Cover Story



WPRA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP BARREL RACE

Extraco Event Center - Waco, Texas - October 22-25, 2015

TAMI SEMAS had an Incredible Year!

WORLD CHAMPION FUTURITY 1D

RES WORLD CHAMPION 1D and

RES WORLD CHAMPION DERBY

'Three' amazing horses!



WPRA FINALS

My weekend was great! Smooth N Famous aka 'Perkins' placed in both go's and 3rd in the average. He handled everything great--like he always seems to do. All the rain made things a little more challenging but we managed to survive it. Guys Amberetto made two nice runs and was 8th in the average.

Ninnekahs Guy placed in the 1st round of the Derby and in the 2nd Go, he had a nice run going and bowed way off the third barrel making his time longer than I wanted it to be! There was something about the 3rd barrel at Waco that he didn't like. I was a little upset with him because he was in a really good position to win the year-end Derby Championship. He ended up 7th in the average.



TAMI and 'PERKINS'

YEAR-END CHAMPIONSHIPS

I'm completely thrilled that Smooth N Famous won the 2015 Futurity World Championship!!! He has exceeded my expectations in every way this year! Perkins managed to lead the WPRA Futurity standing all year. It just amazes me how consistent he has been all year long...We started our Futurity year out in Buckeye AZ. Perkins placed 5th in the average at the Classic Equine, 3rd in the average at the Greg Olson, he won the Double Crown for the fastest average of those two Futurities. Then he won the Pac West Futurity and the Pac West Futurity Slot Race. He won \$30,730 in his first month of competition!

That month boosted him to the top of the WPRA Futurity standings where he managed to maintain that lead all year long. Perkins placed in the Lance Graves Futurity Slot, the Diamonds N Dirt, Sand Cup, Barrel Daze, Fort Smith, Fort Smith Future Fortunes Sire Slot, Red Dessert Classic, Cornhusker, 5-State Reserve Champion, Copper Springs Futurity Champion, and at the WPRA Futurity Finals. We have two Futurities left this year, the JB Quarter Horses and OKC. His earnings to date are at \$84,000.

Guys Amberetto... won the 2015 WPRA Reserve World Championship Futurity. She has also been super consistent for me this year. She started out in January winning 4th in the average at the Greg Olson, 4th in the Slot, 2nd in the average at the Pac West Futurity, and 4th in the Slot race winning \$19,337 in January. She placed at the Diamonds and Dirt, the Sand Cup, Fort Smith, the Colorado Classic Futurity, and the 5-State--her earnings to date are around \$45,000.

TAMI and GUYS AMBERETTO

Ninnekahs Guy won the 2015 WPRA Reserve World Champion Derby. This horse is so talented and fast footed!!! He won about \$40-\$45,000 last year in his Futurity year. I didn't run him a lot because he was a little more fragile mentally. His brain needed to mature to stay up with his fast feet. Our Derby year started out a little shaky! And I didn't run him very much until summer. We started at the Colorado Classic Derby where he placed really well in both go's and then 3rd in the average. Then we went to the Red Desert Classic--that didn't go very well at all. Then on to the Cornhusker where he won the 2nd Go of the Derby and Barrel of Gold placing in both go's and 3rd in average. Next was 5-State winning Reserve Derby Champion; then to Copper Springs winning Reserve Derby Champion; Parker Wood winning Reserve Derby Champion; and WPRA finals where he placed 7th in average. He's won about \$15,000 this year.

CONDITIONING

I ride a lot--I spend a lot of time with my horses and I like to do all the work myself which is why I only like to ride about 6 horses at a time. I spend a lot time getting to know my horses and their personalities. Smooth N Famous is a pleaser! He tries so hard to please me in everything he does. He really listens too, which means that I really





TAMI and NINNEKAHS GUY

need to be on my 'A' game when I run him. If I sit a little early going into a barrel, chances are we will catch it coming out of the turn.

