

KELSEY PRICE LEADS NON PRO CLASSIC PRELIMS ON IN MY GLORY DAYS

Riders in section two of the Non Pro Classic preliminary at the National Reining Breeders Classic in Tulsa, Oklahoma, had a lot to catch up to, after section one co-leaders Rita Clausen and William Clutter both posted a score of 220 on Day One. At draw 152, Kelsey Price and In My Glory Days finally topped 220 by half a point—220.5.

Price sits comfortably in the top hole, with a more than fair chance of making the Finals as the NRBC continues with Non Pro preliminaries through Tuesday. From Pilot Point, Texas, Price has more than \$138,000 in NRHA earnings, and currently leads the L4, L3 and L2, which could earn her more than \$75,000 if she wins the Finals. With this year's increases in purses, if Price remains atop she pockets the L4 check for \$50,000, L3 champion check for \$15,000 and the L2 check for \$10,000.

The 2019 mare, bred by Stephanie Gripp, is by SG Frozen Enterprise and out of Gunners Glory. In My Glory Days is co-owned with husband and trainer Kole Price, and Price rode her to win the Oklahoma Reining Horse Association Reserve Champion spot in the Non Pro Novice Horse Derby. The horse's approximately \$4,000 in earnings could double if the pair maintains the top spot in the Novice Horse Non Pro, which is awarding more than \$8,000 to the winner this year and is determined in the preliminary.

At the end of Day Two of the preliminary Non Pro competition, the L4 bubble is a 216, which is already one point higher than last year's 215 to make the Finals. The top 30 exhibitors advancing to the Non Pro Finals on Friday will draw for their spot on Wednesday, at the Markel Insurance Non Pro Draw Party that kicks off at 7 p.m. in the sponsor area of the Ford Truck arena. The top 20 advance in the Prime Time Non Pro.



CURRENT LEVEL LEADERS:

L4, L3, L2 & Novice Horse NP — 220.5 – Kelsey Price and In My Glory Days (SG Frozen Enterprise x Gunners Glory), a 2019 mare and owned by Kelsey and Kole Price and bred by Stephanie Gripp.

L1 – Alana Becker retained the lead in the L1 with a 217.5 aboard GT Chex (Gunners Tinseltown x USS Nu Chex), a 2017 gelding owned by Becker Stables and bred by Franco Olivero.

Prime Time – Dawn Butler stayed atop the division with her 220 (handicap) on TR Mic Magnum (Magnum Chic Dream x Hung Up On The Girl), a 2016 gelding bred by Tamarack Ranch. MaryBeth Ruckman joined her to tie with a 220 on her 2017 gelding RFR Voodoos Fuego (Shiners Voodoo Dr x Show N Tag), co-owned with her husband Tim, and bred by Peter Smith.

The American Paint Horse Association Chrome Cash Non Pro high score changed hands, with Kim Muehlstatter riding 2019 gelding Whizful Thinkin (Spooks Gotta Whiz x TR Miss Graygun), co-owned by Martin Muehlstaetter and bred by Musacci Performance Horses, to a 219.5.

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“Hygain is proud to be returning as a sponsor of the NRBC, and we look forward to hosting everyone at the Welcome Party in Tulsa,” said Kevin Bareira, Chief Executive Officer of Hygain. “It is an amazing time to be part of the growing sport of reining and especially with a partner like the NRBC.”

The Welcome Party, a staple at the NRBC for several years, is open to everyone. The event, which kicks off at 7 p.m., will be held on the Ford Truck Arena concourse.

“The Hygain Welcome Party is a great way to get everyone together early in the week,” noted NRBC President Tom McCutcheon. “We’ve always tried to provide plenty of opportunities for exhibitors, owners, and sponsors to enjoy their time at NRBC. Thanks to Hygain, we’re able to start the week off strong.”

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If you plan to late enter the Open Classic, you have until 30 minutes after the end of the Non Pro Prelims.

