

Cats on the Prowl at El Rancho

WR Bano, a 3-year-old gelding bred and co-owned by Todd and Erin Bimat, Orland, Calif., won the El Rancho Futurity Open limited-age cutting in Rancho Murieta, Calif., Sept. 20 with a 219 to earn a combined \$17,535.

The winning horse and Bimat placed fourth twice in Futurity Open events at late August's Fort Klamath Ranch Festival in Klamath Falls, Ore., and at early September's Idaho Futurity in Nampa, Idaho, to rack up \$15,535 at their first two shows. At the El Rancho Futurity, they earned \$14,000 by winning the Futurity Open finals, plus an extra \$2,500 as the event's Jerry Ward Incentive winner because WR Bano was the highest scorer owned by his original breeders and owners. He also earned \$728 as the event's Gelding Open Champion.

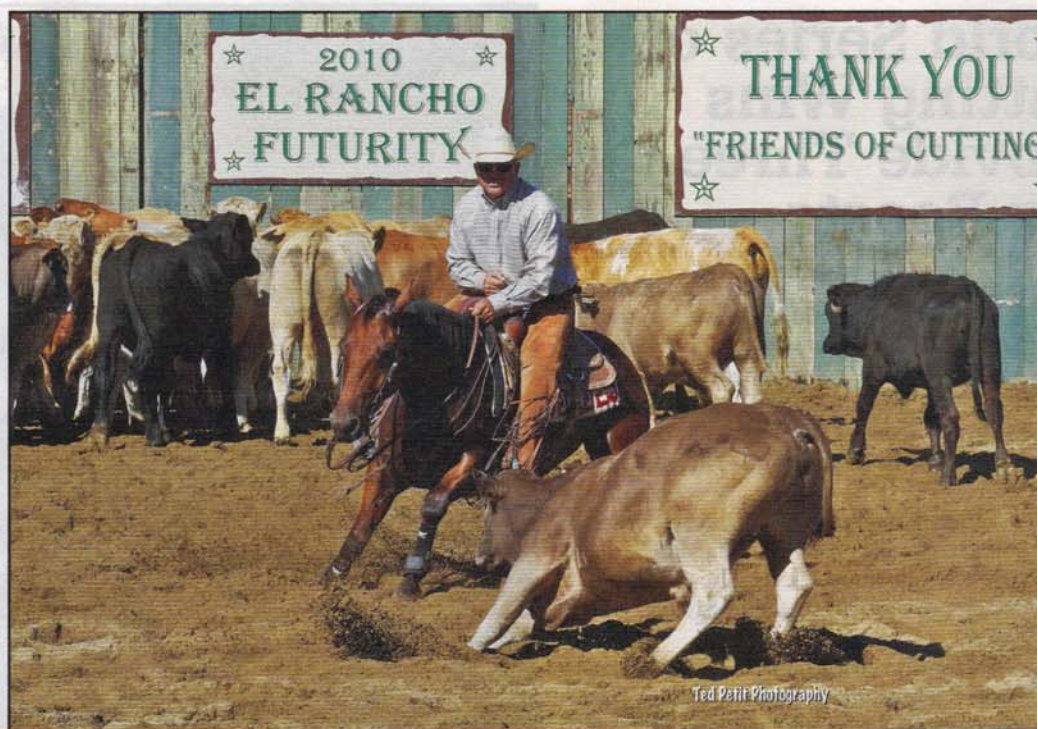
That gave WR Bano \$33,070 in career earnings at his first three shows and momentum heading into late October's Pacific Coast Cutting Horse Association Futurity and Gelding Stakes in Paso Robles, Calif. The horse and Bimat, 49, will take shots at earning two more big checks during the PCCHA Futurity Open and Gelding Stakes Open events.

Winning the Jerry Ward Incentive award, named in honor of El Rancho Futurity producer Carol Ward's late husband, was especially significant to Bimat since he was training horses for Jerry and Carol Ward when Jerry Ward died in May of 2001. Carol Ward shed a few tears while recalling the situation shortly after presenting the award.

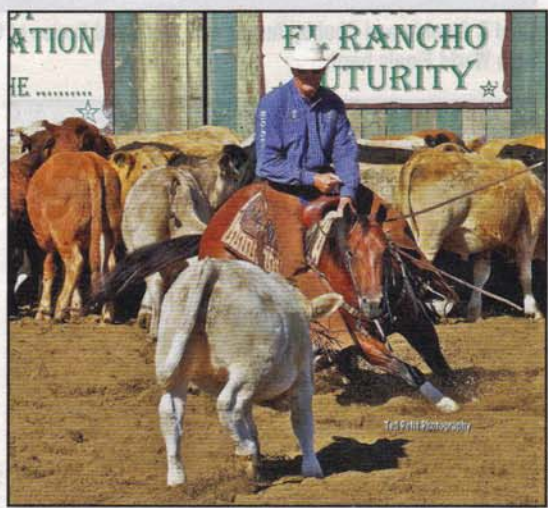
Sweet On Cee Dee, a mare bred and raised by Janet and Russ Westfall, Los Olivos, Calif., dominated the Futurity Non-Pro title with a 218, winning by a four-point margin to earn \$7,200. The Westfall's also earned \$2,500 as the Non-Pro divisions' Jerry Ward Incentive award winners with the offspring of their own standout stallion, CD Royal.

