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MINNESOTA BREEDERS FUTURITY & MATURITY

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MN Breeders Futurity Champion

DONNA KALISH & NICKS SPECIAL K

DONNA KALISH...

"Well I think I have a nice colt and was very excited as I love the futurities! I always try my hardest and try to give my horse the best possible chance and do everything to make him feel good and be ready for the game. I think I rode him a little deep in the second go as I was afraid of tipping--and he listened!"

I was 2nd in both go's of the breeders and won the average, which paid \$517 each go and \$920 plus a saddle for the average, and \$209 for open futurity (4th 1st go) and rolled Saturday to open and won 2d (\$794)...almost \$3000—woohoo! I can't give enough credit to SC Productions (for hosting such GREAT events), MN breeders and also want to give an extra Thank You to American Auto Body for sponsoring the saddle and to Manors Nick Bar (Bob & JoAnn) for having Manors Nick Bar in so many extra incentives!

Nicks Special K was born right around the time the Secretariat movie was popular and I wanted to have a Red. WOW was I surprised when out popped this big red stud colt with a blaze...guess what his barn name is--Red. I always called him my little slot machine, as who would think a little bay mare would produce my big red colt. I borrowed her from some good friends (Scot and

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Sabrina Miller). I was looking for a mare to breed to Manor's Nick Bar and they just let me take her. When I looked at her papers, she was bred very nicely and even went back to Alamitos Bar on the bottom side (who my great horse Rocket that won me three Great Lakes Circuit Championships mother was by an Alamitos Bars mare). He is a big stout 15'2 gelding that has an amazing attitude and very easy to train and travels like silk. Of course being the only colt I ever raised, I tried to do everything right. I hauled him to a some shows as a 2 year old and sent him to Cathy Morris for 30 days in the fall of that year, and when I talked to Cathy while he was there, she didn't really seem to like him much the first 2 weeks, but by the last 2 weeks she said he was her favorite to ride. When his three year old year came up, I always send to someone for another 30 days (as I'm old 62) and

I was blessed a good friend Kari Kois Dietrek called and asked if I would take a horse of hers. I suggested that we trade as she likes colts and messing with them. Well (go figure) she was like Cathy...didn't like him the first few weeks and by the time he came home she loved him. He took to barrels like icing on a cake, I don't even work him on barrels at home as he knows his job and I feel a monkey could jump on and run him.

How many horses did you compete on ~ I only have him this year right now as have sold one and my mare has an injury. I'm hoping to get her back soon and just bought a project. It's easy for me to jump from one to the other as I have trained all of mine...I'm going to really concentrate on futurities this year and think I might have a nice rodeo horse coming(?)

"I always have to Thank my family for put-ting up with me and my Passion for barrel racing!"

BREEDERS FUTURITY AVERAGE

- Donna Kalish, NICKS SPECIAL K g by Manors Nick Bar, 30.644, \$920.00
- Maren Luedemann, ENGINE NUMBER NINE m by PYC Paint Your Wagon, 30.743, \$690.00
- 3. Nicole Ratkowski, SR MOONLITES ON FIRE g by Frenchmans Moonlite, 30.750, \$460.00
- Shawn Varpness, DUN IT IN PARIS m by Hollywood Dun It, 30.895, \$230.00
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- Kelly Neisius, HOLY FAMOUS PIE g by Holy Bart, 32.853, \$394.00
- 2. Erin Bayer, LIL LUCKY STRAIT m by Strait Firewater, 33.020, \$296.00
- Lori O'shea, FAME UP GUY g by Ante Up Guy, 33.570, \$197.00
- Christine Kram, RARE FIREWATER m by Strait Firewater, 33.622, \$99.00

BREEDERS FUTURITY 1ST GO

- Maren Luedemann, ENGINE NUMBER NINE m by PYC Paint Your Wagon, 15.293, \$690.00
- Donna Kalish, NICKS SPECIAL K g by Manors Nick Bar, 15.297, \$517.00
- Shawn Varpness, DUN IT IN PARIS m by Hollywood Dun It, 15.354, \$345.00
- Sherry Wyffels, BLAZING U TURN m by Blazin Jeetolena, 15.429, \$172.00
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- Erin Bayer, LIL LUCKY STRAIT m by Strait Firewater, 16.422, \$296.00
- Lori O'shea, FAME UP GUY g by Ante Up Guy, 16.548, \$222.00
- 3. Lacy Dunsmore, AGOIN FRENCHMAN g by Frenchmans Moonlite, 16.578, \$148.00
- Christine Kram, RARE FIREWATER m by Strait Firewater, 16.988, \$74.00

