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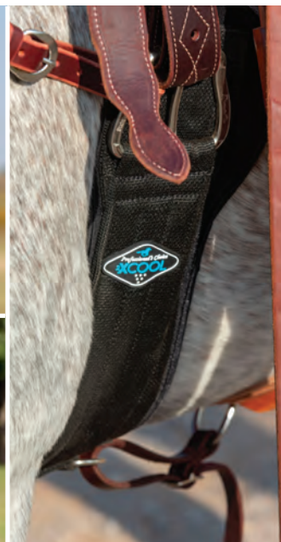


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DIRECTOR'S LETTER | Logan Wolfe

WORLD FINALS XIX RECAP

The 2026 Cinch RSNC World Finals XIX marked another milestone for our sport. With record-breaking participation and **more than $1,300,000 in cash and prizes awarded**—including **$416,456 on Gold Shootout Friday alone**, the largest single-day payout in ranch sorting history—we continue to redefine what's possible in ranch sorting.

One of the most exciting developments is that ranch sorting now truly offers something for every competitor. Whether your goal is to enjoy a weekend sorting with friends or compete for five-figure payouts, RSNC has created opportunities for every level of rider. The Gold Shootouts continue to raise the bar, giving those who thrive on high-stakes competition the chance to compete for unprecedented prize money while preserving the affordable, family-oriented atmosphere that has always been the foundation of our sport.

This year's World Finals also raised the bar for the contestant experience. Our new RSNC branding, combined with moving all six sorting pens into the air-conditioned John Justin Arena and historic Will Rogers Coliseum, brought a new level of professionalism and prestige to the event. The new layout improved the flow of the show while giving contestants more time to enjoy everything Fort Worth has to offer.

Events of this size simply aren't possible without an incredible team. Thank you to our staff, sponsors, producers, contestants, and everyone who worked together to make this year's World Finals our smoothest and most successful yet. Congratulations to all of our champions!



LOOKING AHEAD TO THE 2026–2027 SEASON

While we're proud of what was accomplished in Fort Worth, our attention has already turned toward making next season even better.

One of the biggest changes for the upcoming season is a restructuring of the National Points Race that will create more excitement throughout the year while placing additional focus on the riders competing for national championships.

We will also begin reviewing **#4-rated riders twice each year** instead of once, allowing the rating system to stay more current and better reflect contestant performance.

Our Ride TV viewers can also expect enhancements to the livestream experience, with more exciting updates to be announced as the season gets underway.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Looking ahead to the fall, be sure to mark your calendar for the **Congress Super Sort**, Oct. 16–18 in Jackson, Ohio. Following another outstanding turnout last year, we're excited to return for one of the most unique events on our schedule. As an official satellite event of the All American Quarter Horse Congress, contestants have the opportunity to earn the coveted Congress Top 10 Medallions in every class.

Thank you for your continued support of Cinch RSNC and the sport of ranch sorting. We look forward to seeing all of you as our 20th anniversary season gets underway.



Best regards,
Logan Wolfe
Event Director, Cinch RSNC



PROGRAM & RULE UPDATE:

NEW RULES / STANDARDS / PROGRAMS FOR 2026

RULE UPDATE: NATIONAL POINTS RACE UPDATE

- Riders will continue to earn points exactly as they always have. The change happens at the end of the season when the Top 10 riders in each state and division will now qualify to compete in a dedicated National Points Race Championship class at the Cinch RSNC World Finals.
- Qualified riders will begin the National Points Race Championship class on a clean slate, with National Champions determined solely by their performance in that class at the World Finals.

PROGRAM UPDATE: 4-RIDE LIMIT OPTION

Producers will have the option, under special sanctioning, to offer a 4-ride limit format: Pick 3 / Draw 1 (P3, D1).

CINCH RSNC FUTURITY RULES

OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES

Classes Offered

Pro Futurity

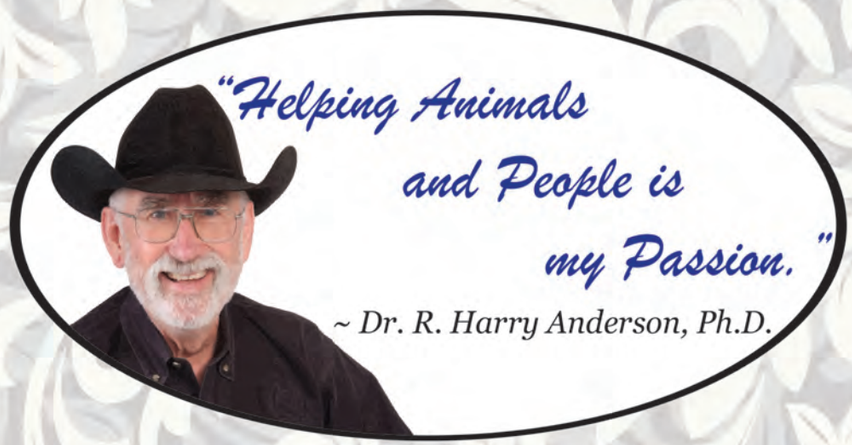
- #18 HC with #7 rider floor (contestants can ride up)
- Both horses must be registered horses that are 4 & Under

Non Pro Futurity

- #10 Handicap (6 cap on riders)
- One futurity horse must be on the team and must sort the first cow







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2026 CINCH RSNC WORLD FINALS XIX BREAKS THE $1 MILLION MARK

The 2026 World Finals paid out more than $1.15 million in cash, the first year in Cinch RSNC history to top seven figures without including prizes, and set a single-day record when the Gold Shootout Finals Night alone paid more than $416,000.

The 2026 Cinch RSNC World Finals didn't just crown World Champions—it rewrote the record book. Total cash payout for the week topped $1.15 million, the first time the sport of ranch sorting has paid more than $1 million in a single event. The record run peaked on Gold Shootout Finals Night, when more than $416,000 changed hands in a single day, the largest one-day payout in the sport's history.

GOLD SHOOTOUTS STAND OUT

Much of that single-day total came from the Professional's Choice #9 Gold Shootout, the highest-paying class of the week at $179,410. Johnnie Lusk, of Henderson, Texas, and Jim Odom, of Fate, Texas, rode away with $41,770 of it—the biggest check of the week. The other Gold Shootout classes followed form with the Cinch #13 paying out $147,984, the US Rider #5 Gold Shootout paying $59,840 and the Priefert Open Gold Shootout paying $28,008.

YOUTH REMAIN AN RSNC PRIORITY

The annual Youth Finals Night was another grand success highlighting the next generation of ranch sorting talent. EQN Sports #18 Rated Youth class was supported by the previous night's Pro Futurity Calcutta, in which generous supporters raised $4,400 to contribute to the youth pot. With that contribution, the class paid out $15,846 with Mandie O'Neil of Brenham, Texas, and Clara Mas of Allentown, New Jersey, winning the World and taking home $4,084. The #8 Youth paid $5,160 and crowned Jae Murphy and Emery Crouse with World Champion titles and $1,528.

A few nights later, Easton Burns stole the show when he and his father, Joe Burns, of Eldon, Missouri, teamed up for a thrilling $13,196 win in the Hyer #11 Rookie, which followed his win in the Youth Beginner/Adult Gate class with Brandon Kruger of Lake Lillian, Minnesota.

HONORING THOSE DEAR AND FAR

The Finals Nights are also an opportunity to recognize important members of the Cinch RSNC community, like our military veteran members from across our Armed Forces branches and the competitors from across the globe. In 2026, ranch sorters from Australia, Brazil, Mexico and Canada traveled great distances to ensure this event remains a true World Finals.

A NEW TOP 10 RANCH SORTER RECOGNIZED

Not every headline came from the arena. Tanner Keith of Austinville, Virginia, closed out the 2025–2026 season by joining Cinch RSNC's Top 10 All-Time Money Earners after a $25,000 comeback season pushed his career earnings past $290,000. And Keith wasn't done yet.

In his quest for the Champion of the Champions Open title, Keith partnered with Chris Mangold of Hesperia, California, in a run that featured an impudent red #5 trash cow that tested, then tested, then tested the team again. Each time it seemed like the cow might win, Mangold or Keith would appear to assist and hold the line. The crowd, wholly invested, roared when the cow finally turned and quit, and the barely heard buzzer marked time. The moment—dubbed "The Save of the Season" and inspiring much social media hype for the event and the sport—was a pivotal moment in Keith's path to claiming the Holiday Auto Group Challenge of the Champions title.

