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Mandy McCutcheon and Smart Scat Win SWRHA Futurity Non Pro Prelims

The third day of competition was commemorated with the largest Non Pro Futurity class in the Southwest Reining Horse Association's history, with more than fifty entries. In fact, total entries for all Non Pro divisions were up by 67 horses to 162.

The preliminary class began on Thursday, October 23, and decided the top 15 Non Pro, top 15 Intermediate Non Pro, top 13 Limited Non Pro, and top 7 Prime Time Non Pro riders who qualified for the clean-slate finals on Saturday. The bubble scores for a finals berth were 214 in the Non Pro, 211 in the Intermediate Non Pro, 204 in the Limited Non Pro, and 211.5 in the Prime Time Non Pro.

Leading the Non Pro division was last year's Champion, Mandy McCutcheon, who this year rode Smart Scat to a preliminary score of 224 – the highest of the day by 3.5 points. The preliminary win garnered a check for \$1,024 for her brother-in-law, Jim McCutcheon, of Valley View, Texas.

“She hasn't ridden this horse very long, and he really surprised us,” noted McCutcheon's mother, Colleen McQuay. “Her best horse had to stay home, due to an injury, so it's great that this one stepped up so much.”

Smart Scat is by Smart Starbuck and out of Scats Frecklefoot.

Allison Sutton, of Gainesville, Texas, dominated the Intermediate and Limited Non Pro divisions on her horse, All About Wimpy. The pair marked a score of 217.5, good for \$372 in the Intermediate Non Pro, and \$190 in the Limited Non Pro. All About Wimpy is by Wimpys Little Step and out of Crow About This.

Hastings, Minnesota, native Charlie Wiederholt topped the Prime Time Non Pro preliminaries. He rode Sparkin Personality, by Jacs Electric Spark and out of Gyromatic, to a score of 217.

The SWRHA Futurity is held annually at the Hardy Murphy Coliseum in Ardmore, Oklahoma. It runs from October 21-October 26, and boasts added money of over \$135,000.

For more information on the Southwest Reining Horse Association Futurity, or to inquire about the SWRHA, please call 580-759-2572, or visit www.swrha.com.