tellepsen arena. Bell owns the five-year-old gelding, who is by Gunnatrashya and out of Sheza Electric Star. The team was a picture of consistency, marking an impressive 141 in both slates of competition.

"I showed my daughter's horse, Silver Gunn, and Gunnabelectric. I just had so much fun showing both of them. She was going to show in the 13 and Under, and I just thought I'd steal him, but I ended up doing better on my own horse," Bell explained.



Both horses have similar personalities, making it easier to switch between the two. The two geldings were purchased from Yonathan Baruch, and then Bell started riding with Casey Deary, with her first show being in Tulsa, Oklahoma.



Bell has experience in other disciplines such as western riding, pleasure, and horsemanship, but reining is relatively new to her. This well-rounded rider is looking forward to the next show with her daughter, the NRHA Derby.





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Novice Horse Open Level 1 & 2 Champions

Jonathan Gauthier & Trashya Dunit

It was all or nothing for Jonathan Gauthier on Saturday. Gauthier rode Trashya Dunit, a six-year-old stallion by Gunnatrashya out of Dunit N Continental, to a 74.5 in the Wheless arena to secure the win in the Novice Horse Open Levels 1 & 2.

"There were a lot of big scores," he said. "I didn't know what it would take =to win."

Gauthier is based in Aubrey, Texas, at Sterling Ranch, and Trashya Dunit has a soft spot in the trainer's heart.

"The one time I made the Level 4 Open Futurity Finals, it was on a horse that was out of the same mother," Gauthier said. "It was a big debate whether to bring him here and push him to show him, but I'm glad we did."

Gauthier was last out and took the lead by a half point. He was quick to give recognition to the great ground conditions at the NRBC.

Nov. Horse Open Level 3 (2) Co-Champions Jordan Larson & Mizzen Whiz Ya

Jordan Larson has had a rewarding week at the NRBC. Larson split the Novice Horse Open Level 3 win Saturday with Dan Huss, both scoring a 74. Larson rode Mizzen Whiz Ya, a four-year-old mare by Gunnatrashya out of Mizzen Whizzen.

"I appreciate the owners, Cathy and Nicole Driscoll, and Juan, who's from Argentina, for helping me all week," the California trainer said. Building those close relationships with the horses and people involved is important to Larson.

"Showing is never easy, but it's really rewarding, and I've been fortunate to show great horses," he said.





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