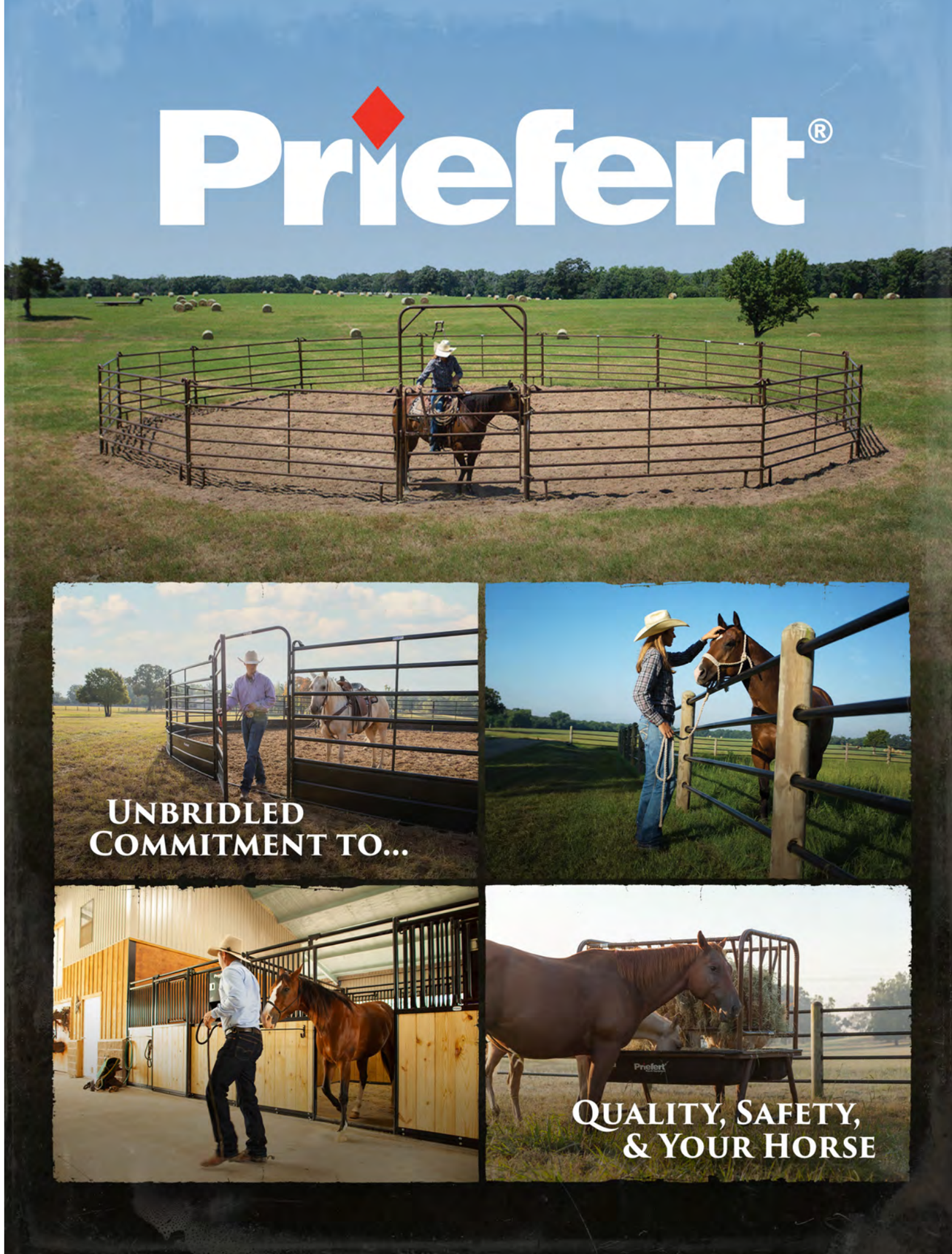
CHALLENGE OF THE CHAMPIONS

The Holiday Auto Group Challenge of the Champions features each division's top five season money earners, and the growth was clear. It took $45,020 to qualify for the Open in 2026, up 40% from $32,061 in 2025. Joel Lesh, from Stillwater, Oklahoma, qualified No. 1 in the Open both years, and his qualifying total climbed from $64,751 to $81,704, a $16,953 jump. The 20 Challenge of the Champions qualifiers combined for $722,893 in 2026, up from $715,014 the year before.

In addition to Keith winning the Holiday Auto Group Challenge of the Champions Open division, fellow champions Brea Vardas of Campbell, Texas, in the Amateur, Anna Butler of Walterboro, South Carolina, in the Novice and Eric Turner of Sellersville, Pennsylvania, in the Rookie, also earned Champion of the Champions titles.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

With the 2026 Cinch RSNC World Finals being as fun and successful as it was, we're already looking to raising the bar in 2027. Save the dates, ranch sorters. We're going big for the 2027 Cinch RSNC World Finals XX. We'll see you June 5–12, in Fort Worth.



RIDE TV WESTERN HERITAGE #6 HC

2026 CHAMPIONS

LES HENDERSON
SPRINGFIELD, TENNESSEE

TUCKER WEATHERFORD
LESTER, ALABAMA

WINNING
$8,784
219.85 ON 24 HEAD

TOTAL PAYOUT
$33,136

1. LES HENDERSON / TUCKER WEATHERFORD — $8,784
2. SHERRI MCDONALD / JOE MEALS — $6,204
3. RICKY HIGHTOWER / HANNAH SKALSKY — $4,448
4. WYATT ERB / RENEE AMIDON — $3,114
5. MATTHEW HICKS / LANA BEISNER — $2,646
6. AMY LAMBERT / JENNY BUCHANAN — $2,180
7. STEVE COMPTON / FRANCES LOCHHEAD — $1,868
8. SHELBY WRIGHT / RILEY LAWLESS — $1,556
9. KATHY DOORNINK / PHYLLIS SICKELS — $1,246
10. MARK LINDSEY / JAKE LINDSEY — $1,090

LES HENDERSON AND TUCKER WEATHERFORD topped the Ride TV Western Heritage #6 at the 2026 Cinch RSNC World Finals in Fort Worth, Texas, sorting 24 head in 219.85 seconds over four rounds for $8,784, their first win together as a team.



BEST EVER

Henderson, of Springfield, Tennessee, and Weatherford, of Lester, Alabama, met through the sport a little over two years ago. Outside a few shows they put on themselves in Alabama and a shared event in Tennessee with the Stanfields, the Finals is the biggest thing on their calendar.

"We got some second-place finishes, but this is our first win," Henderson said. "It's the best win ever."

The duo won against more than 370 teams, and the pressure was on them every round.

"It was extremely hard," Weatherford said. "You just got to breathe; just try to stay alive until you get back to the top 10."

After surviving the first three rounds, the team headed back into the final round with the goal of staying clean—a simple strategy that paid off. Three of the teams that made the top 10 returned with 19 head—within striking distance of the top spot.

"It was a very tight race," Henderson said, noting he was sweating bullets watching the final team sort.

THE HORSES BEHIND THE WIN

Both riders achieved the first-time feat on horses somebody else built first.

Henderson rode Mozart (Metallic Rebel x HL Sheza Playful Rey), a 2018 sorrel gelding known as "Mozey." Mozey belongs to Henderson's niece, and Henderson only climbed aboard the horse two months before the World Finals when his own horse came up injured.

"I'm here with my brother, who's the trainer," Henderson said. "I'm lucky: I got a trainer and a horse."

He's grown attached enough that he's thinking about buying Mozey off his niece for good.

Weatherford rode a 10-year-old mare named Cat, who spent several years training under fellow RSNC ranch sorter PD Shelton before Weatherford picked her up at one of his own shows about a year ago.

CHAMPIONS OF THE YEAR

Not only did the team take first in the Ride TV Western Heritage #6 class at the World Finals, they were also named Year-End Points Champions in the Western Heritage #6 division with Weatherford winning No. 1 and Henderson on his heels at No. 2. In addition to their winner's checks, each man earned Professional's Choice championship belt buckles, and Weatherford was awarded a Cinch RSNC trophy saddle and jacket, and Henderson earned a Professional's Choice saddle pad.



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WESTERN HERITAGE ALL LEVELS

2026 CHAMPIONS

CALI BROOKSHIRE
CROSBY, TEXAS

JOEL LESH
STILLWATER, OKLAHOMA

WINNING
$7,972
218.12 ON 39 HEAD

TOTAL PAYOUT
$32,150

1. CALI BROOKSHIRE, JOEL LESH — $7,972
2. COLLEEN GALLOWAY, TRENT KNIGHT — $5,620
3. KIM CHRISTY, HAILY MANGOLD — $4,026
4. JARED LESH, DAVE SCHAFFNER — $2,788
5. RANDY GRAHAM, DAN WEIGAND — $2,370
6. JOEL LESH, LARRY NEWPORT — $1,952
7. TUCKER FIELD, JARED LESH — $1,674
8. REECE STANFILL, WILL MCKEE — $1,394
9. SADEY RASMUSSEN, SIDNEY RASMUSSEN — $1,116
10. DAN WEIGAND, IOSVANY CASTILLO — $976

FAMILIARITY PAID DIVIDENDS for sorters Cali Brookshire and Joel Lesh in the Spalding Labs Western Heritage All Levels at the 2026 Cinch RSNC World Finals, where a time of 218.12 on 39 head paid $7,972 and set their week in Fort Worth off on the right foot.

"We've ridden together a lot," said Brookshire, a recent Texas A&M graduate. "I used to stay at [the Leshes'] place, and we know what each other is doing. It makes it simpler."



That familiarity allowed them to stack three solid runs, entering the final round with 29 head sorted. In their third round, Brookshire noted that a series of no-times ahead of them kept them on their toes.

"We thought about switching the herd over to the other side of the pen, but also, I kept numbers and the remaining numbers were good cows," Brookshire said. "So, they trotted out in order, a little bit."

In the Western Heritage classes, riders can't lope or hustle cattle with their voice, which makes position, tempo and a smooth ride vital.

FIRST WIN OF THE WORLD FINALS

As their championship round came closer, Lesh's intuition led the team to flip which side of the pen they sorted from.

"The cattle were getting tougher, so we were just focused on riding right," said Lesh, who's earned more than $550,000 in Cinch RSNC lifetime earnings alone. "We wanted to just keep riding the run, keep momentum."

As the run unfolded, Brookshire and Lesh traded out of the gate like clockwork. They quietly turned back the cattle that stepped up to the gate, gaining speed as they went. The last few cows, Lesh guarded the gate while Brookshire pushed them past.

"As a competitor, I definitely go a little faster than I need to sometimes, and I like to talk to my partners a lot," Brookshire said. "I try to be smooth when I can, but sometimes you've got to do what you've got to do."

POWERED BY MARES

Alani & Rose

For the win, Brookshire rode her new mare, Metallic Mary, who she calls "Alani." She purchased the 9-year-old in January from Louie and Niki Saggione.

"She had just come out of the cutting pen, so she's never been ranch sorted or team penned on," Brookshire explained. "She's coming along. She loves to trot, so she's really good at the Western Heritage classes."

Alani is sired by Metallic Cat and out of Instant Mary, by SR Instant Choice. Brookshire said she's been working on getting Alani to go forward toward the cow and unlearn the cutting habit of staying back and "catching" the cow.

Lesh rode a red roan named Cattys Rose. "Rose" is a 9-year-old mare sired by the versatile Catty Hawk and out of Gar Bar Lena, by Duals Blue Boon.

"She just came out of the breeding barn," Lesh said. "I was excited to have her back in the program."

For both riders, the win was a sweet way to start their World Finals experience. Lesh double dipped in the Western Heritage All Levels with Larry Newport, finishing No. 6 for an additional payout. He also claimed a fourth-place finish in the Priefert Open Gold Shootout, snagged a check for coming in sixth in the #10 Youth Beginner/Adult Gate class, and earned another World Championship in the All Levels on Saturday night—where he also finished seventh—earning more than $12,500 at the World Finals to close out his week in Fort Worth. Brookshire caught a check in the #18 Bareback/Bridleless class with Cloraldo Leal Jr., bringing her weekly total to $3,655.

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#10 HC WESTERN HERITAGE LEGENDS CLASS

2026 CHAMPIONS

RUSSELL KLOSTERMANN

RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS

SCOTT STRESEN-REUTER

WHITESBORO, TEXAS

WINNING

$3,734

180.93 ON 25 HEAD

TOTAL PAYOUT

$13,020

1. SCOTT STRESEN-REUTER
   RUSSELL KLOSTERMANN
   $3,734
2. CHARLENE COHEN
   MIKE ROBINSON
   $2,794
3. JAY SCHIFFNER
   WAYNE SHARROCK
   $2,110
4. RON VANDERZIEL JR.
   DAVE WOLFE
   $1,066
5. LARRY NEWPORT
   WAYNE SHARROCK
   $960
6. DAN SPRADLEY
   CHARLENE COHEN
   $852
7. ALAN FUNK
   BOYD DAVIS
   $640

FOR RUSSELL KLOSTERMANN AND SCOTT STRESEN-REUTER, "Legends" wasn't just the name of the class. It was a fitting title for two competitors who have spent decades in the ranch sorting pen.

At the 2026 RSNC World Finals, the Texas sorting partners leaned on that experience—along with trusted horses and a game plan built around their strengths—to win the #10 HC Western Heritage Legends Class. Their 25-head performance in 180.93 seconds across three rounds earned them $3,734 and Professional's Choice World Championship belt buckles.



