

Top Junior Cutting Sires

No. 2: WR This Cats Smart

Suspecting the horse's potential for greatness early on, West Coast cutting trainer Tim Smith, who showed WR This Cats Smart throughout



Photo by Cam Essick

Offspring

RANK / HORSE / EARNINGS
YOB / SEX / DAM / MATERNAL GRANDSIRE

1	TELES BOUT THIS CAT 07M (Teles Lies x Lenas Telesis)	\$161,703
2	THIS KATS KOOL 07M (Smoken C Starlight x Charlies Starlight)	\$115,103
3	THIS ISA STRAY CAT 06G (Popnplayboys Quixote x Pop My Top)	\$102,631
4	SMOKIN CAT WACKY 05G (Bobs Smokin Spook x Bob Acre Doc)	\$99,705
5	ONE GONE CAT 09G (Duals Miss Lilly x Dual Pep)	\$84,304

his career, talked the horse's original owner out of gelding him before he hit the show trail. Many owners of horses sired by the stallion are benefiting from that early decision.

Bred by Wiens Ranch, Sedalia, Colo., and now owned by Wagonhound Land & Livestock, Douglas, Wyo., he's already proven himself as quite a sire.

Third on last year's list, WR This Cats Smart, who earned \$236,474 during his own cutting career, moved up to second this time thanks to three offspring – Teles Bout This Cat, This Kats Kool and This Isa Stray Cat – who have each already topped \$100,000 as cutting earners.

Several more are poised to join them soon.

Horses sired by WR This Cats Smart (High Brow Cat x The Smart Look x Smart Little Lena) have also established themselves as consistent performers whether their trainers or their owners are in the saddle.

Teles Bout This Cat, an earner of more than \$160,000 heading into her 6-year-old season, secured National Cutting Horse Association (NCHA) Non-Pro Horse of the Year honors as a 4-year-old while ridden by owner Cody Hedlund. They

earned \$114,043 in 2011, after Teles Bout This Cat had debuted in late fall of her 3-year-old campaign with a fifth-place finish in the 2010 NCHA Futurity Non-Pro.

This Kats Kool, a 6-year-old mare, carried Livermore, Calif., resident Donna Flanigan to \$48,168 in earnings, and headed into 2013 with \$115,130 earned. She's been a consistent Open and Non-Pro finalist since her 3-year-old season.

This Isa Stray Cat has also consistently earned money as an Open and Non-Pro horse. The gelding headed into this year with \$102,631 already earned with four different West Coast-based riders sharing time in the saddle.

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1	INTENTION DEL REY 05G (Ethylene x Sonitalena)	\$120,353
2	AUSTIN REY 08G (Austin Cat x High Brow Cat)	\$118,447
3	BOOT SCOOTIN TR 05S (Boot Smokin Boony x Peptoboonsmal)	\$127,803
4	PLAYIN T ETTA 06M (Playin Gayetta x Playin Stylish)	\$97,024
5	LIL REY OF HOPE (AS) 08M (Chickasha Hope [AS] x Acres Destiny)	\$76,533



Photo by Cappy Jackson

No. 3: TR Dual Rey

TR Dual Rey earned \$290,323 as a 4-year-old with Colorado cutting trainer Lloyd Cox. He retired in 2004 with \$353,174 in lifetime cutting earnings accrued almost exclusively during standout 4- and 5-year-old seasons.

TR Dual Rey (Dual Rey x Peppys Misty Oaks x Candy Bar Peppy) has not rested on his laurels

while producing many standout foals as a sire. His first foal crop in 2008 produced two NCHA Futurity Open finalists – Boot Scootin TR and Reyns Savannah – and several more of his foals have reached the top of the cutting charts since then.

Three TR Dual Rey foals – Intention Del Rey,

Austin Rey and Boot Scootin TR – had topped \$100,000 as cutters heading into 2013, with another, Playin T Etta, knocking at the door with \$97,024 earned.

Boot Scootin TR, a 2005 stallion, tied for 14th in the 2008 NCHA Futurity Open to earn \$69,773 with trainer Cara Brewer in the saddle. The horse, bred and originally owned by Randal and Pamela Olson, Petonica, Ill., tied for fourth in the 2009 Breeders Invitational Derby Open finals, also with Brewer. He made the 2009 NCHA Super Stakes Amateur finals with Randal. He then made the 2010 NCHA Summer Spectacular Limited Non-Pro finals as a 5-year-old, while owned by Buffalo Ranch, Fort Worth, Texas, and ridden by Shane Plummer.

A fourth owner, Francois Rilleni, who lives in France, purchased Boot Scootin TR in 2011. The younger stallion reached the Open finals at the 2011 Mercuria/NCHA World Series of Cutting in Lyon, France, with Christian Demissy.

Intention Del Rey peaked late in his limited-age career, earning \$67,221 as a 6-year-old. Cox and former owner Bambi Gress shared successful rides in Open and Non-Pro competition. The 2005 gelding then added another \$44,121 to his earnings last year at weekend shows.