SHOEING

My farrier is Jeff Schvaneveldt from Surprise, AZ. I've used Jeff for the past 5 years. I used to fly him to Oregon, but now I fly him to Texas. Shoeing is super important to me! It's really important for the farrier to understand and know horses--it's also super important for them to know

Tami Semas continue...

how a barrel horse moves. I train to keep my horses moving all four feet through the turn pushing with the hind end and pulling with the front end. Traction is super important for me to achieve this turn. Thank you Jeff for doing such a great job on my horses!!!

THE BUZZ - TAMI SEMAS BARREL SADDLES!

This year I designed a barrel saddle with BeJay Wright at Jeff Smith Cowboy Collection. I absolutely can't believe how well this saddle has been received. The barrel racing industry! I'm completely amazed!!!!!! I've worked in the saddle business over the last 6 years and used that experience to design this saddle with BeJay.

THE FEEL

My saddle allows you to sit right in the middle of it. It's very easy for you to slide up to the swells and sit deep. The cantle is slopped so it will never hit you, but allows you to use it to stay centered. The fenders hang in a neutral position so that you can put a lot of weight in your stirrups for stabilization. Your feet will never get behind you. I never want to fight my saddle to be in the correct position on my horse!

THE FIT

I have 2 fits--a regular and a wide fit. The bar angle is low in both trees. The bar is designed to make contact from the front to the back. These are super high quality trees. The regular tree fits most horses really well. The wide tree fits horses that are broader throughout their shoulders and backs. Since I've started riding in these trees my horses feel very open through their shoulders and backs.

THE QUALITY

I chose to go with Jeff Smith because their quality is FIRST CLASS. They have a history of building amazing custom saddles using only the highest quality materials.

www.TamiSemasBarrelSaddles.com

I really want to thank my family for all of their support this year!!! It's been a super busy year for us with our move to Texas on top of everything else.



WPRA WORLD RESULTS

FUTURITY 1D WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

- 1. Tami Semas (TX), SMOOTH N FAMOUS g by A Smooth Guy, 465, \$28,386.03
- 2. Tami Semas (TX), GUYS AMBERETTO m by Frenchmans Guy, 290, \$12,458.60
- 3. Patti Hovland (WI), **NICKSDASHINGDIAMOND** m by **Manors Nick Bar**, 250, \$3,630.66
- 4. Jordan Bassett (AZ), **BUGGIN TO BE FAB** g by **Frenchmans Fabulous**, 245, \$22,447.00
- 5. Kathy Grimes (WA), KG BLAZIN NINE OH m by Blazin Jetolena, 230, \$14,972.36
- 6. Molly Otto (ND), SFW WONDER WOMAN m by Sun Frost Wonder, 230, \$5,467.69
- 7. Sharin Hall (OK), BULLEVA m by Bully Bullion, 170, \$16,466.40
- 8. Stacy Nelson (MN), TS HUSSEL UP g by Woodbridge, 170, \$2,431.00
- 9. Patti Hovland (WI), SHEZA FAMOUS BUGS m by Famous Bugs, 165, \$2,657.45
- 10. Kelly Bruner (TX), NO MISS TAKEN m by PC Frenchmans Hayday, 140, \$6,552.92

DERBY WORLD CHAMPION

LYNNZIE LINDSTROM & DAN I AM FAMOUS

I'm still trying to wrap my mind around the fact that this horse let me win not only the Derby average at the WPRA finals, but the World Championship Derby title. I have all the faith in the world in this horse's ability, but didn't really have that kind of confidence in my ability as a jockey, as this was only our 5th and 6th competition run together. I bought him in the middle of September from Ruby Walker. Vauna Walker trained and ran futurities on him. He has always been a horse that I tried to get up to the arena to watch when Vauna was running him because he's so much fun to watch!