Klostermann, of Raymondville, wasn't about to take the title too seriously, though.

"They call us Legends because we're old," he joked after the class. "But we occasionally win."

THE RIGHT HORSES FOR THE JOB

En route to their success, the pair leaned into what both they and their horses did best.

"We decided to go in and have Russell run the gate while I did all the sorting," said Stresen-Reuter, who lives in Whitesboro. "It worked out great from the start."

Klostermann relied on Uno High Brow, aka "Baby Doll," a 2013 mare by High Brow CD and out of a Smart Little Lena mare that he purchased from Ronnie Mitchell at last year's World Finals. Although the mare missed six months because of an injury, she quickly proved herself as the dependable horse he was looking for.

"I love her," he said. "She's good at anything, but she's a really nice gate horse."

On the sorting end, Stresen-Reuter counted on Peppys Indian Jewel, a 2007 mare by Hickorys Indian Pep and out of a Young Gun daughter that had only recently returned to competition.

"She ripped her whole pectoral muscle in half," Stresen-Reuter said, remembering how he thought he might have to put her down. "She was at the vet for seven months. I just got her back in February."

The mare's years of working cattle at a trot made her especially well-suited for the Western Heritage class.

"I've had her for 15 years," Stresen-Reuter said. "She's been trotted her whole life that I've had her."

Throughout the three rounds, Klostermann credited his partner for making the gate work easy.

"Scott did an excellent job of not bringing too many cows at one time," he said. "He made it pretty easy on me."

That teamwork proved especially valuable in the Western Heritage format, where riders must sort without loping or using excessive vocal cues.

"It's a very difficult event," Klostermann said. "You've got to remember not to yell. You can't run. You've got to think about a lot of things at one time. It's a tough class."

YEARS OF EXPERIENCE PAY OFF

Although the partners don't often have the opportunity to ride together, they make the most of it whenever their schedules align.

"We don't get together very often," Klostermann said. "But if we're at a show, we ride together."

Stresen-Reuter has been ranch sorting for about 15 years, while Klostermann has been part of RSNC since its earliest days.

"RSNC was started in 2007," Klostermann said. "And I was here at the World Finals."

That experience showed throughout the Finals as they stayed patient, adapted to the cattle in front of them and let their horses shine at their jobs.

"We just said we'll take what the cows give us and read them at the end and see what happens," Klostermann said. "It turned out good."

It turned out even better than they could have imagined. The victory marked the biggest championship of the longtime competitors' careers together.



PRO FUTURITY

2026 CHAMPIONS

BRIAN BUCKNER
LORENA, TEXAS

TANNER KEITH
AUSTINVILLE, VIRGINIA

WINNING
$8,800
154.11 ON 30 HEAD

TOTAL PAYOUT
$17,600

1 TANNER KEITH
BRIAN BUCKNER
$8,800

2 TREVER FIELD
TRAVIS FREIHEIT
$5,280

3 KODY WARD
MATT STEVENS
$3,520

NOTORIOUS BIGGIE AND THEFT BY CHECK, both 2022 sorrel geldings owned by Scott Henderson, topped the Pro Futurity at the 2026 Cinch RSNC World Finals in Fort Worth, Texas, sorting 30 head in 154.11 seconds over three rounds for $8,800, with Brian Buckner of Lorena, Texas, and Tanner Keith of Austinville, Virginia, aboard.

Henderson added another $3,520 by winning the Calcutta on his own team, a $14,080 return that also sent $4,400 to the EQN Sports #18 Rated Youth class payout.

The Pro Futurity is built for young horses making their first real statement, but this year's win came down to two horses new to their riders and one owner willing to bet on both of them.



NOTORIOUS BIGGIE
RANCH SORTING

Notorious Biggie (Spots Hot x One Sallycat) was in Buckner's program for less than a week when he loaded him in the trailer for Fort Worth, coming straight from the cutting pen with $30,000 in NCHA earnings.

"He's so cowy getting him through the herd, it's starting to click," Buckner said.

Buckner leaned on what "Biggie" already knew, easing him into sorting while capitalizing on the skills the young horse had learned in the cutting pen.

"The first thing I do is get them used to the gate," Buckner said. "That's the most familiar thing to a cutting horse, the left and right motion."

He alternated slow, technical days with faster ones, then gave the horse a day off to process it all before the World Finals.

"I let him think about it, and he was perfect here," Buckner said.

HOMEWORK COMPLETE
Theft By Check

Both champion mounts belonged to Henderson, a longtime friend of Buckner's.

"He's one of my best friends," Buckner said. "We've been friends for 25 years. It's not just a business. He trusts my opinion on stuff, and I trust his."

For Keith, that friendship also created an opportunity for him to try out a new horse. He had never sat on Theft By Check (Countin Hot Checks x Ms Peppy Cat) before Buckner offered him the jump-ride.

"I saddled him up, jumped on him, rode him in the warmup pen, and all the homework was done," Keith said. "They'd been riding him; he was ready."

With a stacked field in the Pro Futurity, the pair decided to play it safe going into the final round.

"We just kind of took what they gave us," Keith said. "It ended up laying out to be a good 10 head."

This win marked the start of a very successful World Finals for Keith, who joined the RSNC's Top 10 Hall of Fame in the 2025-2026 season, won the Challenge of the Champions Open division, took the All Levels World Champions title partnered with Joel Lesh, and added a runner-up finish in the #14 Ranch Hand class with Nelson Mas along the way. Buckner's other big moment of the week came when he teamed up with Gage Anderson for a fifth-place finish in the Cinch #13 Gold Shootout.





NON-PRO FUTURITY

2026 CHAMPION

CREWELLA DIVILLE

RIDDEN BY
KENNY BAUMGARDNER
ABINGDON, VIRGINIA

ON THE GATE:
VICTOR DOLD
POOLVILLE, TEXAS

WINNING
$6,253
153.68 ON 24 HEAD

TOTAL PAYOUT
$19,540

1. KENNY BAUMGARDNER
   VICTOR DOLD
   $6,253
2. CHERRIE MAHON
   VICTOR DOLD
   $4,689
3. KARA DOORNINK
   JENNIFER MARSHALL
   $3,322
4. CLORALDO LEAL
   CLORALDO LEAL JR.
   $1,954
5. MARILEE SEIFERT
   KIM CHRISTY
   $1,218
6. KIM CHRISTY
   EMILY SPERLE
   $1,623
7. BUBBA MOORE
   TUCKER FIELD
   $481



ABINGDON, VIRGINIA'S KENNY BAUMGARDNER RODE CREWELLA DIVILLE to the win in the Non-Pro Futurity at the 2026 Cinch RSNC World Finals in Fort Worth, Texas, sorting 24 head in 153.68 seconds over three rounds for $6,253, with Victor Dold of Poolville, Texas, holding the gate.

CREWELLA DIVILLE:
A Futurity Champ Built Like a Veteran

"Ellie" is a 2022 sorrel mare by $14 million sire Reyzin The Cash, the 2015 NCHA Open Derby Champion who boasts more than $278,000 in lifetime earnings. She's out of a 2011 High Brow Cat mare named Kat—a Dual Pep granddaughter—which strongly hints at their $7 million magic cross.

Baumgardner bought the 4-year-old out of Jared Lesh's program about four months before the Finals, and took her to two shows before leaving her with Lesh for a tune-up in the month leading up to the big event.

"I told him to give her a little speed," Baumgardner said in his EQN Sports Desk interview following the win.

On Sunday, June 7, Lesh cameoed Ellie in the Pro Futurity, and Baumgardner took the reins in the Non-Pro Futurity.

"He's done everything I wanted to do to her," Baumgardner said.

Baumgardner had been searching for a horse with the feel of his 10-year-old, Rocket.

"Everybody says, 'You're not ever going to find another Rocket,'" Baumgardner said. "And I kept looking and looking. She's smooth. She's quick. She's really good in the gate. And she's just a great horse all around right now."

To win the class, Ellie kept remarkably cool in the heat of chasing a title that required a perfect 10 to win. Baumgardner leaned on the mare's speed as they sorted through the herd.

"Jared kept telling me, 'Slow down, slow down.' And I wouldn't slow down. I thought, 'You gave me speed. I'm going to use it.' And it just worked out. We were blessed."

Between her willingness to get after it and her sweet personality, Baumgardner is pretty smitten with his Ellie.

"This one's got a home for a while," he said.

VICTOR DOLD:
Champion and Reserve-Champion Gate Rider

Baumgardner and Dold had ridden together in the Northeast for years.

"I'm originally from New York, and Kenny's from Virginia, so we'd ride a lot up in the Northeast," Dold said.

When it came time to pick a gate man for the Non-Pro Futurity, Baumgardner didn't hesitate.

"We knew he's good in the gate," he said. "We said, 'We want Victor.'"

The "we" Baumgardner uses includes his fiancée, Cherrie Mahon, who also rode in the Non-Pro aboard a 4-year-old purchased from Lesh.

Dold, who offers his training services through Dold Equine, held the gate aboard the 2019 gelding Ronald Reygan (Rey Dual x Uno Reba by Smart Little Uno). Dold purchased the horse a day before the 2025 World Finals, where the pair made the top 10 in the Cinch #13 Gold Shootout—the first class they rode in. In 2026, Dold and Ronald returned to play a crucial role in securing the champion and reserve-champion titles for Baumgardner and Mahon.

LUCK OF THE DRAW

In the championship round, several teams ran into trouble on an ornery #5 cow. Baumgardner and Dold drew the #4, meaning Dold only had to keep the #5 cow out of the gate for the first sort.

"About the last four or five teams, [that cow] started getting really bad," Dold said. "We got lucky, and I held it long enough. We'll take the W."

"It's great. It's awesome," Baumgardner said of winning the Non-Pro Futurity during the RSNC's eight-day World Finals. "They've really went out and put this thing together. They just keep getting better."

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TRAILBLAZER INCENTIVE

In 2026, the Trailblazer Incentive paid out $1,000 to each of the following ranch sorters—all members of the Doornink family—competing on eligible horses:

KARA DOORNINK

Terris Rebel Gold
Metallic Rebel x TR Terri Rey

Finished third in a tough Non Pro Futurity class of 75 teams. The 2022 palomino gelding was also the High Point Trailblazer Incentive horse in the Pro & Non Pro Futurity combined, earning Kara a custom leather jacket.

KATHY DOORNINK

Stevie Nixx
Stevie Rey Von x MH San Tules Clay

Won third in an enormous Total Feeds #8 class with 774 first-go teams.

KRIS DOORNINK

Wood I Reylly
Dual Rey x Wood I Never

Captured his third-place finish in a salty All Levels class—one of only three teams to be perfect on 40 head.

To be eligible for this bonus incentive at the 2026 Cinch RSNC World Finals XIX, a horse must have been purchased from Matt Stevens Performance Horses or Kody Ward within the last two years and be ridden by the purchaser or immediate family of the individual who purchased the horse. Each rider and horse is eligible for one Trailblazer Incentive prize.