Flo Like A Cat, owned by longtime non-pro cutter Mike Rawitser, Paso Robles, Calif., and ridden by Tim Smith, Temecula, Calif., won the Derby Open with a 226 to earn \$12,500. The horse and Smith won the 2009 PCCHA Futurity Open title last fall and then won the South Point Winter Championship Derby Open in early 2010.

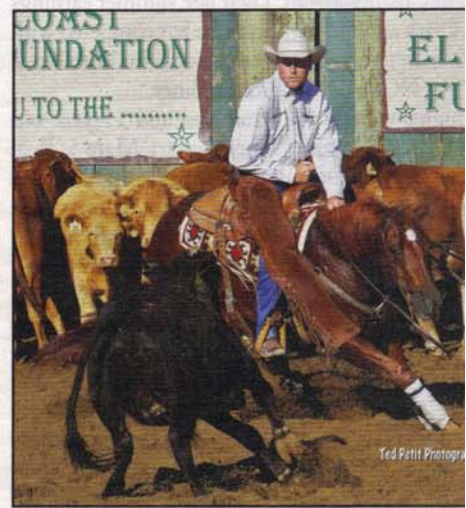
Cosmopolitan Cat, a 6-year-old gelding with \$11,287 in prior career cutting earnings, picked up \$11,000 more by teaming with Wilton, Calif., trainer



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Cosmopolitan Cat and Gavin Jordan won the Classic Challenge Open with a 222.

Gavin Jordan to mark a 222 in the Classic/Challenge Open finals on Sept. 21.

The winning horse, owned by husband and wife law enforcers Linda and Gary Thuman, Brentwood, Calif., had never even competed in an aged-event finals until picking up what was his top career win.

The horse and Jordan outscored four horses that earned more than \$50,000 and topped one that earned more than \$150,000.

Complete coverage of the El Rancho Futurity will be published in the Nov. 1 issue of *Quarter News*. —MT

El Rancho Futurity & Foothills Fiesta

Rancho Murieta, Calif. — Sept. 16-26 — *Co-Champions				
Event	Horse	Rider	Owner	Score Money
Futurity Open	WR Bano 07G (WR This Cats Smart x Gerlie Gun x Playgun)	Todd Bimat	Todd & Erin Bimat	219 \$14,000
Futurity Non-Pro	Sweet On Cee Dee 07M (CD Royal x Sweet Little Jeep x Genuine Jeep)	Janet Westfall	Janet & Russ Westfall	218 \$7,200
Derby Open	Flo Like A Cat 06M (Cats Merada x Flo N Ethyl x My Peponita Flow)	Tim Smith	Mike Rawitser	226 \$12,500
Derby Non-Pro	Blu Rey 06G (Meradas Blue Sue x Bingos Nurse x Dual Rey)	David Booth	Roger Booth	221 \$7,000
Derby Amateur	Iced Out 06M (Smooth As A Cat x Absolutely Stunning x Smart Little Lena)	Jerry Erwin	Jerry & Kathy Erwin	221 \$1,700
Classic Open	Cosmopolitan Cat 05G (Mr Peppys Freckles x Quite The Cat x High Brow Cat)	Gavin Jordan	Linda & Gary Thuman	222 \$11,000

Classic Non-Pro	Missin Starlena 04M (Pastels Smart Lena x Missin Bunny x Miss N Cash)	Sammy Nevis	Sammy Nevis	226 \$8
Classic NP \$200K Limit	C Didley Squat 05G (CD Royal x Little Miss Playgun x Playgun)	Lindsey Creed	Lindsey Creed	225 \$1
Cl/Ch Amateur	Fancy Pipedream 05G (Soula Jule Star x Fancy Handle x Dual Pep)	Jim Milne	Jim Milne	219 \$1
Any-Age Non-Pro	*High Style Travalin 99M (Travalena x SR High Style x Doc's Hickory)	Suzanne Rodoni	Silverberg	219.0 \$1
	*Cat Deville 03G (High Brow Cat x San Starlight x Grays Starlight)	Jeff Barnes	Jeff & Kay Barnes	219.0 \$1
Jerry Ward Incentive Futurity Open	WR Bano 07G (WR This Cats Smart x Gerlie Gun x Playgun)	Todd Bimat	Todd & Erin Bimat	219.0 \$2
Jerry Ward Incentive Futurity Non-Pro	Sweet On Cee Dee 07M (CD Royal x Sweet Little Jeep x Genuine Jeep)	Janet Westfall	Janet & Russ Westfall	218.0 \$2