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## ***Christy McElreath Wins SWRHA Futurity Horse Show Youth 14-18 on Tejons Impy***

Christy McElreath earned the Youth 14-18 Championship at the Southwest Reining Horse Association Futurity Horse Show. After marking a 72 in the go round, she was pretty sure she had the lead, then Emile Laversin entered the arena in the last set to tie her score.

As the first in the run-off, McElreath was unsure of what she and her horse, Tejons Impy, would have to mark to win. "She was good for the first run. We had a pretty good break between the two runs, and my trainer, Pete Kyle, told me what I needed to do. He always gives great advice. We actually stopped better in the run-off," she said.

In the end, McElreath emerged victorious, claiming top honors. Along with the title, she was also awarded a saddle and a plaque

"I've had her for almost five years, and she's a dream horse," noted the 18-year-old of her horse, by Tejons Peppy Doc and out of Hot Stuff Renae. "She performs well with me, has the best attitude, and loves to be ridden and shown."

McElreath, of Gainesville, Texas, is a high school senior, and plans to attend Oklahoma State University, where she will major in business and compete on the highly acclaimed OSU equestrian team. "I want to thank my family for supporting me, Pete Kyle for all his help over the last six years, and my horse, for just being so sweet," she said.

Emile Laversin earned her Reserve Championship on Dual San Badger, by Dualin Gun and out of Haidas Cowgirl. She received a \$250 Ranchland Feed gift certificate. Dual San Badger is owned by Thierry Laversin.

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](http://www.swrha.com).

