



KPHA October Futurity Show

The Kansas October Futurity show was a huge success. We enjoyed good numbers in all the regular classes throughout the day. We took a short dinner break to have dinner at the taco bar that KPHA provided then spent the evening watching an outstanding slate of yearling longe liners, two-year old western pleasure and junior western pleasure horses in the futurities.

The Yearling Longe Line Futurity winner was: Love Is Your Name, Owned by Cookie Nonken and shown by Maggie Hay, receiving a buckle and cash.

The Two Year Old Western Pleasure Futurity winner was: Sheza Lopin Thing, owned by Gay Jordan and shown by Jake Junker.

The Junior Western Pleasure Futurity winner was: Oh So Impulsive, owned by Mike and Michelle O'Day and shown by Jake Junker.

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We closed out the evening with a fun water bucket race. Jamie Junker and Barn Diva won by a nose.

Spotlight on Youth

The purchase of Patches (aka: Poco Micky J) just over a year ago, opened a new and unforeseen door for Cash Fuesz, a 12 year-old 7th grader in Eureka. Unlike some rodeo horses, Patches came complete with registration papers. He is a 16 year old gelding who was previously owned by Lane Howard a junior high rodeo kid in Illinois.

"Patches had competed in jr. high rodeos before, so he knew the ropes," said Fuesz. Cash and Patches began their relationship with breakaway, tie-down calf roping and ribbon roping. However, after his old goat horse showed serious signs of aging, Patches moved up the ladder to become the A-team goat tying horse as well.

Because Poco Micky J is registered, Fuesz was introduced to the Paint Alternative Competition (PAC) program and was also able to participate in the Paint Horse Youth World Show.

"For three years, I showed and placed in western pleasure, horsemanship and showmanship at the state 4-H Horse Show, so horse showing wasn't new to me," said Fuesz. "But, I had never roped at one before. I liked the pace and the idea of doing it right."

"My favorite part was when they called everyone in to the arena and gave us our awards," he said. "Patches is the cutest big horse I have ever seen, and he learns really fast."

Fuesz and Patches were reserve champions in breakaway roping at the youth world, won the National Roper Supply Goat Tying Championship in Decatur, Texas in June and are currently leading the Kansas Jr. High Rodeo Association's Boys Goat Tying.

Fuesz hasn't used him in the ranch work that is always present on his family's Flint Hills cow/calf operation, but is sure he will be fine in the pasture as well.

Fuesz is the son of Cory and Heather Fuesz of rural Eureka and the grandson of Clint and Irlene Huntington also of rural Eureka and Gary and Vicki Fuesz of Haxtun, Colorado.

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