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#8 YOUTH

2026 CHAMPIONS

JAE MURPHY
ATCO, NEW JERSEY

EMERY CROUSE
HEMPSTEAD, TEXAS

WINNING
$1,528
169.02 ON 21 HEAD

TOTAL PAYOUT
$4,776

1 JAE MURPHY
EMERY CROUSE
$1,528

2 EMMA RHONE
BRENLEE SLOAN
$1,146

3 BRENLEE SLOAN
SOPHIE BERNHAGEN
$812

4 EMERY CROUSE
SOPHIE BERNHAGEN
$478

5 BRENLEE SLOAN
FELIPE DEVIDES
$430

6 KEEGAN DUNCANSON
TRENTYN FREIHEIT
$382

JAE MURPHY, OF ATCO, NEW JERSEY, AND EMERY CROUSE, of Hempstead, Texas, topped the #8 Youth class, sorting 21 head in 169.02 seconds over three rounds at the 2026 Cinch RSNC World Finals in Fort Worth, Texas, for a $1,528 winners check.

A DRAW THAT PAID OFF

Murphy and Crouse were paired as a random draw team and had never ridden together, or met, before the class began. It turned out to be one of the toughest draws of the week: the #8 Youth class opened with 86 teams, cut to a top 20 for the second go, and only nine teams returned for the short round.



Out of those nine short-round runs, just three came back clean, and Murphy and Crouse's 21-head run was the fastest of them. It was, as Amy Wheatley noted on the EQN Sports Desk, the second Texas-New Jersey team to win a youth title at the Finals that week, matching #18 Rated Youth champions Mandie O'Neil and Clara Mas. Crouse, who had been to only about five shows before Fort Worth, said she would have been happy just to place.

FIRST WORLD FINALS STRATEGIES

Murphy, 11, has been ranch sorting for three years, after starting out in barrel racing and pole bending with a different trainer. In the Youth #8, she rode two different horses to get the job done: Jacque Smith's horse, Cattys Reyofiridessa (Catty Hawk x Tanga Rey), known as "Cruel," for the first two rounds—Smith, an RSNC producer in Waterford Works, New Jersey, hauled Murphy 21 hours from the Northeast to compete—and Joel Lesh's horse, Peek A Cash (Reyzin The Cash x Peek A Cat), for the final round. Cruel had already gone to work for Smith in the #10 Masters that day, so Murphy switched to the fresher horse. Throughout the class, Murphy and Crouse employed a Ranch Hand strategy with Murphy in the gate and Crouse on herd.

"I decided to do it because it would've been better for Emery just to stay in the herd, and I had a good horse for it," Murphy said of the decision.

The 2026 Cinch RSNC World Finals was a first for both riders, and they were challenged by a tough herd.

"Some cows were fine and then, the other ones, you had to go for because they were slow and the other ones were just too fast," Murphy explained.

STAYING PUT IN THE HERD

Crouse said swapping positions between rounds is usually faster, but doing so pushes cattle toward the gate and makes it more risky.

"She was really good in the gate," Crouse said, complimenting Murphy, "so I decided to stay in the herd. The herd is kind of easier than the gate, because you're not really getting all the cows."

Crouse, 13, also finished fourth in the class with Sophie Bernhagen to win an additional $478 team check. Crouse took up ranch sorting only a year ago, after six years in the saddle and four spent barrel racing. Her own horse, Peeka Glo CT (Peek A Pep x Dual Glo Tammy CT), a 15-year-old off the cutting pen that she's had about six months, is built for exactly that job.

"She is okay at the gate, but she is excellent at sorting," Crouse said.

Glo's biggest asset might be her temperament.

"She's really sweet, and she won't hurt anybody," Crouse said.

PAYING IT FORWARD

Little of the $1,528 winners check will stay in either rider's pocket. Murphy and Crouse both said their shares will go back into entry fees for the rest of the week. Both riders left Fort Worth with new Professional's Choice trophy buckles and world champion jackets to show for their win in the #8 Youth.

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$15K ADDED CASH & PRIZES*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16 — Start 8:30 am

	ENTRY FEE	RIDE LIMIT	PAYBACK	ADDED $
Western Heritage All Levels HC	$75	4	60%	
Western Heritage #6 HC	$75	4	60%	
#13 HC GOLD SHOOTOUT*	$165/$180	5	85%	
Platinum member entry fee $165, Gold member entry fee $180				
#11 Rookie HC *(2 cap on sorter)*	$75	4	60%	
#10 HC	$75	4	60%	

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17 — Start 8:30 am

	ENTRY FEE	RIDE LIMIT	PAYBACK	ADDED $
#6 HC with #4 Incentive	$75	4	60%	
#2 Beginner Sort	$45	4	50%	
All Levels HC	$85	4	60%	
#9 HC GOLD SHOOTOUT*	$165/$180	6	60%	$5,000
Platinum member entry fee $165, Gold member entry fee $180				
OPEN HC GOLD SHOOTOUT*	$185/$200	3	80%	
Platinum member entry fee $185, Gold member entry fee $200				
#10 Masters HC	$75	4	60%	

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 — Start 8:30 am, Cowboy Church 7:30 am

	ENTRY FEE	RIDE LIMIT	PAYBACK	ADDED $
#15 HC 3-Rider 2-Gate	$80	4	60%	
#5 HC GOLD SHOOTOUT*	$135/$150	3	80%	
Platinum member entry fee $135, Gold member entry fee $150				
#12 HC *(3 cap on gate)*	$75	4	60%	
#10 HC Youth Beg/Adult Gate	$40	4	50%	
#18 HC Rated Youth	$45	4	50%	
#8 HC	$75	4	60%	

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#18 HC RATED YOUTH

2026 CHAMPIONS

MANDIE O'NEIL
BRENHAM, TEXAS

CLARA MAS
ALLENTOWN, NEW JERSEY

WINNING
$4,084
133.68 ON 30 HEAD

TOTAL PAYOUT
$14,782

1. MANDIE O'NEIL / CLARA MAS — $4,084
2. BODEE KRUGER / BRONSON KRUGER — $3,332
3. BROOKE BIELSKI / HAIDEN BLACKMON — $2,130
4. ELLEN ADAMS / GAGE ANDERSON — $1,378
5. GAGE ANDERSON / VIANN HEGGE — $1,240
6. LUCAS SOARES / SHYLA NARACHI — $1,102
7. ADELL HEGGE / SIDNEY RASMUSSEN — $826
8. BROOKE BIELSKI / ADLEY RENEAU — $690

MANDIE O'NEIL AND CLARA MAS topped the EQN Sports #18 Rated Youth, sorting 30 head in 133.68 seconds over three rounds at the 2026 Cinch RSNC World Finals in Fort Worth, Texas, for $4,084.

O'NEIL & MAS:
Strangers Turned Champions

O'Neil, of Brenham, Texas, and Mas, of Allentown, New Jersey, had never ridden together before they entered the pen for the #18 Rated Youth. Rather than take a blind draw, the two picked each other.

"The youth riders are pretty good, especially in the #18," O'Neil said.

This was O'Neil's second straight World Champion EQN Sports #18 Rated Youth title. She won it in 2025 with Kai Clark.

LT COL REBEL & MO MONEY:
Steady as They Come

O'Neil rode LT Col Rebel (Metallic Rebel x Hey Bobba Rey), a 2019 red roan gelding known as "Rebel," whom she got from Colleen Galloway three years ago.

"He's consistent," she said, praising the gelding. "He doesn't back up out of the gate, he doesn't get scared. He does about everything. He even ropes."

Mas was on her reliable mount, Mo Money, an 8-year-old by Bet Hesa Cat out of TR Oubles Reyd. Two years ago, Mo survived a serious wreck that killed two other horses and kept him out of the saddle for a full year. Last year marked his first time sorting again since the accident, and he hasn't missed a step since he got back in the pen.

"Everything I've ever won is on him," Mas said. "He just always does everything correct.
I never have to ask him for anything."

Mas had a big week beyond this win, too. She placed seventh in the Mil-Spec #6/4 Inc with Isabella Silveira for $3,418 in the Finals Night on Wed., June 10. Then, she kicked off the next morning winning third in the Graduated Rookie #6 with Shyla Narachi for $6,762. In total, Mas earned $14,264 across the three classes.



Their plan was to start slow and feel out the herd during the Youth Finals Night on Monday, June 8, but the cattle laid out early, and the pair sped up to match them, with trainer Tanner Keith coaching from the rail.

"They started laying out, and we started booking it," O'Neil said.

Mas, who turned 13 following the Finals, came in chasing redemption after a rough finish at the Finals last year.

"I really wanted to win this one, and I was feeling something," Mas said.

O'Neil, 16, has been ranch sorting for five years and gravitates toward the youth classes because she already knows most of the field.



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GOLD SHOOTOUT CLASS RULES

Gold Shootout classes are reserved for Platinum and Gold members. You can upgrade or purchase a new membership on site or online.

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GOLD SHOOTOUT GO-ROUND RULES

	# OF ROUNDS	1ST GO	2ND GO	3RD GO	4TH GO
111 Teams or More	4	x	30%	30%	Top 10
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#10 YOUTH BEGINNER ADULT GATE

2026 CHAMPIONS

EASTON BURNS
ELDON, MISSOURI

BRANDON KRUGER
LAKE LILLIAN, MINNESOTA

WINNING
$912
167.77 ON 25 HEAD

TOTAL PAYOUT
$3,080

1 EASTON BURNS
BRANDON KRUGER
$912

2 AVA GONZALEZ
CHARLIE RICHARDSON
$684

3 MANU YOUNG
DUANE DANIEL
$484

4 EASTON BURNS
JOE BURNS
$284

5 ALLIE MCKEE
KODY WARD
$256

6 EASTON BURNS
JOEL LESH
$228

A random draw at this year's World Finals paired veteran ranch sorter **BRANDON KRUGER**, of Lake Lillian, Minnesota, with 11-year-old **EASTON BURNS**, of Eldon, Missouri—a young competitor who has been ranch sorting for just two years. Together, they stayed consistent through three rounds to sort 25 head in 167.77 seconds and win the Youth-Beginner/Adult-Gate world championship, earning $912.



For Kruger, though, the win meant much more than a paycheck. The Youth-Beginner/Adult-Gate class is about more than buckles—every year, it pairs young competitors with experienced ranch sorters, giving youth riders the chance to learn alongside seasoned partners while competing on one of the sport's biggest stages.

For Kruger, it's one of the most rewarding classes at the World Finals.

"We like to get in there and ride that class with the youth riders that are going to be up and coming in this sport and show them the ins and outs of sorting," Kruger said. "It's just a fun class."

A CLASS DESIGNED TO TEACH

Kruger has seen that design play out firsthand. He's been coming to the World Finals since 2010, spending much of that time volunteering to ride with youth partners inside the arena, where split-second decisions, reading cattle and working as a team become lessons that can't always be taught from outside the pen.

"When they're in that herd one after another, that's when they really start picking up sorting and become real machines," Kruger said.