BREEDERS FUTURITY 2ND GO 1D

- 1. Nicole Ratkowski, SR MOONLITES ON FIRE g by Frenchmans Moonlite, 15.269, \$690.00
- Donna Kalish, NICKS SPECIAL K g by Manors Nick Bar, 15.347, \$517.00
- 3. Maren Luedemann, ENGINE NUMBER NINE m by PYC Paint Your Wagon, 15.450, \$345.00
- Shawn Varpness, DUN IT IN PARIS m by Hollywood Dun It, 15.541, \$172.00
- 1. Erin Bayer, LIL LUCKY STRAIT m by Strait Firewater, 16.598, \$296.00
- Christine Kram, RARE FIREWATER m by Strait Firewater, 16.634, \$222.00
- 3. Kelly Neisius, HOLY FAMOUS PIE g by Holy Bart, 16.781, \$148.00
- 4. Rachel Hennen, FAMOUS SINGLE LADY m by Holy Bart, 16.786, \$74.00

OPEN FUTURITY AVERAGE

- 1. Kassie Green, LENAS FAMOUS BLONDIE m by Born Ta Be Famous, 30.232, \$835.00
- Hilary Van Gerpen, THREE TYMES A LADY m by Tres Seis, 30.477, \$696.00
- 3. Mackenzie Weber, FIRST SMART CALL g by First Smart Money, 30.500, \$557.00
- 4. Hilary Swanson, JUDYS TWISTIN BUG m by Judys Lineage, 30.509, \$418.00
- Rob Blohowiak, GLORY GLORY HALLELUJAH m by Stratospheric, 30.520, \$278.00
- 1. Katie Klungseth, FRENCH GIRLS PROFIT g by Ante Up Guy, 32.257, \$557.00
- Jessica Demell, LIQUORED UP LENA m by Justa Blurr Ta Fame, 32.512, \$464.00
- 3. Kelly Neisius, HOLY FAMOUS PIE g by Holy Bart, 32.853, \$371.00
- 4. Lori Mesenbrink, SHESA DASHIN STAGE m by Cowan On Stage, 32.923, \$278.00
- 5. Casandra Kleinjan, MCB FRENCH PISTOL m by JKT Frenchmans Bux, 33.016, \$186.00



Open Futurity - 1D Top Five



MN Open Futurity Champion
KASSIE GREEN & LENAS FAMOUS BLONIE

KASSIE GREEN...

I was extremely excited to compete at the MN Futurity this year! I am a rodeo barrel racer who has been to a handful of futurities/derbies. This was my second futurity on this mare. At her first futurity, we won the first round but tipped a barrel in the second round to keep us out of the average. I had some expectations for her at the MN Futurity; I like to have goals and I like to take each race one run at a time. I do consider the average when making my runs, so I really planned through my second go run. Our second run wasn't as smooth as our first, but it was faster so I was happy with it!

LENAS FAMOUS BLONDIE, also known as 'Twinkie', is by Born Ta Be Famous and out of Bambis Lena. My three time Great Lakes Circuit Finals Rodeo Qualifier, Lenas Little Redhead "Bossie" is also out of Bambis Lena. My mares were bred by Kyra Stierwalt of Leedey, OK. I bought Twinkie because of my success with Bossie. Twinkie is small like Bossie and they are very similar in personality. I almost purchased Twinkie as a yearling, but she later came up for sale as a three year old so I purchased her at that time. She was broke when I got her but I did all the barrel work on her myself. We had lots of ups and downs in our training; at one point she was almost going to be a calf horse for my hus-

band because he liked her so much. I'm extremely glad I stuck it out with her to make her a barrel horse! She's an amazing little mare that shows me all the promise of her big sister and I can't wait to start bringing her to more rodeos!

I competed on two mares at the MN Futurity, Lenas Famous Blondie and Perks Got Lucky. All of my horses ride in the same bit and I try to ride them all the same. They all have different turning styles, but since they ride the same it's easy for me to jump from one horse to the other. I like my horses to be easy to ride, no tricks or issues, and they all know their jobs.

I placed 2nd in the first round and 4th in the second round to win the 1D average on Lenas Famous Blondie. Perks Got Lucky ran in the middle of the 1D in the first round and pulled a 2D check in the second round. The awards buckle and jacket for winning the average were really nice too! My short term goals are to continue doing well at the handful of futurities that I can go to during my hectic rodeo schedule, along with staying towards the top of the Northern Region Futurity Tour standings and the WPRA

Futurity standings. Long term goals for these mares are to be WPRA rodeo horses.

SC Productions LLC, Shawn and Casey Varpness, along with Alison Fradenburgh, did a great job producing the MN Futurity! The awards were amazing and everything was smoothly run. This was my first SC Productions event I was able to attend and they did an outstanding job. The MN Equestrian Center is a great facility to host these races.

