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Bit of the Week - Lance Graves Rope Nose Sidepull



We haven't had a chance to throw together our "[Bit-of-the-Week](#)" section lately, but this one is definitely worth a mention.

This [Lance Graves' sidepull](#) is way more than just a hackamore. It's shanks rotate outwards, giving you the feel and connectivity of a snaffle bit while maintaining the pull of the hackamore.

Right now, I'm using it on my six-year old that needs a little bit of a check before a barrel but still needs the lift and guide around a barrel like a snaffle would provide. I can lift her shoulder with this bit and still reach down and pull her around with it if she needs more help. My team roping, horse-stealing boyfriend also heels off of the same horse using this, and it gives him enough pull to slide to a stop on the heeling side.

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I'm a senior at Ohio University's E.W.

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FACEBOOK BADGE

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2009

Update on the 2010 PRCA Season with Tana Poppino

After a rough 2009 season plagued by injuries, The Barrel Racing Blog's friend **Tana Poppino** is back on the rodeo road with **two healthy horses**. She's making a run for her third NFR qualification, and so far, she's starting out hot.

As she and her husband drove to a college rodeo to watch her son compete this weekend, Poppino told The Barrel Racing Blog that she won the **Billings, Mont., PRCA NILE Rodeo** aboard her bay, Amigo.

"Amigo is getting back go his pre-injury runs," Poppino said of the bay that took her to two NFRs.

She also hit the **Prairie Circuit Finals**, where she won round 1, was third in round two but knocked in round three to put her out of the average.

With Amigo, Poppino's knocked her second barrel twice this year, something that she said is very out of the ordinary.

"I'm going to have to learn from my mistakes," Poppino said. "I'm hitting my second going into it. When I'm sitting really good (to win an average) is when I seem to hit the second."

She's also been running Goose, her grey gelding, at jackpots to keep him sharp. He has to run at the **WPRA World Finals** in Tulsa, Okla., this weekend while Amigo takes a break before hitting the road hard in January.

"This is really about the only time of the year you can give them a good rest," Poppino said. "Hopefully they're going to be used a lot this coming year."

Keeping her horses healthy is key for Poppino. She regularly uses products from Total Health Enhancement, one of her sponsors. And by the way - our friends at **On The Rodeo Road** are **giving away** a FREE bag of the Daily Edge to one of their readers - just comment on their blog with why you love your horse, and later this week they'll pick a winner!

Stick with **The Barrel Racing Blog** all year as we follow Tana Poppino throughout her run for the NFR this year!

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