Our very first run together was at the Parker-Wood Memorial and we placed 3rd there despite finding and removing a large piece of wire in his tongue the day before. Coming into the WPRA finals Dan was 4th in the derby standings and I had no goals other than to make smooth, solid runs. Our first run was a little wild--he was super upset that he did not have a buddy when I rode up to the holding pen--but managed to still clock. Our second round I made sure I brought my other horse along to help keep him quiet and that made all the difference in the world. We cleaned it up and ended up 2nd in the round and 1st in the average.



LYNNZIE & DAN I AM FAMOUS

I had no idea that I had won the world title until I went to the awards ceremony. It was quite the surprise! This horse has so much heart and try. Vauna does an amazing job with her horses and I'm so thankful I was able to get on behind her and have success in such a short amount of time! I just need to hold on tight and stay out of his way!! I really feel like it was meant to be!!

Thank you so much!!

Lynnzie

DERBY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

- 1. Lynnzie Lindstrom (AZ), **DAN I AM FAMOUS** c by **Dash Ta Fame**, 182.5, \$3,647.63
- 2. Tami Semas (TX), NINNEKAHS GUY g by Frenchmans Guy, 145, \$5,144.40
- 3. Kimberly Sanford (ID), FANTASTIC NEWS, 140, \$1,952.35
- 4. Amberleigh Moore (OR), CP DARK MOON m by Darkelly, 110, \$3,181.69
- 5. Billie Ann Harmon (TX), **REIGN GIRL** m by **He Will Reign**, 100, \$1,200.96

FUTURITY AVERAGE WINNER

WPRA WORLD RESULTS

ASHLEY SCHAFER & KR LAST FLING

FUTURITY AVERAGE

- 1. Ashley Schafer, KR LAST FLING m by A Streak Of Fling, 15.32, 14.92, 30.24, \$2,719.20
- 2. Stevi Hillman, MORNING TRAFFIC m by Frenchmans Guy, 15.43, 15.13, 30.56, \$2,224.80
- 3. Tami Semas, SMOOTH N FAMOUS g by A Smooth Guy, 15.29, 15.32, 30.61, \$1,977.60
- 4. Kelsey Lutjen, TS HAYDAY RETURNS m by PC Frenchmans Hayday, 15.27, 15.39, 30.66, \$1,730.40
- 5. Kelly Bruner, NO MISS TAKEN m by PC Frenchmans Hayday, 15.46, 15.23, 30.69, \$1,483.20
- 6. Janna Beam, FIRST SHINNING CAJUN g by Cajun Perks On Fire, 15.30, 15.44, 30.74, \$1,236.00
- 7. Nicole Riggle, SO STREAKIN FAMOUS m by Dash Ta Fame, 15.60, 15.37, 30.97, \$988.80

KR Last Fling aka 'Laramie' had a great weekend at the WPRA Finals. She placed 6th in the first round of the futurity and we caught the third barrel to tie for 1st in the Open Slot race. She ran the fastest time of the weekend with a 14.921 to win the 2nd round of the Futurity, the Open and the Average in the Futurity. Thank you Joe and Carla Spitz for letting me train and compete on this phenomenal mare! Joe and Carla were my first clients after leaving the Jud Little Ranch and have sent me a lot of great horses over the years and I want to say how much I appreciate that!

My husband Seth and I welcomed our son Payson Lyle into the world on August 19th! He is such a blessing to us! I was able to start competing again, a few weeks ago. Laramie has taken care of me and made some nice runs winning money all three weekends! I finally felt like I rode her the way I should in the last round at the WPRA Finals. She isn't a hard horse to ride because she is very honest and wants to work, but she is also very fast and your timing had to be just right!

I would like to thank Joy Wargo for having her ready for me to start competing on! Joy and Jolene Montgomery were at our place in Wyoming when Payson was born which was a huge help! They took care of our horses while we were in the hospital. Joy took Laramie home with her and ran her at the Parker-Wood Memorial Futurity and the Jud Little Futurity. She did a great job with her and had her fit and ready for me! I can't thank Joy and Jolene enough for everything they have done and continue to do for me--they are great friends!