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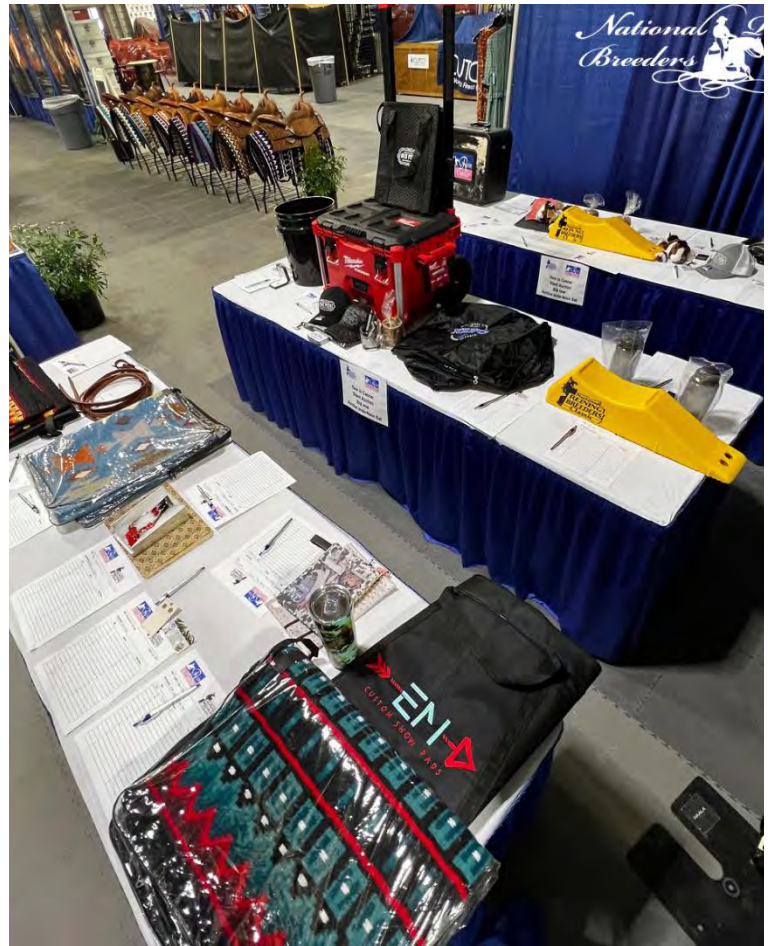
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CLASSIC CONNECTIONS *ALL IN ON REINING*

The Davidson family may be new to reining, but their success reads like more of a seasoned exhibitor's resume. In part, it is due to their shared passion about the sport and enjoyment of showing as a family under trainer Troy Koehl's experienced eye.

David Davidson, his wife, Casey, and children Deanna, 11, and Will, 8, started showing in the Stock Horse of Texas association competing in all four versatility classes – ranch reining, working cow horse, stock horse pleasure and ranch trail – but quickly, reining became everyone's favorite event.



“We purchased reining horses that were aged out of Derby events and started putting them on cattle with Troy, and it was a magic combination,” said Casey. “We would look at reining horses with cow bloodlines, and every one we brought home has taken to working a cow fantastically. The most surprising one is ‘Dreamin,’ by Hollywood Tinseltown and out of a Magnum [Chic Dream] mare, and he has the most heart on a cow!”

Dreamin, registered as DreaminInTinseltown, is Will's show horse that he shares with his trainer. The young man and the tall palomino have become a regular figure in the warm-up pen, partially due to the gelding's flowing yellow mane.

“Will is about to turn 9 and Dreamin is 9, so they'll be 9 together,” Casey said.

The family purchased Koehl a Derby-aged reiner, and with the 4-year-old in two, the family hit the road traveling from Nacogdoches, Texas, to their first major National Reining Horse Association event, the Cactus Reining Classic in Scottsdale, Arizona. There, the Davidsons saw the kind of success many exhibitors hope to achieve after years of practice: David qualified for the Rookie The Run For A Million on Lil Sugar Man, Casey rode to a top 10 finish in the Green Reiner aboard Claim Your Cash, and Deanna earned first place in the Rookie Youth riding Shine Man Shine while Will was top five both shows in the Short Stirrup.

It was a huge confidence boost for David to show in a much larger arena with more spectators. Plus, qualifying for such a big event was almost a pie-in-the-sky goal.

“Going into the next one, you're a little more used to the atmosphere,” David said. “It was the first time I was judged by five judges, and you have to please more than one person. It gives you more confidence going into this next one.”

