

No Need for New Tricks

Over the past few weeks, the senior citizens have been out in the rodeo arena! We aren't talking about the riders, we are talking about the horses. Last week Tammy Fischer rode Easy Dash Oak, the 16 year young dynamo, to \$27,000 in earnings at Calgary and the team has been winning all over. This week, not only did Tana Poppino win Nampa and place at Cheyenne on 16 year old Perryman Star (Amigo) but Lindsay Hampton rode her 16 year old gelding Lyles Dasher to 3rd Place in the Average at Salinas. At Woodward, OK, Lanita Powers pulled out the 17 year old Wahini Cash and beat em all. Age is just a mindset for horses too I guess.

Poppino and Perryman Star know each other pretty well qualifying for the NFR in 2006, 2007, and 2010 and now they are back in contention in 2011 being just a couple thousand out of that #15 spot, but don't tell that to Poppino. "The standings only matter on Oct 1 and about the middle of December every year," said Poppino. Last year the pair blazed through the year until the Fourth of July and then had to hand on until the NFR this year the beginning of the year has been slow, with her winning only 12k before July but now the pair are over \$30,000 in earnings and headed up the standings in a hurry. Over the last year she has brought Perryman Star back to working as well as he ever has in his career which he has over \$400k in earnings to show for.

We caught up with her for a couple questions:

Q: What has given you the boost over the last couple weeks?

Poppino: About a month ago I sent my grey horse (Goose or Doc Hickorys Cross) home so I could just focus on Amigo. Our timing had just sucked all summer, when you are running just inches from the barrels you need good timing. I hit barrels at Reno, Vernal, Colorado Springs, and Laramie. So I think just running Amigo has allowed me to get our timing fixed and now our timing is really good.

Q: What rodeos have you been to lately and what are you headed to next?

Poppino: Last week we ran in the slack in Nampa then drove all day afterward to make it to Cheyenne to run in the slack the next morning. After we left there we drove all night to get to Pretty Prairie (KS), we had quite a trip but got there at 3:30 in the morning and slack started at 8. My truck broke down on the way

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OWNER/RIDER: TANA POPPINO, BREEDER: DANNY PERRYMAN	

and wouldn't run over 45. It was funny because I finally got it going faster going down a big hill and so I told the girls we were just going to keep going no matter what, we came to a stop sign and I told them to look both ways because we didn't dare lose our momentum, well sure enough we needed to turn at the stop sign! We had to turn around and go back to limping my truck into Pretty Prairie. The rodeo committee at Pretty Prairie found out about my truck troubles and right away in the morning were figuring out what parts I needed, they couldn't find the parts so they found someone to make one up until we could find the right part. They were just great and so helpful, rodeo people are just the best people in the world! Luckily, I also got a chance to win money in Pretty Prairie (2nd for \$1,363).

This week we are in Deadwood Thursday, then Burwell that night, Burlington Friday, Saturday in Cheyenne and hopefully Sunday too, then on to the Kansas rodeo run (Hill City, Dodge City, and Phillipsburg, etc) and eventually we are headed out to

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Q: Is there anything special you have to do for Amigo to keep him running at his age?

Poppino: He gets EquiPride everyday and if I slip or suspect he might have pulled something I give him NutraWound (Total Health Enhancement) to help him heal. I keep him in good shape, which isn't a big deal in the summer when you are traveling all the time, but even in the winter he needs to stay in good shape. He takes quite a bit of warming up to run well so that helps keep him limber and in shape. If you have an older horse that you know can win, keep after it and keep trying to get him right because it is worth it.

**Snake River Stampede
July 19-23, 2011, Nampa, ID**

Average on two:

- 1 Perryman Star, Tana Poppino, 31.72, \$5,014
- 2 Rare Dillion, Carlee Pierce, 31.83, \$4,298
- 00 buck. g. Firecracker Fire-Rare Class, Rare Jet
- 3 An Oakie With Cash, Lisa Lockhart, 32.00, \$3,581
- 03 buck. g. Biebers Oakie-Lady Kaweah Cash, Judge Cash
- 4 Terrible Tommy Twist, Sammi Bessert, 32.02, \$3,104
- 02 ch. g. Dash 'Ta Fame-Dance of Royalty, Royalty Rules
- 5 Brenda Mays, 32.08, \$2,388
- 6 Sydni Blanchard, 32.11, \$1,910
- 7 Lee Ann Rust, 32.20, \$1,433
- 8 Lindsay Sears, 36.62, \$955
- 9 Lindsey Ewing, 37.03, \$716
- 10 Sherry Cervi, 37.40, \$478

First round:

- 1 Judge Buy Cash, Brenda Mays, 15.84, \$5,014

- 99 bl. g. Judge Cash-Flashes Polly Vandy, Mr Tiffon Flash
- 2 Carlee Pierce, 15.89, \$4,298
- 3 Law Mans Champ, Lindsey Ewing, 15.91, \$3,581
- 00 bl. g. Utopia Law Man-Kendras Cat, Sound Move
- 4 Sammi Bessert, 15.93, \$2,746
- 4 Lindsay Sears, 15.93, \$2,746
- 6 Tana Poppino, 15.95, \$1,910
- 7 Lisa Lockhart, 15.96, \$1,433
- 8 Sydni Blanchard, 15.97, \$955
- 9 Lee Ann Rust, 15.98, \$716
- 10 Deb Renger, 15.99, \$478

Finals:

- 1 Tana Poppino, 15.77, \$2,122
- 2 Carlee Pierce, 15.94, \$1,592
- 3 Lisa Lockhart, 16.04, \$1,061
- 4 Sammi Bessert, 16.09, \$531

**California Rodeo Salinas
July 21-24, 2011, Salinas, CA**

Average on four:

- 1 Xtrared, Christina Richman, 63.77, \$4,342
- 2 MP Meter My Hay, Sherry Cervi, 63.96, \$3,721
- 02 pal. m. PC Frenchmans Hayday-Miss Meter Jet, Bar Tonto Jet
- 3 Lyles Dasher, Lindsey Hampton, 64.39, \$3,101
- 95 ch. g. Dashing Val-Native Canyon, Native Creek
- 4 Bar D Mr Dual Olena, Sheena Robbins, 64.04, \$2,688
- 01 bay. g. Boon Freckles-Miss Dual Dreamer, Manster
- 5 Cambria Fetherston, 64.74, \$2,067
- 6 Marguerite Happy, 64.85, \$1,654
- 7 Stacy Hampton, 64.92, \$1,240
- 8 Dolli Lautaret, 65.08, \$827
- 9 Rachael Myllymaki, 65.66, \$620

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