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Jared LeClair and Electric Code Win SWRHA Open and Intermediate Open Futurity

Jared LeClair was riding to win the Southwest Reining Horse Association Futurity – and he did so handily on Electric Code, owned by L & D Partnership. Coming in as draw 19, he knew that the bar had already been set high, as the high score was a 224.

But with fast circles, quick spins, and deep-in-the-dirt stops, it became obvious that LeClair, who was entered in both the Open and Intermediate Open, could take the lead. When the score of 226 was announced, the crowd in the Hardy Murphy Coliseum enthusiastically showed their appreciation.

“It was a blast. His circles couldn’t have been better, he turned good, and his stops were unbelievable. It says a lot about him as an individual that I could run him as hard as I did, and he still had enough left to stop like that. He has so much try and want-to,” noted the Pilot Point, Texas, trainer.

For winning the Open Championship, LeClair collected a check for \$19,494, a Lawson Bronze, and an EZ Go Golf Cart. An additional \$10,661, a saddle, and another Lawson Bronze were his rewards in the Intermediate Open division.

Jared thanked the friend and fellow trainer who had helped him. “A good friend of mine, Ben Gerst, was the one who helped me get this horse to this point where he could mark so high. If it wasn’t for Ben, I know we couldn’t have marked this high,” he said.

The talented stallion, by Jacs Electric Spark and out of Hot Coded Candy, is special to LeClair. “It’s fun to show one that you have trained. He’s one of the first that I’ve really trained on my own. It’s the first year that I’ve had three-year-olds to show that are in my program.”

And how does the win set him up for the National Reining Horse Association Futurity in December? “I just want him to go out there and do his job. Tonight was our turn, and I’m very fortunate for that. He’ll probably go home and swim and have a rest for a while. He’s really proven himself tonight,” he noted.

Million Dollar Rider Tom McCutcheon and Star For The Chicks, owned by Giovanni Cioli, earned the Reserve Championship with a score of 224, collecting \$11,865 and a Rod Teuscher bit.

But that wasn’t all that McCutcheon earned. Because Star For The Chicks, by Smart Starbuck, was the highest placing offspring of a stallion who had a breeding donated to the SWRHA Online Stallion Silent Auction, his sire’s owners, Tom and Mandy McCutcheon, received the Southwest Reining Horse Association Golf Cart for the Open Sire Award.

That made a grand total of three Golf Carts for the McCutcheon family at the Futurity, as Tom’s wife Mandy won the Non Pro earlier in the day on Smart Scat, also by Smart Starbuck.

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.

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