The family's initial interest in SHTX was due to the family atmosphere and while it is a businesslike atmosphere at reinings, they've found the same welcome at NRHA events. Especially Will, who hasn't met a stranger yet and has his own growing fan club at the NRBC.

"He is not afraid to walk up to anyone," David laughed. "Casey Hinton is right behind us, and he's always encouraging him. People like that who are looking out for your kids make you feel like it's a place where you don't worry about your kids here."

"Casey Deary asked me if I was Will's mom in the warm-up pen today! He said we should be proud of him," Casey continued. "[These trainers] have complimented and boosted up Will and it has been a great experience."

For Koehl, returning to the reining industry after a five-year hiatus has been fun. The Montgomery, Texas-based trainer began his career in reining, then moved to focus on cow horse for the past five years. It's a juggling act to attend all the events.

"They have two cow horses, and I'll leave one cow horse show to fly to The Run For A Million to be with David," Koehl said. "When [they] decided to go to reinings, it was fun to jump back in and see the friends I hadn't seen in five years."

In Tulsa, the entire Davidson family is competing. David is in the Non Pro Classic, Casey in the Green and Rookie classes where she's competing against Will in the Green and he is showing in the Short Stirrup, and Deanna is in the Youth. It's truly a family affair!

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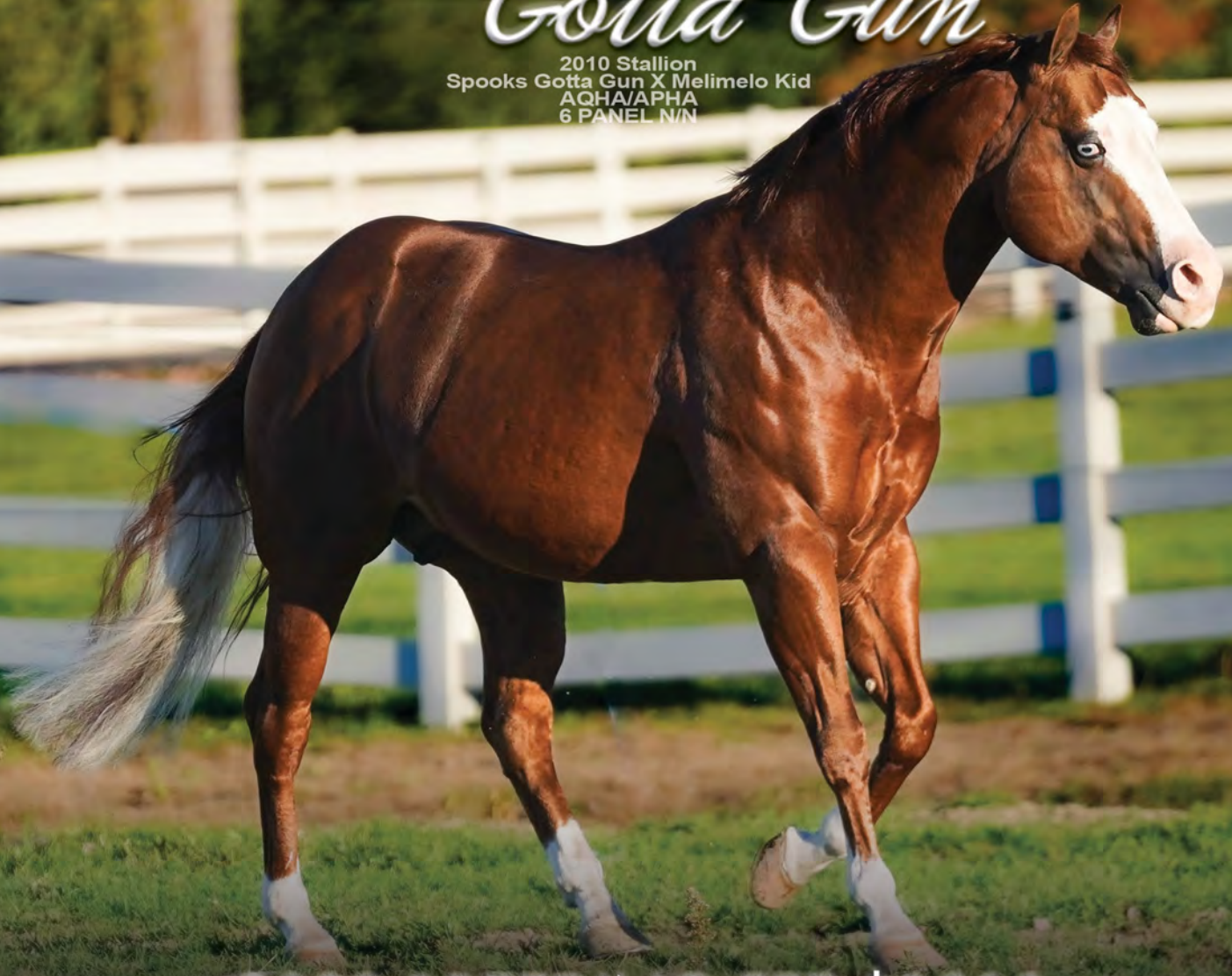
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THE FOUNDATION FOR THE HORSE