Several years ago, he won the class with another beginner rider who returned the following season and captured a Ranch Hand championship of her own. His own son also won the Youth-Beginner/Adult-Gate title in 2020.

"That's what's fun," Kruger said. "We get to watch these kids grow up."

LEARNING FROM THE BEST

Kruger and Burns weren't longtime teammates or even regular practice partners. They met through the class's random draw.

"This was actually a draw ride," Kruger said. "I was lucky to draw such an amazing little partner."

Burns was no stranger to the pressure.

The 11-year-old had four rides back in the Youth-Beginner/Adult-Gate finals, giving him plenty of time in the herd before his championship run with Kruger.

Even with those extra opportunities, the World Finals atmosphere was enough to make anyone nervous.

"I was nervous that I was going to do bad," Burns admitted.

Yet once the cattle started moving, those nerves gave way to confidence.

Much of that confidence comes from "Tinder," the red roan mare Burns has ridden since he first started ranch sorting two years ago. The dependable mare has become his steady partner as he's learned the sport.

When asked what he likes most about her, Burns didn't hesitate.

"She takes care of me."

Every great ranch sorting partnership starts with the right horses. While Burns relied on Tinder to help him navigate the sorting pen, Kruger rode Tags A Star, a 5-year-old gelding by Hashtags and out of Starkist, by Kit Dual. Better known as "Spud," the gelding is, as Kruger describes him, "a big mover" with plenty of energy.

BUILDING CONFIDENCE FOR BIGGER MOMENTS

Kruger believes experiences like this class prepare young riders for much more than one championship run.

For families looking to introduce kids to ranch sorting, his advice is simple: start local, find experienced mentors and don't rush the process.

"There are no shows too small for kids to start at," he said. "Get their confidence and get them with experienced riders. Get them in those ranch hand classes where they get to sort and have somebody comfortable in the gate with them. Then they're ready to go to some bigger shows."

That philosophy paid off almost immediately for Burns.

Later that evening, he returned to the John Justin Arena and teamed up with his father, Joe Burns, to win the Rookie 11 World Finals championship, capping an unforgettable night with a second World Finals buckle.

MORE THAN A CHAMPIONSHIP

While Burns' two-title night made headlines, Kruger hopes the bigger takeaway is the value of giving young riders opportunities to learn alongside experienced competitors.

"It's the future of the sport," he said. "If we can't get more kids consistently entering at the lower numbers, eventually the class sizes are going to taper off."

The random draw may have paired a veteran competitor with an 11-year-old chasing a championship. But Kruger sees it differently.

It paired one generation of ranch sorters with the next.

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2026 CHAMPION

TANNER KEITH

AUSTINVILLE, VIRGINIA

CINCH BONUS MONEY

$1,000

215 ON 24 HEAD

TANNER KEITH, of Austinville, Virginia, won the Holiday Auto Group Challenge of the Champions Open division, sorting 24 head in 215 seconds to win his first Challenge of the Champions title at the 2026 Cinch RSNC World Finals in Fort Worth, Texas.

A LONG TIME COMING

Seizing a Challenge of the Champions victory was a goal Keith held for years before finally breaking through in 2026.



"This is my first one," he said. "I've always been fifth or sixth, seventh. I'm an East Coast boy—I've got to drive a little farther."

Keith turned a corner in the race at the inaugural Cowtown Showdown with partner Joel Lesh, where the team collected a $40,000 check in the one-day, one-class, high-stakes event. He stayed on the road for the Dixie National, San Antonio and Houston rodeo sortings, catching another TR Performance Horses ranch sorting. To get it done, Keith laid over in Lorena, Texas, with friends Brian and Sonya Buckner before finishing the stretch in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, for the Northeast Regional Super Sort.

"It's tough," Keith said. "It's hard to focus on where to go and what to do to try to get qualified."

TWO HORSES, ONE WINNING FORMULA

Keith split his round robins between two bigger horses. Metal Rebel, a 7-year-old Metallic Cat gelding out of Aristocrats Rose, carried him through rounds paired with Lesh and with Logan Wolfe. Little Miss Smooth Talker, an 8-year-old mare by Smooth Talkin Style, took the rounds paired with Chris Mangold and Kris Doornink.

"I'm a little guy, so I like them smaller—I usually get by just fine on those," Keith said. "But the bigger horses can deal with the big, strong cows. Little ones, when they're cowy and they cow down, you can lose some ground. Big horses, if they get that same kind of cow and they cow down, they're at eye level."

THE SAVE OF THE SEASON

The defining moment of the night came with Mangold in the saddle alongside Keith, when a determined No. 5 cow twice tried to power past them.

"I thought I had him there, and he just kept coming," Keith said. "Finally, I got him slowed down just enough that Chris could catch his head. I thought he was going to push right through him, but Chris was able to grab his head and roll him, and I came in the back door and backed him up. We were close to the buzzer, but if we hadn't kept fighting, that cow would've gotten us for sure."

The high-intensity moment had the whole crowd buzzing and hollering, and the stop was soon dubbed "The Save of the Season."

KEEPING THE FAITH

Keith's win capped a comeback from a rough stretch two years ago, when a horrific highway wreck on the way to the World Finals cost him two horses and buried him in vet bills.

"My mom, my dad, my fiancée Sarah, JP, Nelson Mas, all of my customers, Chris Morris, Stan Ayers—the list goes on and on," Keith said. "Those guys never lost faith in me. There were days I wanted to lay in bed and give up, and they'd call and say, 'Get up, you've got to go work horses.'"

Now, just a couple years later, Keith was not only named the Champion of the Champions but was also recognized for making rank among the RSNC's Top 10 lifetime money earners.

"The good Lord took it all away," Keith said. "And then He gives it back tenfold."

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Western Heritage All Levels HC		$80	60%
Western Heritage #6 HC		$80	60%
#13 HC GOLD SHOOTOUT		$250*	85%

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#11 Rookie HC (2 cap on sorter)		$80	60%
#10 HC		$80	60%

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21 — Start 8:30 am

	ADDED $	ENTRY FEE	PAYBACK
#6 HC with #4 Incentive		$80	60%
#10 Masters HC		$80	60%
#2 Beginner Sort		$45	50%
All Levels HC		$90	60%
#9 HC GOLD SHOOTOUT	$7,500	$250*	60%

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OPEN HC GOLD SHOOTOUT		$250*	80%

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Pro Futurity #18 HC (7 floor on riders)		$100	60%

Entry fee is $100/ride & $100/Judged Incentive | $500 added Chrome Cash Incentive

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 — Start 8:30 am, Cowboy Church 7:30 am

	ADDED $	ENTRY FEE	PAYBACK
Non-Pro Futurity #18 HC (6 cap on riders)		$100	60%

Ranch Hand Rules Apply. Futurity Horse Sorts | $500 added money for Chrome Cash. Entry fee is $100/futurity horse $75 for gate rider and $100 for judged incentive.

#15 3-Rider 2-Gate		$80	60%
#5 HC GOLD SHOOTOUT		$250*	80%

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#12 HC (3 Cap on Gate)		$80	60%
#18 HC Rated Youth		$50	50%
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HOLIDAY CHALLENGE OF THE CHAMPIONS AMATEUR

2026 CHAMPION

BREA VARDAS

CAMPBELL, TEXAS

CINCH BONUS MONEY

$1,000

219 ON 37 HEAD

BREA VARDAS, of Campbell, Texas, won the Holiday Auto Group Challenge of the Champions Amateur division, sorting 37 head in 219 seconds at the 2026 Cinch RSNC World Finals in Fort Worth, Texas.

ANY TIME BEATS NO TIME

The Challenge of the Champions pits each division's top-five season money-earners against each other in a round robin format that rotates partners run after run. Vardas went in with one rule.



"In every round robin, a time is a time," Vardas said. "If you get a no time, it's really hard to get back up there. Smooth and fast, but not slow, that was the plan with every partner."

In total, she sorted 37 head, the most of anyone across all the Challenge of the Champions divisions.

REAL STAR POWER

Vardas got her mare, Maren Morris (Catty Hawk x Wheres Yer Daddy), a 2018 sorrel, from Kevin Reese two years ago, when he decided she needed a better horse to match her riding.

"He was like, 'Look, you can do this; now we got to get you some legs,'" Vardas said. "He told me to go get this horse in the back of the stalls. 'She ain't been rode in a week, but we got top 10 runs with you, so get on and let's go.'"

Known around the barn as "Fatty Patty" before Vardas renamed her "Raven," the mare has taken her to the winner's circle every time she's climbed on since. Raven carries $15,000 in cutting earnings of her own and more than $80,000 in sorting earnings with Vardas.

"It's kind of convenient," Vardas said, referencing the horse being named after the famous music artist. "Because she's a pop star. She knows she is."

A GOAL REALIZED

This was Vardas' first year qualifying for the Challenge of the Champions, and it had been the only thing on her mind.

"I actually have a Facebook post that popped back up the day we got here that said my only goal next year is to be in the Challenge of the Champions," Vardas said.

Her run towards the Challenge of the Champions started snowballing in December 2025, right before the Texas state finals. Two weeks before the Cinch RSNC South Central Regional Super Sort in Waco, Texas, in May 2026, she checked the standings and saw she was $6,000 from the top five.

"I was like, 'I'm going to go for it,'" Vardas said. "We went in and got $12,000 in Waco. I was like, 'All right, here we go.'"

At that Super Sort, riding a borrowed horse named "Ziggy" alongside partner Steve Cawthon, Vardas won the Professional's Choice #9 Gold Shootout for $11,254, the biggest single-class payout of the event. The win vaulted her to No. 2 in the Amateur standings with $35,584 in season earnings, clinching her Challenge of the Champions spot.

She credited coaches Tommy Roberson, Kevin Reese and Tim Field for helping her accomplish this goal.

"I have a lot of big people in my corner," Vardas said. "They've really helped me come all the way up here."

Vardas' other accomplishments throughout the week included a ninth-place finish in the #14 Ranch Hand and capturing two checks for her second- and fourth-place finishes in the #18 3-Rider 2-Gate class, bringing her World Finals earnings to $4,230 including the $1,000 Cinch Bonus Money check for seizing the Holiday Auto Group Challenge of the Champions Amateur title.

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HOLIDAY CHALLENGE OF THE CHAMPIONS NOVICE

2026 CHAMPION

ANNA BUTLER

WALTERBORO, SOUTH CAROLINA

CINCH BONUS MONEY

$1,000

230 ON 9 HEAD

ANNA BUTLER, of Walterboro, South Carolina, won the Holiday Auto Group Challenge of the Champions Novice division, sorting 9 head in 230 seconds at the 2026 Cinch RSNC World Finals in Fort Worth, Texas—at 13 years old—in her first year competing in the Challenge of the Champions.

A COW OR TWO AWAY

At the Challenge of the Champions Invitational in Las Vegas in December 2025, she won round after round only to fall short in the final one.