GIVING THANKS: I would like to thank my sponsors, Purina Horse Feed, ForeFront Equine, Arena Trailer Sales, and Genesis Town & Country. Also my husband, Jody, for always being supportive. My mom, Tracy, for believing in us and always taking care of the farm. My great friends for all of their help and positivity, especially Emily, Rachel, Sharon, and Molly. And the biggest thank you to Cindy Wright for sharing her wealth of knowledge, encouragement, and endless support!

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OPEN FUTURITY 1ST GO

- 1. Rob Blohowiak, GLORY GLORY HALLELUJAH m by Stratospheric, 15.074, \$626.00
- Kassie Green, LENAS FAMOUS BLONDIE m by Born Ta Be Famous, 15.148, \$522.00
- 3. Mackenzie Weber, FIRST SMART CALL g by First Smart Money, 15.264, \$418.00
- 4. Maren Luedemann, ENGINE NUMBER NINE m by PYC Paint Your Wagon, 15.293, \$313.00
- Donna Kalish, NICKS SPECIAL K g by Manors Nick Bar, 15.297, \$209.00
- 1. Jessica Demell, LIQUORED UP LENA m by Justa Blurr Ta Fame, 16.076, \$418.00
- Michelle Bogdonas, FAMOUS BOUNCY BUGS m by Famous Bugs, 16.101, \$348.00
- Tara Sauber, DOLLAR CORONA m by Stel Corona, 16.165, \$278.00
- Becky Duffy, FLITS BAR MONEY g by The Money Depot, 16.206, \$209.00
- Katie Klungseth, FRENCH GIRLS PROFIT g by Ante Up Guy, 16.224, \$139.00

OPEN FUTURITY 2ND GO

1D

- Hilary Van Gerpen, THREE TYMES A LADY m by Tres Seis, 14.950, \$626.00
- 2. Hilary Swanson, JUDYS TWISTIN BUG m by Judys Lineage, 15.044, \$522.00
- 3. Brittany Ostrowski, OLIVER FANTWISTIC g by Fantastic Cat, 15.063, \$418.00
- 4. Kassie Green, LENAS FAMOUS BLONDIE m by Born Ta Be Famous, 15.084, \$313.00
- Mackenzie Weber, FIRST SMART CALL g by First Smart Money, 15.236, \$209.00
- 1. Julie Fritch, MAYHEM N MADNESS m by Bubas Short Stroke, 15.978, \$418.00
- 2. Maren Luedemann, IAM RON BURGUNDY g by Ivory James, 16.020, \$348.00
- Tara Sauber, DOLLAR CORONA m by Stel Corona, 16.026, \$278.00
- 4. Katie Klungseth, FRENCH GIRLS PROFIT g by Ante Up Guy, 16.033, \$209.00
- 5. Kassie Green, PERKS GOT LUCKY m by Dash for Perks, 16.164, \$139.00

BREEDERS MATURITY CHAMPION

ELLIE JOHANSON & LB BOON



BREEDERS MATURITY AVERAGE

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- 1. Ellie Johanson, LB BOON g by Peeka Pep, 30.182, \$878.00
- Sarah Christensen, HOLYOAK g by Holy Bart, 30.216, \$658.00
- 3. Patti Hovland, NICKS DASHIN DIAMOND m by Manors Nick Bar, 30.381, \$439.00
- Sherry Johnson, SKIP CASH TA LEROY g by My Stud Leroy, 30.392, \$219.00
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- 1. Carina Morris, LD FAST LEROY g by My Stud Leroy, 31.323, \$376.00
- Grant Bayer, MASTERS FAME g by Dash Ta Fame, 31.496, \$282.00
- 3. Stephaine Schmitz, SHAWNE FAME m by My Stud Leroy, 31.567, \$188.00
- Kelly Neisius, HOLY SUN g by Holy Bart, 31.637, \$94.00

BREEDERS MATURITY 1ST GO

1D

- 1. Lon Kuschel, FAMOUS THREEBUGS m by My Stud Leroy, 15.075, \$658.00
- Sarah Christensen, HOLYOAK g by Holy Bart, 15.083, \$494.00
- Casey Varpness, SC SMOKE N RINGS m by Smoke N Sparks, 15.156, \$329.00
- 4. Stacy Nelson, TS HUSSEL UP g by Woodbridge, 15.168, \$165.00

2D

- Amy Dukatz, FROSTY COLD FIREWATER m by Firewater On Ice, 15.648, \$282.00
- Carina Morris, LD FAST LEROY g by My Stud Leroy, 15.678, \$212.00
- 3. Kelly Neisius, HOLY SUN g by Holy Bart, 15,745, \$141.00
- 4. Sidney Eibes, KIRKS FRENCH HOPE m by French Six Pack, 15.825, \$71.00