Walking through the Ford Exhibit Hall, a new booth is among the vendors: The Foundation for the Horse is bringing their message of horse welfare to the NRBC. Originally known as the American Association of Equine Practitioners Foundation, the Foundation rebranded to be known as “The Foundation for the Horse” in December 2019 after celebrating 25 years.

Since inception in 1994, the Foundation has been raising and dispersing funds to improve the health and welfare of horses across all disciplines and breeds. Senior Development Officer, Paul Ransdell, Ed.D., is honored to be a part of the foundation and has greatly impacted fundraising.



“Historically we have relied on equine veterinarians and members of the AAEP, we just completed a multiyear comprehensive campaign, and our goal was to raise \$10 million in 3 years, we exceeded that goal to raise \$12.3 million,” Ransdell said.

There are three ways the Foundation contributes to the horse industry. The first is providing scholarships for equine veterinary students.

“The supply of equine veterinarians and graduates coming out of vet school and moving into the equine world is at a rapid decline, that is a real issue that makes scholarships all the more important,” Ransdell said.

The second way the Foundation contributes to the horse industry is through research, which is greatly underfunded, though largely beneficial for equine veterinarians. Thirdly, the Foundation invests in programs for horses in harm’s way and in dire situations.

“We invest in disaster relief in areas of wildfires such as Australia, or northern California or Oregon, and where floods and hurricanes occur such as in Florida, Texas, Louisiana and more,” Ransdell explained.

The Foundation funds programs for veterinarians and technicians that also help horses, donkeys, and mules in developing countries that may need assistance and urgent care. These animals can most often be overworked and undernourished.

There are many programs the Foundation works with including groups like the Veterinary Emergency teams at University of California—Davis and Texas A&M University, or the British Equine Veterinary Association, and are referred to as

trusted partners. Yet, it is not only the veterinary community the Foundation looks to reach and educate. Ransdell and others visit shows across the country that include FEI events, the Pin Oak Cherry horse shows, jumping and dressage events at Wellington and in the Ocala, Florida-area, at Land Rover Three-Day Event in Lexington, Kentucky, and more.

The NRBC is the first Western horse show for the Foundation to attend. Many Foundation volunteers and board members are Texas based, so Ransdell feels this is the first of many Western events the foundation will be making an appearance.

While veterinarians and equine veterinary students benefit from the Foundation, it also hopes to impact horse owners with one to two horses. A program that stemmed from the COVID-19 pandemic and due to inflation, a program was created to assist horse owners in a veterinarian reimbursement program.

Success of the Foundation is contributed to the government, trust associated with and credibility of those in the equine veterinary profession. The AAEP backs the Foundation and oversees the work it is doing to better the welfare of the entire horse industry.

“The goal and what success looks like for us is that this brand will be the go-to charity for everyone who cares about the health and wellbeing of the horse,” Ransdell said.

To find out more about The Foundation for the Horse, visit www.foundationforthehorse.org or contact a veterinarian, or call the AAEP office directly at (859)233-0147.