I would also like to thank our Sponsors...

Silver Lining Herbs, RES Boots and Vista Equine Colorado. We have been using Silver Lining Herbs since 2013. They have helped our program immensely! I love the fit of RES Boots. They don't let any dirt in and the replaceable velcro is a huge benefit when you're riding a bunch of colts! Vista Equine in Windsor, CO is where we do all of our embryo work. They had Laramie over the summer and she came home looking sale fit! Thank you all for your continued support!

ASHLEY & 'LARAMIE'



FUTURITY 1ST GO

1D

- 1. Jackie Jatzlau, IMANONSTOP FAME g by Dash Ta Fame, 15.020, \$1,622.25
- 2. Kelsey Lutjen, TS HAYDAY RETURNS m by PC Frenchmans Hayday, 15.274, \$1,297.80
- 3. Tami Semas, SMOOTH N FAMOUS g by A Smooth Guy, 15.292, \$1,168.02
- 4. Janna Beam, FIRST SHINNING CAJUN g by Cajun Perks On Fire, 15.307, \$973.35
- 5. Marene Loosenort, LOVIN FAME m by Dash Ta Fame, 15.314, \$778.68
- 6. Ashley Schafer, KR LAST FLING m by A Streak Of Fling, 15.324, \$648.90 2D
- 1. Juli Miller, HAY HAY IMA MONKEY m by PC Frenchmans Hayday, 16.020, \$973.35
- 1. Patti Hovland, NICKSDASHINDIAMONDS m by Manors Nick Bar, 16.020, \$973.35
- 3. Catherine Medlock, EYE N EASY g by Mr Eye Opener, 16.047, \$556.20
- 4. Cambra Smith, TAKINALLTHEFIREWATER m by Firewaterontherocks, 16.051, \$278.10

FUTURITY 2ND GO

1D

- 1. Ashley Schafer, KR LAST FLING m by A Streak Of Fling, 14,921, \$1,622,25
- 2. Stevi Hillman, MORNING TRAFFIC m by Frenchmans Guy, 15.133, \$1,297.80
- 3. Kelly Bruner, NO MISS TAKEN m by PC Frenchmans Hayday, 15.237, \$1,168.02
- 4. Lacey Donegan-Harmon, GUYS BEST BET m by Frenchmans Guy, 15.315, \$973.35
- 5. Tami Semas, SMOOTH N FAMOUS g by A Smooth Guy, 15.328, \$778.68
- 6. Nicole Riggle, **SO STREAKIN FAMOUS** m by **Dash Ta Fame**, 15.376, \$648.90
- 1. Alyssa Urbanek, CROWN THE WINNER m by Crownroyal Frenchman, 15.942, \$1,112.40
- 2. Kelsey Mackay, GEH EYE TALK THE BET m by Bet Brian, 16.020, \$834.30
- 3. Regina Herring, DTF MAKIN HER WAY m by Dash Ta Fame, 16.049, \$556.20
- 4. Patti Hovland, NICKSDASHINDIAMONDS m by Manors Nick Bar, 16.125, \$278.10

DERBY AVERAGE

- 1. Lynnzie Lindstrom, DAN I AM FAMOUS g by Dash Ta Fame, 30.760, \$978.56
- 2. Shelby Vinson, UX FLIT N FABULOUS m by Frenchmans Fabulous, 30.800, \$800.64
- 3. Janci Hannen, STREAKIN TOM CAT g by World Speed, 30.880, \$711.68
- 4. Jodee Miller, HBS MAYAN GOLD m by Frenchmans Guy, 30.980, \$622.72
- 5. Billie Ann Harmon, **REIGN GIRL** m by **He Will Reign**, 31.000, \$533.76
- 6. Judi Reed, ONE SMOKIN RIDE g by Blazin Jetolena, 31.120, \$444.80
- 7. Tami Semas, NINNEKAHS GUY g by Frenchmans Guy, 31.230, \$355.84