"I almost won it," Butler said. "I lost it by a cow or two. I won every other round, but the final round, I really wanted it."

The loss stuck with her, but that frustration turned into fuel for a breakout season. Butler entered the Challenge of the Champions ranked No. 15 with $27,121 in season earnings. For context, a year ago, Butler entered last year's World Finals with less than $15,000 in lifetime earnings.

"I made the most money in one year that I've made my entire life doing this," Butler said. "That was very exciting."-



COVER GIRL, JUST IN TIME

Butler almost didn't get the horse that would carry her to the title. Then, the morning of the World Finals round robin, her mother delivered the news: the mare, Under The Covers, aka "Cover Girl" (CR Gotcha Covered x E Laine), was hers.

"Mom woke me up and told me she was mine," Butler said. "I was like, 'Really?'"

Butler had owned the 2020 double-bred High Brow Cat mare for less than a day before riding her in the class.

"We just kind of clicked really easily," Butler said. "She's very easy to move around, and I really appreciate a horse that'll work with me so we can make each other better."

READING THE HERD

Butler said her edge in the round robin isn't speed—it's strategy, especially when the cattle turned smaller and stickier as the week wore on.

"I'm really good in the gate, and I'm good inside the herd whenever I have to be strategic," Butler said. "A lot of partners just want to go run in there. I'm really good with working the herd, and that's really where it came in for me here."

The strategy paid off in the last round, when Butler needed two clean cows on Cover Girl to close out the title.

"I was the last one out on the cows," Butler said. "I heard the buzzer go off and I barely had my first cow out. I was like, am I going to make it or not? But once I started peeling off those cows and got at my second one, I knew I was going to make it."

YOUNG GUN AIMS TRUE

At 13, Butler isn't sure if she's the youngest rider to win a Challenge of the Champions title—but she wanted the win to prove she was serious when she shared her goal with RSNC leadership and fellow competitors, Logan Wolfe and Tanner Sperle.

"I really wanted to be one of the young guns to come in and prove everybody wrong," Butler said. "I told them I really want to do it next year and I'm going to win it, and they were like, 'Okay, go do it, have fun.' But I don't really think they believed me."

That changed the night she walked onto the awards stage, when Wolfe sought her out.

"I'm very proud of you for making it," Butler said he told her.

HOLIDAY CHALLENGE OF THE CHAMPIONS ROOKIE

2026 CHAMPION

ERIC TURNER

SELLERSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

CINCH BONUS MONEY

$1,000

228 ON 26 HEAD

ERIC TURNER, of Sellersville, Pennsylvania, won the Holiday Auto Group Challenge of the Champions Rookie division, sorting 26 head in 228 seconds at the 2026 Cinch RSNC World Finals in Fort Worth, Texas, for bragging rights and $1,000 in Cinch Bonus Money.

TURNER TURNS UP THE HEAT ON DAVIS

Turner's run to the World Finals kicked into high gear in December at the Challenge of the Champions Invitational as part of the Cowboy Town Showdown in Las Vegas. There, he swept three of the four Rookie rounds, winning the Rookie Challenge of the Champions title, and earning more than $4,500 in the Invitational alone. Combined with the additional checks he earned that weekend in Vegas, Turner added $8,016 to his early-season coffers and launched into the Rookie race's Top 5.

After finding success at shows like the Southeast Regional Super Sort in Perry, Georgia, and the inaugural Dixie National Super Sort, by late March, Turner was reporting more than $16,000 won, which earned him the No. 2 position in the standings. The position had him chasing Jerry Davis of Odessa, Texas, who took an impressive lead with more than $27,000 before April.

By the World Finals, Davis' lead had dwindled to a mere $272, and the clean-slate competition on the night of June 9 opened the door for Turner to claim the title.

To maintain the pace Davis set throughout the season, Turner covered a lot of ground attending events in Florida, Mississippi, Utah, Pennsylvania, Colorado and a $10,000-added Texas stop, flying home most weeks to run his two businesses in between.

"Without Kevin [Reese], there's no way I could have done this," Turner said, praising his trainer and the support system that kept him going.

Girlfriend Christy Hayes booked every flight, rental car and hotel room, while his 35 employees covered extra shifts, and his sister and her husband tended the horses at home.

"It's a system, and it's a team," Turner said. "I'm not a one-man person. I'm just the outcome of a lot of people's hard work."

GLO-UP: Turner's New Mare, Glorilla

Turner rode Glorilla (Im Countin Checks x High Style Royal), a 2022 sorrel mare he calls "Glo," bought off Kevin Reese three months ago and finalized just days before the Finals. She's already banked $9,200 for him.

"She's great-minded and real quirky," Turner said. "She wants to be held, she wants to be loved. But when she goes into that herd of cattle, that's her job, and she's amazing at it."

In his final run of the round robin, Turner trusted his mare and tuned out every distraction, even his own trainer trying to tell him how many cows he needed.

"I ride each ride for each ride," Turner said. "If you focus on the math, you're going to get in your head and miss cuts."

The strategy worked well, and Turner claimed the Rookie Champion of the Champions title, as well as a Reserve World Champion title in the Graduated Rookie #6 just a few nights later.



#14 RANCH HAND

2026 CHAMPIONS

CHRIS MANGOLD
HESPERIA, CALIFORNIA

SIDNEY RASMUSSEN
PARK CITY, UTAH

WINNING
$11,740
217.27 ON 40 HEAD

TOTAL PAYOUT
$46,700

1. CHRIS MANGOLD, SIDNEY RASMUSSEN — $11,740
2. NELSON MAS, TANNER KEITH — $8,242
3. KAITLYN ROBERSON, SHIANN BUCKNER — $5,894
4. KYLYNN HEGGE, APRIL HEGGE — $3,996
5. AMADOR GONZALES, MARK STOCKTON — $3,396
6. TRAVIS ROBERSON, CAITLIN ACREE — $2,798
7. TRENT KNIGHT, SAGE BACH — $2,398
8. SAGE BACH, TRENT KNIGHT — $2,000
9. TANNER KEITH, BREA VARDAS — $1,598
10. OMAR DIAZ, IOSVANY CASTILLO — $1,398

CHRIS MANGOLD of Hesperia, California, and **SIDNEY RASMUSSEN** of Park City, Utah, captured the 2026 #14 Ranch Hand World Champion title at the Cinch RSNC World Finals in Fort Worth, Texas, sorting 40 head of cattle in 217.27 seconds across four rounds to earn $11,740.

A SCARY LITTLE BUGGER

The cattle set the tone from the start. They were fresh, wanted to run, and punished teams that got hurried.

Mangold thought the first round presented the toughest cattle of the class, but slowing down wasn't an option. Teams still needed a perfect 10 to survive the first cut.

"You had to go fast, you had to have 10," he said.

In Round 2, a cow threatened to run back on Rasmussen as she held the gate.

"I had to watch that one," she said. "He came back on the team before."

And a stubborn brindle kept both riders on high alert.

"He looked me in the eye and tried to come through a couple times," Rasmussen said. "He was a scary little bugger."

THE WAIT

Rasmussen and Mangold ran second in the short round, with only one team on the board ahead of them to read. Watching the first team gave Rasmussen and Mangold a small edge. They liked how the cattle worked on one side of the pen and decided to follow the same approach.

Through it all, Rasmussen credited her horse for holding steady on the gate when it counted most.



"He cowed really well," she said. "He's definitely feeling the cow's energy and my energy, and he performed well for me."

Having gone early, Rasmussen spent the rest of the round watching the field try to catch them. Mangold couldn't quite bring himself to watch.

One team got close, but the run came apart when the 0 cow slipped by, ending their bid.

TRUSTED PARTNERS

LBR Kat and 'Rey'

The cattle put every horse in the pen to the test, and Rasmussen and Mangold's mounts answered every challenge.

Rasmussen rode LBR Kat (Kit Kat Sugar x Ashado), the gelding she describes as her "No. 1 man." She's owned him for three years after purchasing him from Kevin Reese, and the pair has grown together in the sorting pen.

"He was so good," Rasmussen said. "He was super smooth in the cows, great in the gate, and he'll take a cow coming 90 miles an hour at him."

Mangold's partner is much newer to his program. Spookyscall-memaybe is a 5-year-old Dual Reyish mare out of a Metallic Cat daughter. "Rey" came from the cutting horse world and has been with Mangold for about seven months. Despite one bad habit, he holds her in high regard.

"She's my favorite even though she kicks my trailer," he said.

MAKING THE MILES MATTER

The day after winning the #14 Ranch Hand, Mangold would go on to compete in the Holiday Auto Group Challenge of the Champions Open. Though the title ultimately went to Tanner Keith, Mangold played a critical role in Keith's success when the pair went to battle against a terribly determined red cow. They finally got her turned, and the moment was dubbed "The Save of the Season."

Ahead of the night, Mangold joked about the mild commitment he made to making the Top 5 in the year-long earnings race.

"It only took 70,000 miles."

Later in the week, Mangold would finish third in the Priefert Open Gold Shootout for another $2,801, bringing his World Finals earnings to $8,671.

Meanwhile, Rasmussen entered Round 1 of the #14 Ranch Hand having already won money for her ninth-place finish in the Spalding Labs Western Heritage All Levels and her seventh-place finish in the EQN Sports #18 Rated Youth. Plus, she'd go on to claim a Fast Time check in the #18 Bareback/Bridleless class for a total World Finals haul of $6,944.

Mil-Spec Liner #6/4 INC CHAMPIONSHIP

2026 CHAMPIONS

TRITTON CLOUD
CAMPBELL, TEXAS

KENNY ANDRUS
GEISMAR, LOUISIANA

WINNING
$17,742
221.18 ON 27 HEAD

TOTAL PAYOUT
$72,520

1. KENNY ANDRUS, TRITTON CLOUD — $17,742
2. MICHELLE DUSING, JAY HALE — $12,354
3. RYAN KOCH, BOBBY NOLAN — $8,806
4. THOMAS DICKSON, MIKE NARACHI — $5,698
5. ANNA BUTLER, BRANDON PIERCE — $4,842
6. TOMMY PERKINS, GREGORY GASSAWAY — $3,988
7. ISABELLA SILVEIRA, CLARA MAS — $3,418
8. YETI GARCIA, JACOB HELMS — $2,848
9. AMANDA ROBERSON, JAMES DUNN — $2,278
10. JOSE FARIA, CHRIS KOONS — $1,994

NEITHER TRITTON CLOUD nor **KENNY ANDRUS** expected the biggest win of their ranch sorting careers to come with someone they'd never ridden beside before.

But that's exactly what happened in the Mil-Spec Liner #6/4 Inc at the 2026 Cinch RSNC World Finals.

A random draw paired Cloud, of Campbell, Texas, and Andrus, of Geismar, Louisiana, leaving them with only a short amount of time to settle on a game plan. Four rounds later, they topped a field of 728 teams with a 27-head total and a time of 221.18 seconds to claim the championship, earning $17,742 plus an additional $1,000 bonus from Mil-Spec Liner.

