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## 2024 NBHA ARIZONA SUPER SHOW

BUCKEYE, AZ | JAN 19-21, 2024

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Grace Garrison & Cedar Ghost 229



1D Average Kailee Murdock & MP Hay Its Hotn Here



Kaycee DeLange & Beach 5D Average

Susie Reese & 4D Average



Grace Garrison & Sapphire

## **TOP EARNERS**

- 1. Kailee Murdock \$4.331
- 2. Karsen Jackson \$3,505
- 3. Kathy Grimes \$2,256
- 4. Haley Wolfe \$2,198
- 5. Cheryl Murray \$2,072

- Makala Pierce \$1,924
- 7. Tess Jaure \$1,750
- 8. Rylea Platts \$1,443
- 9. Lisa Heldreth \$1,395
- 10. Doskie Edwards \$1,227





## ARIAT FAST TIME:

Doskie Edwards Bailey 16.871 on a Standard Pattern





## Overall Open 1D Average Champion Karsen Jackson and Frenchmansmagicmike

Frenchmansmagicmike strutted his stuff in Buckeye. Though not eligible for NBHA awards due to membership requirements, jockey Karsen Jackson and the 10-year-old stallion still laid down the fastest average time of the show for owner Tonya Wiertzema.

"He's pretty magical, so any time he runs we're like, 'Let's see the magic!" Jackson quipped. "It was pretty special. Before I started riding him, a girl in Wickenburg (Arizona) had him and did pretty good on him, so for me to take over on him, I really wanted to make her proud and his owners proud. I've known Tonya since 2021 and rode for her on and off, so it's really special to be up there with some of the best on that horse."

In the first race Friday, Jackson and "Magic" posted a 17.471 on the big standard pattern to finish third for \$552. A 17.188 placed fifth in a fast Saturday race for \$613. Consistency paid for the team Sunday with a 17.405, worth \$718 and the fastest average on three of the race, 52.064.

"I haven't ran him on a true standard yet, so my first run I really wanted to be a 17.5. I was off him for two weeks when I was in Texas for the rodeos, and when he ran the 17.4, I was pretty excited. And, we finally nailed the first barrel," Jackson said. "The second day when he ran the 17.1, I was so stoked. I think that's his fastest time on a standard, and it's one of my fastest times on a standard too. I knew when he turned the first barrel he was on one. On Sunday, we just had to get around them to get in the average."

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Karsen Jackson rode Frenchmansmagicmike to first in the overall Open 1D average, though not eligible for NBHA awards. The pair ran three respective times of 17,405, 17,188 and 17,471, and Jackson was the second-highest money winner of the event with \$3,505.



The Cornville, Arizona-based barrel horse trainer plans to keep Magic in her program for the big barrel races and professional rodeos and to showcase the stallion for his owners.

"I want to pro rodeo, so we'll show him all the ins and outs of rodeo too," Jackson said. "I train, start and finish barrel horses, and just jockey. I'm not much of a futurity rider. I've never futuritied, but I love jockeying and starting horses and running."

Jackson added special thanks to her mom and dad as well as Magic's owners. ■