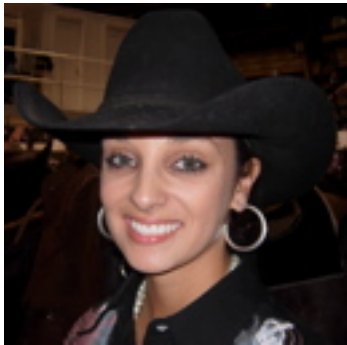


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Laura Fenimore A petite young woman and her tiny mare marked a big 219.5 to win the Borden Milk/NCHA Futurity Amateur finals and \$7,202 in Fort Worth, Texas, on Thursday as Laura Fenimore and Misplaced Cat completed their electrifying run from the 28th of 30 draws.

Fenimore, 21, a California native and a student at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas, bred and raised the filly (WR This Cats Smart x Tangy Starlight x Grays Starlight). She is out a mare that earned a season-long 2005 NCHA \$10,000 Novice Non-Pro title with Fenimore. Ronnie Rice, Valley View, Texas, trains Misplaced Cat.

“Ronnie has had her from the very beginning, and he has just done a phenomenal job with her,” Fenimore said.

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When she’s not busy with her college studies, Fenimore spends as much time as possible at Rice’s training base. “I’m about two hours away, but I’m there every second I can be there. They [Ronnie and his wife, Theresa Rice] are basically like family to me.”

Drawing so deep in the set, Fenimore was concerned about her run, but it turned out that she had plenty of horsepower in a small package.

“I was a little nervous going down there. We didn’t have much for cows left. I didn’t know what I was going to have left to cut, but it worked out,” Fenimore said. “I knew if I would do my part, she would do hers.”

## **Reserve & Senior Amateur Champion**

Robert Tiemann, 60, Centerville, Texas, guided his mare Ubet Ima Barmaid (Ubet I Wood x Cats Barmaid Chick x High Brow Cat) to the Futurity Amateur Reserve Championship and won the Senior Amateur with a 215 from the third draw in the first set. That score held the lead until Fenimore and her horse took the lead for good 25 runs later.

“It’s just a joy to ride this mare. She’s the prettiest Quarter Horse mare and she is the cowiest horse that I have ever been on,” Tiemann said. “Jonathan [Rogers, Wichita Falls, Texas] did a wonderful job. I can’t say enough about him. He is a great coach and a great trainer.”

Tiemann has sentimental feelings for the filly because her dam, Cats Barmaid Chick, is his all-time favorite, even though she never earned much money as a cutter.

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“That ride was for her mother, Cats Barmaid Chick. I went down there so many times on her and couldn’t get it done,” Tiemann said. “We were real new to the business and just didn’t get her trained.”

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