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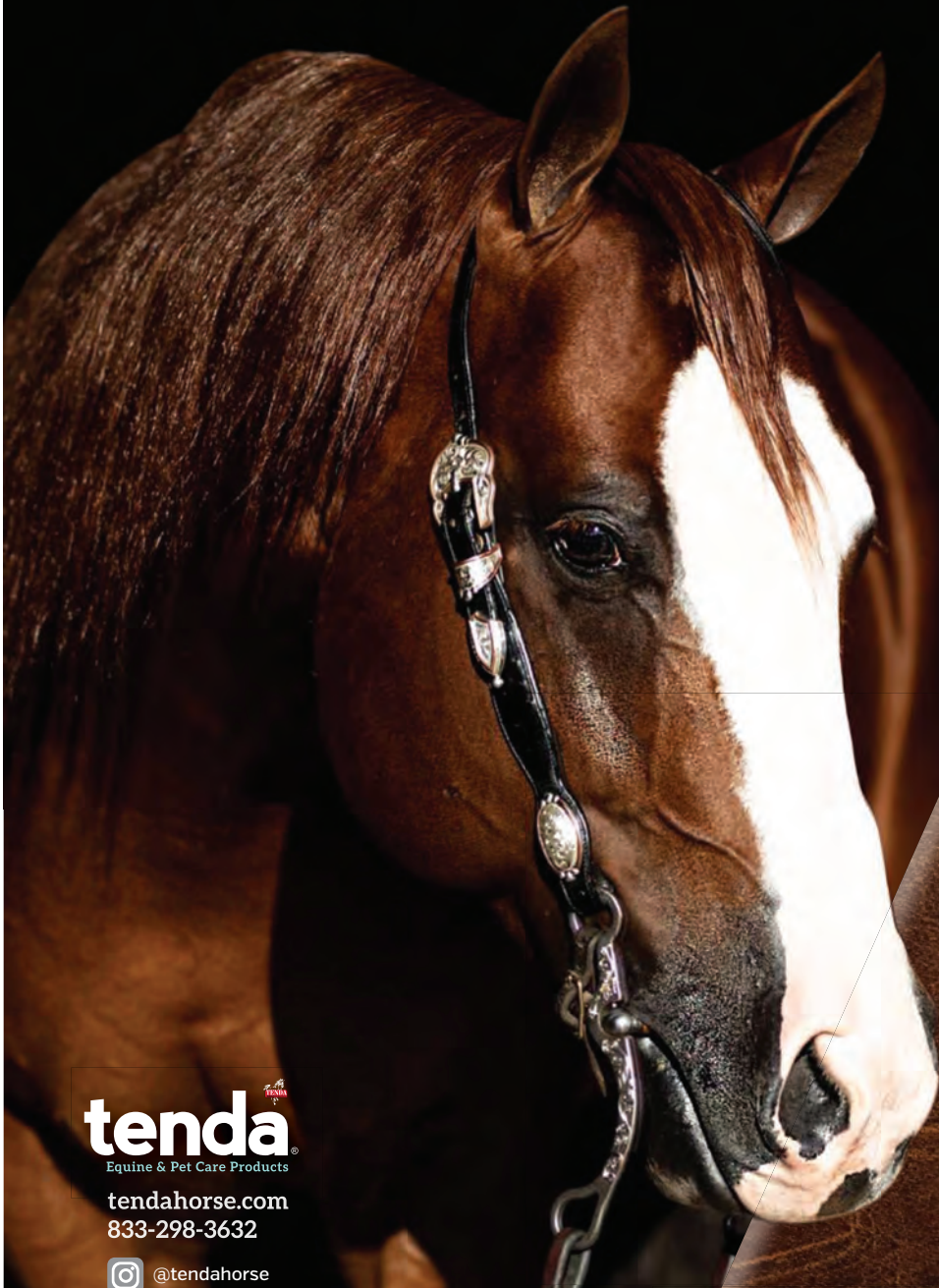
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7 p.m. – Hygain Welcome Party – Sponsor Area

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9 a.m. – Non Pro Classic Preliminaries (3rd Section) – Pattern 8

Drag Every **SIXTH** Draw

30-minute lunch break following draw #208

Following the section, the Coliseum will be open to Wednesday's Coliseum horses only for SIX hours. It will then be open to Classic horses only until Wednesday at 6:30 a.m.

Super Duty Indoor Arena

10 a.m. – Int. Open (1), Ltd. Open (1), Rookie Pro (1) – Pattern 8

Drag Every **EIGHTH** Draw

30-minute lunch break following draw #32

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Super Duty Covered Arena

8:30 a.m. – Ltd. Non Pro (1), Prime Time Non Pro (1) – Pattern 8

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