DERBY 1st GO

- 1. Latricia Duke, **DM SHOT OF FIREWATER** g by **Flaming Fire Water**, 15.04, \$834.00
- 2. Jana Bean, **DASHING KLEE** g by **Dash Ta Fame**, 15.24, \$667.20
- 3. Mary Burger, SADIEFAMOUSLASTWORDS g by Sadies Frosty Drift, 15.29, \$600.48
- 4. Jodee Miller, HBS MAYAN GOLD m by Frenchmans Guy, 15.42, \$450.36
- 4. Tami Semas, NINNEKAHS GUY g by Frenchmans Guy, 15.42, \$450.36
- 6. Billie Ann Harmon, **REIGN GIRL** m by **He Will Reign**, 15.43, \$333.60

DERBY 2ND GO

- 1. Shelby Vinson, UX FLIT N FABULOUS m by Frenchmans Fabulous, 15.24, \$834.00
- 2. Lynnzie Lindstrom, DAN I AM FAMOUS g by Dash Ta Fame, 15.29, \$667.20
- 3. Janci Hannen, STREAKIN TOM CAT g by World Speed, 15.35, \$600.48
- 4. Mollie Brantley, MISS AMBER ALERT m by Justins Rare Fuel, 15.53, \$500.40
- 5. Jodee Miller, HBS MAYAN GOLD m by Frenchmans Guy, 15.56, \$400.32
- 6. Billie Ann Harmon, **REIGN GIRL** m by **He Will Reign**, 15.57, \$333.60

SLOT RACE

- 1. Jackie Ganter, **GUYS FRENCH JET** s by **Frenchmans Guy**, 15.05, \$13,965.00
- 2. Brooke Rix, **GYPSY HAT O FAME** g by **Dash Ta Fame**, 15.12, \$11,471.25
- 3. Kelsey lutjen, **TS HAYDAY RETURNS** m by **PC Frenchmans Hayday**, 15.13, \$8,977.50
- 4. Kellie Collier, **STREAKIN EASY APRIL** m by **A Streak Of Fling**, 15.16, \$6,982.50
- 5. Ari-Anna Flynn, **SUNNY TWO SOCKS** g by **Quick Little Lena**, 15.17, \$4,987.50
- 6. Danyelle Campbell, **SUZY TREIS SEIS**, 15.18, \$3,491.25



SLOT RACE CHAMPION JACKIE & GUYS FRENCH JET

WPRA RESERVE CARD HOLDER CHAMPION MEGAN & BAR BEE STEALING SUE



MW Barrel Horses www.Facebook.com/Megan.WarrenSwint

It was a great weekend for Megan pocketing nearly \$8,000 in the Card Holder race.

I thought the race went well--it was run super fast and the ground was good. My horse is an 11 year old grey mare, Jackie Bee bred top and bottom. I bought her as a 3 year old from a backyard horse sale in Ocala FL. Jesse Lamn broke her and I trained her on barrels. She's super fun to ride. She makes the same run every time--full of heart and loves her job. She's been a huge blessing to my family.

I run in a Lynn Mykenzie Double J. I keep her on DAC Supplements to keep her feeling her best; Lubrysin for joints; and I use PHT Magnetics. I also use Back on Track and Coldflex to keep her feeling good, and a horse hydrator to keep her drinking well. We ended up 23rd in the world this year, which qualifies us to enter the larger Rodeos. We are hoping to make the NFR this coming year. I would

like to thank all my wonderful sponsors, friends and

family.