BREEDERS MATURITY 2ND GO

1D

- 1. Patti Hovland, SHEZA FAMOUS BUGS m by Famous Bugs, 14.729, \$658.00
- 2. Ellie Johanson, LB BOON g by Peeka Pep, 14.961, \$494.00
- 3. Amy Schimke, IT'S COMPLICATED m by Dash Ta Fame, 15.050, \$329.00
- Patti Hovland, NICKS DASHIN DIAMOND m by Manors Nick Bar, 15.113, \$165.00
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- Jenny Alders, STRAIGHT MONEY HONEY m by Strait Firewater, 15.234, \$282.00
- 2. Bob Manor, HEZA NICK BAR LEGEND g by Manors Nick Bar, 15.247, \$212.00
- 3. Patti Hovland, MANORS LADY JET m by Manors Nick Bar, 15.248, \$106.00
- Sara Walter, POCOS REVENGE g by Famous Bugs, 15.248, \$106.00

OPEN MATURITY AVERAGE

1D

- 1. Mackenzie Weber, SADIES KAMI m by Sadies Frosty Drift, 30.101, \$699.00
- Ellie Johanson, LB BOON g by Peeka Pep, 30.182, \$583.00
- 3. Sarah Christensen, HOLYOAK g by Holy Bart, 30.216, \$466.00
- 4. Patti Hovland, NICKS DASHIN DIAMOND m by Manors Nick Bar, 30.381, \$350.00
- Sherry Johnson, SKIP CASH TA LEROY g by My Stud Leroy, 30.392, \$233.00
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- 1. Mary Callahan, ASPECIALROMANCE g by Manors Nick Bar, 31.136, \$466.00
- Kelly Green, DASH TO PAY WINDOW g by Cashen in the Stones, 31.149, \$389.00
- 3. Ronda Anderson, IWANTITDOWNTHEALLEY m by I Want It Now, 31.173, \$311.00
- Erin Ring, CAN WHITCH m by Red Hot Quixote, 31.282, \$233.00
- Carina Morris, LD FAST LEROY g by My Stud Leroy, 31.323, \$155.00

OPEN MATURITY 1ST GO

- 1. Mackenzie Weber, SADIES KAMI m by Sadies Frosty Drift, 15.037, \$525.00
- Lon Kuschel, FAMOUS THREEBUGS m by My Stud Leroy, 15.075, \$437.00
- Sarah Christensen, HOLYOAK g by Holy Bart, 15.083, \$350.00



MN Open Maturity Champion

MACKENZIE WEBER & SADIES KAMI

- Amanda Nash, CH BISHOPS CHOICE m by Special Leader, 15.087, \$262.00
- Casey Varpness, SC SMOKE N RINGS m by Smoke N Sparks, 15.156, \$175.00
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- 1. Stacy Kraabel, LITTLE JOHN ROOSTER g by Roosters Fame, 15.633, \$350.00
- 2. Amy Dukatz, FROSTY COLD FIREWATER m by Firewater On Ice, 15.648, \$291.00
- Kathy Kaping, THE WANTED g by Gold Coast Money, 15.661, \$233.00
- 4. Carina Morris, LD FAST LEROY g by My Stud Leroy, 15.678, \$175.00
- 5. Kelly Green, PAY THE RUNAWAY m by Cashen in the Stones, 15.682, \$117.00

OPEN MATURITY 2ND GO

1D

- 1. Patti Hovland, SHEZA FAMOUS BUGS m by Famous Bugs, 14.729, \$525.00
- 2. Ellie Johanson, LB BOON g by Peeka Pep, 14.961, \$437.00
- 3. Amy Schimke, IT'S COMPLICATED m by Dash Ta Fame, 15.050, \$350.00
- 4. Mackenzie Weber, SADIES KAMI m by Sadies Frosty Drift, 15.064, \$262.00
- Patti Hovland, NICKS DASHIN DIAMOND m by Manors Nick Bar, 15.113, \$175.00
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- 1. Jenny Alders, STRAIGHT MONEY HONEY m by Strait Firewater, 15.234, \$350.00
- 2. Bob Manor, HEZA NICK BAR LEGEND g by Manors Nick Bar, 15.247, \$291.00
- 3. Patti Hovland, MANORS LADY JET m by Manors Nick Bar, 15.248, \$204.00
- 3. Sara Walter, POCOS REVENGE g by Famous Bugs, 15.248, \$204.00
- 5. Tonya Williams, DR NICK BARS TREASURE g by Manors Nick Bar, 15.256, \$117.00

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