

# Father Figures

The top horses at the Snaffle Bit Futurity boasted top bloodlines and added to their sires' black type. By Kelsey Pecsek



WR This Cats Smart

The mark a stallion leaves on the reined cow horse industry as a competitor is often far eclipsed by the impact his offspring have in the future. There are no guarantees in breeding, but it cannot be denied that good bloodlines frequently rise to the top.

Performers by 55 different stallions left Reno, Nev., with paychecks, boosting their sires' notability and reputations. With nearly a million dollars on the books for 91 money-earners, the field of 3-year-olds certainly made their daddies proud.

WR This Cats Smart (High Brow Cat x The Smart Look x Smart Little Lena), owned by Wagonhound Land and Livestock Co., Douglas, Wyo., and bred by Wiens Ranch Co. Inc., Sedalia, Colo., topped the 2011 charts. The 1991 stallion had the most winning performers; eight successful offspring earned \$123,059 total.

The highest money-earner for WR This Cats Smart was TF The Gus Man (out of Classy Remedy x Tangys Classy Peppy). Bred by Michael and Sandra Focht and owned by Travelers Farm, all in Santa Ynez, Calif., the young colt placed eleventh in the finals with Buellton, Calif., trainer Tina Fry. The team took home \$49,690 from the event.

Other successful youngsters by WR This Cats Smart were Cat Can Dew (out of Dew It Flow x Mr Peponita Flo) with earnings of \$38,875 and Cats Bandito (out of Dandy Fine Bandit x Malbecs Bandit) with \$11,703. The stallion now boasts 125 performers with total winnings of over \$1.7 million, according to **Equi-Stat**.

The second most prominent sire at the Snaffle Bit Futurity was the late Smart Shiner (Shining Spark x Smart Hickory x Doc's Hickory), bred by Jeff Cornelius, Blountsville, Ala., and owned by Carol Rose, Gainesville, Texas. The 1996 stud made his way into the spotlight with only two successful performers, but one of them was

monumental.

Shiners Dun Juan (out of Cremes Chic Olena x Smart Chic Olena) dominated the competition, winning both the preliminaries and the Open finals. The gelding, owned by Janiejill Tointon and bred by Carolyn Kupka, Boulder, Colo., earned \$102,625 with trainer Todd Bergen. His achievement pushed Smart Shiner's offspring earnings over \$581,000.

Making an impressive impact for the second year in a row is 2001 stallion One Time Pepto (Peptoboonsmal x One Time Soon x Smart Little Lena). Owned by Matthews Cutting Horses LLC, Weatherford, Texas, One Time Pepto topped the leading sire chart in 2010. The stallion was bred by David and Clare Capps, Millsap, Texas. With cumulative get earnings of \$96,735, One Time Pepto secured a spot in third this year. Overall, he has \$1.3 million in earnings on his production record, which consists of 63 performers.

Three of One Time Pepto's sons took him to the top at the Futurity, the greatest being Moonstruck Pepto (out of Moostruck Cat by High Brow Cat). The stud colt was bred in Weatherford, Texas, by Arcese Quarter Horses and is owned by Cowan Select Horses Inc., Purcell, Okla. He took home a \$78,313 check for his Reserve Champion performance in the finals with Spearman, Texas, trainer Boyd Rice.

Other leading sires whose presence was made distinct by top performers included Stylish Rey (Dual Rey x Stylish Play Lena x Docs Stylish Oak), Smart Chic Olena (Smart Little Lena x Gay Sugar Chic x Gay Bar King) and Chic Please (Smart Chic Olena x San O Lenita x Tenino San).

After another year of talented 3-year-olds proving what bloodlines are made of, it is undoubtedly obvious where their natural abilities came from. Stallions in the industry will continue doing their part in creating Champions, and with them, the legacy will survive ★

## 2011 SNAFFLE BIT FUTURITY SIRE MONEY

Rank	Sire	Offspring Earnings # of Performers
1	WR THIS CATS SMART	\$123,059 8
2	SMART SHINER	\$109,875 2
3	ONE TIME PEPTO	\$96,735 3
4	STYLISH REY	\$68,500 2
5	SMART CHIC OLENA	\$49,890 2
6	CHIC PLEASE	\$48,000 1
7	NIC IT IN THE BUD	\$43,642 3
8	DUAL PEP	\$35,313 1
9	HIGH BROW CAT	\$32,350 2
10	VERY SMART REMEDY	\$29,263 3
11	PEPTOBOONSMAL	\$28,193 5
12	SMOOTH AS A CAT	\$25,720 2
13	SMOKUMS PRIZE	\$24,659 2
14	TOO BUSY CASHIN CHEX	\$22,775 1
15	HES A PEPTOSPOONFUL	\$21,070 3
16	DUAL REY	\$18,169 2
17	LENAS WRIGHT ON	\$17,090 2
18	DIAMOND J STAR	\$12,000 1
19	HICK CHICAROO	\$11,441 1
20	GALLO DEL CIELO	\$8,500 1
21	MERADAS MONEY TALKS	\$8,062 2
22	GANGSTER CHIC	\$7,876 1
23	AUTUMN ACRE	\$7,805 1
24	STYLISH REY GAY	\$7,558 1
25	SMART SPOOK	\$7,500 1
26	LAREDO BLUE	\$6,344 1
27	SHINERS LENA DOC	\$6,211 4
28	SR INSTANT CHOICE	\$6,152 1
29	HEART OF A FOX	\$6,070 1
30	DULCES SMART LENA	\$5,810 2
31	SOULA JULE STAR	\$5,567 3
32	WARESTHECAT	\$5,500 1
33	SELF SHINE	\$5,388 1
34	CAT ICHI	\$4,907 1
35	JUST PLAIN COLONEL	\$4,813 1
36	MISTER SMART REMEDY	\$4,490 1
37	IM CHAIRMAN	\$4,000 1
37	PLAYGUN	\$4,000 1
39	BOONLIGHT DANCER	\$3,913 1
40	PLAYBOYS BUCK FEVER	\$3,372 1
41	SHINING SPARK	\$3,143 1
42	SOPHISTICATED CATT	\$3,052 1
43	CEE MR HICKORY	\$2,888 1
44	SMART LITTLE PEPINIC	\$2,436 2
45	SKEETS PEPPY	\$2,191 1
46	COLOR ME SMART (PT)	\$1,820 2
47	OLENA OAK	\$1,796 1
48	TR DUAL REY	\$1,332 1
49	SURELY A PEPTO	\$1,310 1
50	CHICS RENEGADE	\$1,169 1
51	BOON A LITTLE	\$1,125 1
52	RAY GAY QUIXOTE	\$877 1
53	NU CIRCLE N CASH	\$600 1
54	ROYAL DIAMONDNIC	\$500 1
55	SMART ZANOLENA	\$300 1