RIDE SMART, STAY PATIENT

Cloud and Andrus focused on the one thing they could control in the pen: keeping the plan simple.

"We decided we'd ride smart," Andrus said. "We didn't know each other, or how each other rode, so we said, 'Let's go slow and easy and pull the cows clean.' Basically, take what the cows give us."

That approach became even more important as a tough set of cattle challenged competitors throughout the class. Rather than forcing cuts or trying to create opportunities that weren't there, the pair stayed patient and adapted to what unfolded in front of them.

"We just took what the cows would give us," Cloud said. "If we made a bad cut, we came back out, reset and started completely over. It was one cow at a time."

Andrus was equally pleased with the way the draw played out.

"I think we just meshed really well," Andrus added. "Neither one of us tried to overdo it."

PLEASANT SURPRISES

Even after posting four solid runs, neither Cloud nor Andrus felt confident the championship was theirs.

"I thought we were going to finish third," Cloud said. "I was watching the app, and every time a team would go, I'd refresh it."

As the final teams finished their runs, reality slowly began to sink in.

"I turned around and looked at Kenny and said, 'We did it,'" Cloud said.

For Andrus, the moment came just as unexpectedly.

"I started looking around and said, 'Hey dude, we're the only two left here,'" he said. "That's when it finally hit me."



THE HORSES THAT MADE IT HAPPEN

While Cloud and Andrus shared the championship, they were quick to point out they didn't win it alone. Underneath them were two horses with very different backgrounds.

Cloud rode "Mr. Freeze," a 6-year-old blue roan named for the DC Comics Batman villain, whose pedigree isn't what most ranch sorting competitors would expect either. Reportedly bred with Impressive on the top side and Driftwood on the bottom, the horse was originally destined for the halter pen rather than the cow horse arena.

Cloud purchased the neglected 3-year-old stallion with a halter that had grown into his nose. After gelding him and spending the past three years developing him, the once-overlooked horse has become the partner Cloud credits with carrying him through the biggest moments of his career—including his first ranch sorting world championship.

"He's carried me to the pay window the last three years," Cloud said. "He's done everything I've asked him to do."

Andrus relied on Stylish Little Bingo (Peptos Stylish Short x Saras Little Bingo), better known as "Daisy." He purchased the mare about a year and a half ago after she transitioned from a cutting career due to an injury. The change of disciplines proved to be a natural fit.

"She enjoys what she does," Andrus said. "She's a pleaser. I don't have to fight her to do anything. She loves her job."

SO MUCH MORE THAN A BUCKLE

This championship represented far more than a paycheck for both riders.

For Cloud, it was validation after years of rebuilding. A former team roper, he turned to ranch sorting after a serious car accident in 2022. Along the way, he said there were plenty of people who doubted both him and his horse.

"I've had people tell me all year I'll never do it," Cloud said. "They've had no faith in me. They've had no faith in my horse."

When the championship became official, the emotions finally caught up with him.

"I ended up crying," said Cloud, who is just a few hundred dollars away from earning his seat at the Cinch RSNC Hall of Fame's Bronze table. "It was just a sigh of relief."

For Andrus, the championship fulfilled a goal that had been years in the making.

"My bucket list is complete," he said. "This is a lifetime accomplishment for me. My dad got us into horses when we were kids. He's passed away and he's in heaven watching me, and he's proud."

OPEN SORT

2026 CHAMPIONS

TRAVIS FREIHEIT

FOUNTAIN, MINNESOTA

MORGAN FLINT

MORGAN MILL, TEXAS

WINNING

$8,248

155.74 ON 30 HEAD

TOTAL PAYOUT

$28,904

1 TRAVIS FREIHEIT, MORGAN FLINT, $8,248
2 TRAVIS FREIHEIT, TREVER FIELD, $6,364
3 JOE BURNS, NELSON MAS, $4,096
4 JOHN SPENCER, JUAN CARLOS GONZALEZ, $2,212
5 DANILO RODRIGUES, SHIANN BUCKNER, $1,990
6 TANNER KEITH, JARED LESH, $1,768
7 JESSIE WOLFE, LOGAN WOLFE, $1,326
8 RYAN SMITH, REECE STANFILL, $1,106

TRAVIS FREIHEIT, of Fountain, Minnesota, and **MORGAN FLINT**, of Morgan Mill, Texas, topped the Open Sort class, sorting 30 head in 155.74 seconds over three rounds at the 2026 Cinch RSNC World Finals in Fort Worth, Texas, for an $8,248 winners check.

BETTING ON A ROUGH DRAW

The Open Sort pen hadn't been kind to many teams at the 2026 Cinch RSNC World Finals. For Flint and Freiheit, it was worth a gamble, going up against a particularly troublesome cow that other teams had steered clear of. It worked, even though Freiheit's horse was already gassed by the time they got there.

"Morgan did a good job waiting on me," Freiheit said. "We got lucky we made it through."

They got even stronger each round, culminating in a win that had long since been due.

"I always ride to win, and it's nice when it all works out," Flint said. "So ride confidently and hope for the best."



A HIGH BROW CAT IN HIGH REGARD

For Flint, the win may have marked an exciting moment for his mare's future. Purrfectly High (High Brow Cat x Purrfectly Risto) came from friends of his wife and RSNC judge, Marti. The mare has carried Flint for the past three years, when the couple put a goal on the line.

"We made a deal that if we got first in this class at the Finals, we'd breed her, and that's been standing for three or four years now," Flint said. "I think we'll let her have a baby next year."

They haven't picked a stallion yet.

"There's so many new stallions out there and old stallions," said Flint, who already considers High Brow Cats to be "the pinnacle of the industry."

"We're going to have to take a close look now that it's a reality," he added.

DOUBLING DOWN ON 'HOTTIE'

Freiheit was also facing an important choice: which horse to ride.

Freiheit won the Open Sort World Championship in 2020 and 2023, but for the last round at the 2026 Finals, he climbed on his mare, B Freakish CT (Hottish x Sallie B Rey), a 2019 sorrel he calls "Hottie," breaking a rule he rarely does.

"I normally never run her two runs in a row because she's pretty hot and falls apart," Freiheit said. "But she felt so good, and it worked out."

Winning never gets old, even for a veteran.

"Sometimes you don't feel like you're good enough," Freiheit said. "But it was good to win that."

Freiheit also claimed Reserve Champion honors in the Open Sort, teaming with Trever Field for a finish that brought his take-home earnings from the class to $7,306. It capped a big week for the Minnesota rider, who also finished second in the Pro Futurity and caught a fast time in the Spalding Labs Western Heritage All Levels, pushing his total World Finals earnings to $10,172.

#4 NON-HANDICAP

2026 CHAMPIONS

AMANDA ROBERSON

MILTON, FLORIDA

ANNA MORROW

CONEHATTA, MISSISSIPPI

WINNING

$7,430

196.73 ON 22 HEAD

TOTAL PAYOUT

$35,630

1 AMANDA ROBERSON, ANNA MORROW, $7,430
2 JAY HALE, DAVID HARBERS, $7,100
3 LANA BEISNER, CINDY FUENTES, $3,864
4 PEYTON HORNIK, LEXI WHITE, $2,972
5 CHLOE PESCHAU, DEB POWELL, $2,526
6 BUTCH PORTER, DESIREE GARRETT, $3,130
7 GLENDA BOWERY, CHRIS KOONS, $2,484
8 RAY ROBERSON, ANNA MORROW, $1,486
9 ACE BADEAUX, MARCUS WENGERD, $1,188
10 RENEE FREE, KEN MARKS, $1,040

A lead built over three rounds and one carefully held cow was all **AMANDA ROBERSON** and **ANNA MORROW** needed to claim the #4 Non-Handicap title at the 2026 Cinch RSNC World Finals in Fort Worth, Texas.

Roberson, of Milton, Florida, and Morrow, of Conehatta, Mississippi, posted a time of 196.73 seconds on 22 head across four rounds for a champion's check of $7,430.

It's Roberson's third trip to the World Finals and her first world championship. For Morrow, it's a rookie-year highlight: her first year of ranch sorting, capped by a first trip to Fort Worth.

GIRL POWER

The pair have sorted together at a handful of shows and share the same approach in the pen: don't rush.

"I guess [with] the girl power we've got going on, we kind of have the same mindset of just going in nice and slow and taking them to the rail and just working them that way," Morrow said. "Take what they give you."

Roberson agreed.

"We've rode so much together that we kind of know what each other are going to do," Roberson said. "It's mostly slow and go in the very beginning, and then we both know, let's pick it up. It's kind of unspoken between us. We're very at ease with each other."

Entering the championship round, the team knew they were sitting pretty.

"We knew that we were the last team to go, and we were already coming into the finals about five cows ahead of the next team," Roberson said. "When it came down to us, we only needed one cow."

Morrow eased into the herd for the single cow the team needed.

"Once we had No. 2, I watched her and Roberson watched the herd, and we let the time go out," Morrow said.

MAKE IT A DUAL REY DOUBLE

Roberson rode Viktorias Secret (Smooth As A Cat x HL Playful Rosie Rey, by Dual Rey), a 2021 sorrel known as "Vikki" she picked up in September from 2026 State Extravaganza World Champion JJ Gonzalez.

"My go-to horse had some lameness issues, so I was kind of forced into riding Vikki," Roberson said of the horse that was originally meant for her husband. "And then I realized I really liked her. She's pretty fast, very quick-footed, very responsive and forgiving of any of my mistakes."



Morrow's mount, Odds On Rey (Dual Rey x Freckles Little Doll), aka "Durango," is a 2006 sorrel gelding that belongs to her niece. Morrow's father, Chad, bought the gelding as a trail horse, but Durango's background in team penning and ranch sorting was evident.

"He wasn't a trail horse," Morrow said. "I got on him to see what was going on, and I told my dad, 'He has a lot of life left to live.' It kind of went from there."

CHAMPIONSHIP CHECKS

Morrow doubled up in the #4, teaming with Roberson's husband, Ray, for an eighth-place finish worth $743 to go with her $3,715 share of the World Championship win. A $361 fast-go bonus rounded out her class, for $4,819 in #4 earnings alone.

Roberson's week stretched well beyond the #4. She placed eighth ($1,320) and ninth ($1,056) in the Hyer #11 Rookie, then added a ninth-place check ($1,139) and a $582 incentive in the Mil-Spec Liner #6/4, for $7,812 in total World Finals earnings.

HYER #11 ROOKIE

2026 CHAMPIONS

EASTON BURNS
ELDON, MISSOURI

JOE BURNS
ELDON, MISSOURI

WINNING
$13,196
222.39 ON 36 HEAD

TOTAL PAYOUT
$62,060

1. EASTON BURNS, JOE BURNS — $13,196
2. DESTINY BAKER, LOGAN WELDON — $12,000
3. HAIDEN BLACKMON, TRENT KNIGHT — $6,862
4. PAISLEY WEIGAND, COLLEEN GALLOWAY — $6,778
5. CASSIE DANIEL, ZANE DANIEL — $4,486
6. KINLEY CAMPBELL, CHRISTINA SULLIVAN — $4,694

EASTON BURNS, 11, and his father, **JOE BURNS**, won the Hyer #11 Rookie at the 2026 Cinch RSNC World Finals in Fort Worth, Texas, sorting 36 head in 222.39 seconds over four rounds to earn $13,196.