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Megan

CARD HOLDER CHAMPION

MARY BURGER & SADIEFAMOUSLASTWORDS

CARD HOLDER AVERAGE

- 1. Mary Burger, **SADIEFAMOUSLASTWORDS**, 15.11, 15.03, 15.06, 45.20, \$3,645.00
- 2. Megan Swint, **BAR BEE STEALING SUE**, 15.05, 15.07, 15.21, 45.33, \$3,124.00
- 3. Chloe Hoovestal, **DOX JEDO HONOR**, 15.24, 15.16, 15.26, 45.66, \$2,603.57
- 4. Ari-Anna Flynn, **SUNNY TWO SOCKS**, 15.28, 15.17, 15.35, 45.80, \$2,256.43
- 5. Marne Loosenort, **DELL Q**, 15.36, 15.25, 15.21, 45.82, \$1,735.71
- 6. Kay Blandford, KN MY MOMMAS FAMOUS, 15.37, 15.16, 15.32, 45.85, \$1,388.57
- 7. Rylee Dick, **DESIGNING SCOOTER**, 15.42, 15.23, 15.26, 45.91, \$867.86
- 7. Carley Richardson, **DODA FLIT**, 15.35, 15.27, 15.29, 45.91, \$867.86
- 9. Morgan Breaux, **SS STREAKERS R US**, 15.30, 15.32, 15.32, 45.94, \$520.71
- 10. Jordan Wright, FRENCHMANS SIGNATURE, 15.77, 15.02, 15.20, 45.99, \$347.14

CARD HOLDER SHORT GO

- 1. Mary Burger, **SADIEFAMOUSLASTWORDS**, 15.06, \$1,890.00
- 2. Jordan Wright, FRENCHMANS SIGNATURE, 15.20, \$1,417.50
- 3. Megan Swint, BAR BEE STEALING SUE, 15.21, \$708.75
- 3. Marne Loosenort, **DELL Q**, 15.21, \$708.75

CARD HOLDER 1ST GO

- 1. Megan Swint, **BAR BEE STEALING SUE**, 15.05, \$2,430.00
- 2. Jackie Ganter, **BLAZIN BABY J**, 15.08, \$2,082.86
- 3. Mary Burger, SADIEFAMOUSLASTWORDS, 15.11, \$1,735.71
- 4. Jordan Bassett, **BUGGIN TO BE FAB**, 15.13, \$1,504.29
- 5. Kelly Tovar, **BB FRENCH FOOLEDYA**, 15.20, \$1,157.14
- 6. Robin Montague, CHIEF LIL TEE, 15.22, \$925.71
- 7. Raylene Cox, **YA GIVE ME FEVER**, 15.23, \$694.29
- 8. Chloe Hoovestal, **DOX JEDO HONOR**, 15.24, \$405.00
- 8. Danyelle Campbell, **FAMOUS DUNGAREES**, 15.24, \$405.00
- 10. Victoria Williams, THREE JETS OLENA, 15.27, \$231.43

CARD HOLDER 2ND GO

- 1. Kyra Stierwalt, **SOPERKSAMERICANROSE**, 14.97, \$2,430.00
- 2. Jordan Wright, FRENCHMANS SIGNATURE, 15.02, \$2,082.86
- 3. Mary Burger, SADIEFAMOUSLASTWORDS, 15.03, \$1,735.71
- 4. Megan Swint, BAR BEE STEALING SUE, 15.07, \$1,504.29
- 5. Kay Blandford, KN MY MOMMAS FAMOUS, 15.16, \$1,041.43
- 5. Chloe Hoovestal, **DOX JEDO HONOR**, 15.16, \$1,041.43
- 7. Ari-Anna Flynn, **SUNNY TWO SOCKS**, 15.17, \$694.29
- 8. Stevi Hillman, CUATRO FAME, 15.23, \$405.00
- 8. Rylee Dick, **DESIGNING SCOOTER**, 15.23, \$405.00
- 10. Martha Wright, **BH DASH OF GINGER**, 15.25, \$115.72
- 10. Marne Loosenort, **DELL Q**, 15.25, \$115.72