Riding with his son in the #11 Rookie class wasn't part of the original plan, but Joe had one extra ride and asked Easton whether he wanted to compete with him or spend the time playing with his friends. Easton chose to ride.

"We made it through all the rounds," Joe said. "We really didn't think we had much of a shot."

FROM 10TH TO FIRST

The father-son team entered the final round sitting on just 26 head, while the leaders held 29 and 30. They hoped to move up a few places, but Easton gave them much more than that.



"We were just hoping we could move up a couple spots, get a couple extra bucks," Joe said. "And then this little guy decided he was going to pull 10 head somehow."

Easton and Joe flipped their cattle, and Easton began picking them clean from the herd. Once the first two came through the gate, the cattle began falling into place.

"He's really smooth in there—the complete opposite of me," Joe said of his son.

At the eighth cow, Joe had to return to the herd. He pushed a trash cow up the wall and moved out to stop it while Easton went after their final numbered cow. The trash cow nearly beat Joe around the gate, but the team squeaked clean with a 6-inch margin.

When none of the remaining teams surpassed them, Easton and Joe had their world championship.

"I was excited when I was on the last cow and pushed it through," Easton said.

Competing beside his son came with a special kind of pressure.

"Before that, the most pressure I've ever had was riding with my wife," Joe said. "I don't get nervous in Top 10s or Finals or anything like that, but I got nervous last night."

When it was over, the emotion caught up with him.

"It was very special," Joe said. "I'm going to tear up again. It was very, very special."

A BIG NIGHT FOR TINDER

The Rookie championship completed a standout night for Easton and his mare, Metallic Pink Pearl (Metallic Cat x Tassas Dual Rey), a 2017 red roan, known as "Tinder." Joe rode his own mare, Bella Of The Blue (Mecom Bay Roan x Mighty Aphrodite), born in 2015, to the win. Easton also rode Tinder to claim the #10 Youth Beg/Adult Gate, winning the class with Brandon Kruger for $912.

Joe joked that Easton might need to use his earnings to buy a horse of his own because Joe planned to take Tinder back.

THE FULL TALLY

With two World Champion titles, Easton had his choice of hardware to sport. Asked which buckle he planned to wear, he said he would decide based on which class had been harder.

"The Rookie," Easton said, also noting how loud the crowd had been during his championship run.

Easton's week added up fast. Along with his shares for winning the Rookie and the #10 Youth Beg/Adult Gate championship, the latter also paid him $142 for a fourth-place finish, $114 for sixth, plus two Fast Go Bonuses worth $69 and $46. His total for the week: $7,425.

Joe's week stretched across three classes. Beyond the $6,598 he split with Easton in the Rookie and their earnings in the Youth Beginner/Adult Gate, Joe captured a third-place finish in the Open Sort worth $1,548, and added a $179 Fast Go Bonus there as well. His total for the week: $8,536.

LAREDO CONVERSIONS #10 HC

2026 CHAMPIONS

ELIZABETH CURETON
FREDERICKTOWN, MISSOURI

COLIE WEIGAND
WARRENSBURG, MISSOURI

WINNING
$16,028
224.86 ON 40 HEAD

TOTAL PAYOUT
$64,080

1. ELIZABETH CURETON, COLIE WEIGAND — $16,028
2. BODEE KRUGER, BRONSON KRUGER — $11,270
3. JOSE PONCIANO SANCHEZ, SARA HOLSTON — $8,064
4. SADEY RASMUSSEN, CAYSON SPENCER — $5,512
5. KIM CHRISTY, JENNIFER MARSHALL — $4,684
6. EDUARDO LEAL, FELIPE DEVIDES — $3,858
7. TRENT KNIGHT, PAISLEY WEIGAND — $3,306
8. GABRIEL GRACIANI, JOSE PONCIANO SANCHEZ — $2,756
9. EMILY SPERLE, KIM CHRISTY — $2,204
10. HANNAH JOHNSTON, FAITH MADDOX — $1,928

ELIZABETH CURETON, of Fredericktown, Missouri, and **COLIE WEIGAND**, of Warrensburg, Missouri, topped the Laredo Conversions #10 class, sorting a flawless 40 head in 224.86 seconds over four rounds at the 2026 Cinch RSNC World Finals in Fort Worth, Texas, for a $16,028 winners check.

The win was a first for both riders, who ride together often at home in Missouri and travel to shows as a pair.

A PERFECT 40

Cureton and Weigand came into the championship round sitting fifth, with 30 head already banked and a stacked field closing in.

The plan held. Cureton and Weigand worked past the 8 and picked up the final 10 head clean, finishing with a perfect 40. Weigand said the climb up the leaderboard took a toll before it paid off.

"It took a lot of pressure, and it took a lot to get back to each round," Weigand said of navigating the class, which ran more than 670 teams.

A GOAL REALIZED

A year earlier, Weigand seized a second-place finish at the World Finals, and she set her sights on getting back to the top.

"Last year, me and a different partner got second in the #4," Weigand said. "And I said I'm going to come



"The game plan was to just take what they could give us, get a cow clean, get one out at a time, and then just get a time," Weigand said.

Cureton, who watched the draw closely, knew two head in particular were giving every team trouble.

"We've just got to watch the No. 8. Let's make clean cuts," Cureton told Weigand going in.

back and I'm going to win it. And here I did."

Cureton had her own near misses to shake off, too. Last year, she said, she climbed into the top 11 in several classes but couldn't close it out.

"We could get to the second and third round, and we would just be right out of it," Cureton said. "There's a lot of tough competition here."

CATTY:
A Steady Partner from the Start

Cureton rode WS Catty Playtoy (Catty Hawk x Peptos Playtoy 005), an 11-year-old mare. She bought the mare from Galloway Performance Horses about a year ago and brought her to the World Finals for the first time last year before returning in 2026 for the win.

"She's quick, and she goes in the herd really smooth," Cureton said. "She's kind of all around. She works the gate really good. She's just a very nice horse."

A GRANDFATHER'S HORSE, A PERFECT FIT

Weigand's own young horse wasn't quite ready for the big pen, so Weigand rode her grandfather's mare, registered as CD Chica Sabi Catt (Sophisticated Catt x CD Chica Sabine, by Peptoboonsmal).

"He said, 'Get on this horse and ride this horse, my horse,'" Weigand said. "He said, 'Keep your hands down and just let her work.'"

The redheaded mare turned out to be exactly what Weigand needed.

"She's a fire-breathing dragon. She's got lots of go to her," Weigand said. "He said, 'You need something that's going to go.' And she's going to go, and she's going to give you her heart every time."

Weigand's grandfather, Dan Weigand, runs Machine Shed Arena, at the family's home arena in Warrensburg, Missouri, where he's taught both Weigand and her sister to ride and sort cattle.

"He's done everything for me. Ever since I was a little girl, he's trained me—how to sort, how to ride," Weigand said. "He's gave us some pretty good horses, pretty good lessons for us to both be here. I couldn't be here without him."

#18 3-RIDER 2-GATE

2026 CHAMPIONS

TRAVIS ROBERSON
BURLESON, TEXAS

WYATT ERB
BEVERLY, OHIO

BUTCH PORTER
MILAN, NEW MEXICO

WINNING
$7,095
137.23 ON 30 HEAD

TOTAL PAYOUT
$22,758

1 WYATT ERB
TRAVIS ROBERSON
BUTCH PORTER
$7,095

2 TRAVIS ROBERSON
BREA VARDAS
JOLEE STOREY
$5,229

3 EMILY SPERLE
KRIS DOORNINK
SAGE BACH
$3,951

4 TRITTON CLOUD
BREA VARDAS
BJ HILBORN
$1,998

5 JOSEPH ZITO
CLORALDO LEAL
CLORALDO LEAL JR
$1,797

6 KRIS DOORNINK
EMILY SPERLE
WAYNARD SCHMIDT
$1,599

7 LOGAN WOLFE
EMILY SPERLE
SHYLA NARACHI
$1,200



The draw team of **TRAVIS ROBERSON**, **BUTCH PORTER** and **WYATT ERB** topped the #18 3-Rider 2-Gate, walking away from the 2026 Cinch RSNC World Finals with $7,095 in their pockets after sorting a clean 30 head in 137.23 seconds over three rounds.

With three riders at three different levels, they each had to rely on one another, and it paid off.

"When you have a draw team, as an open rider, you know you're going to have to take care of things," said Roberson, of Burleson, Texas. "But Wyatt and Butch both took care of me, too. You don't see a lot of novice riders making those kinds of adjustments."

RISING TO THE OCCASION

Seeing how the team was working out, Roberson made a championship-round changeup.

"I started on another horse and, when it wasn't working, I went and got my wife's horse," Roberson said. "It was a pretty special deal to win on her, too."

The 2020 mare, Shiny Rollz (Rollz Royce x Shiny Luna), known as "Roxy," came to the Roberson family through a customer as a 4-year-old, but it was Caitlin, Roberson's wife, who connected with her enough to buy her outright.

"She's my wife's pride and joy," Roberson said. "She's won a lot of money on her, and I knew what she could do."

In a similar but different way, Porter's wife also made his run possible. He stepped in as a last-minute substitute after she broke her leg earlier in the week.

"She was like, 'You've got to jump in there,'" said Porter, of Milan, New Mexico. "So I jumped in with my ranch horse, and here we are."

Porter describes the 2017 gelding Reins Last Dance (Blame It On The Rein x Cute Red Freckles) as really cowy.

"He moves good, stops good and does whatever you ask."

FIRST BUCKLES

This was also Porter's first world championship, just four months into the sport.

"That's crazy, isn't it?" Porter said. "Blind squirrel finds one every now and then, I guess."

For 17-year-old Erb, this marked his first world championship after three years attending the World Finals.

"You really just run wide open," Erb, of Beverly, Ohio, said of the class's appeal. "There's calculation, but not near as much when there's a confined space."

Erb rode his ranch sorting partner of three years, Reys Nu Dual (Dual Rey x Special Nu Kitty), a 2017 sorrel gelding known as "Doc."

"He taught me a lot," Erb said. "He does real good for me. He's really easy to get along with."

WINNERS ALL AROUND

For Roberson, riding in the class led him to both a World Champion and a Reserve World Champion title with another team. He also cashed checks in the #14 Ranch Hand, the #12, the All Levels, and in the Hyer #11 Rookie for a total payout of $8,741.

Porter's week also double-dipped in the #18 3-Rider 2-Gate with a Fast Go Bonus, plus a sixth-place finish in the #4 and another Fast Go Bonus in the Mil-Spec Liner #6/4, bringing his take-home pay to $4,351.

Erb also saw success in the Ride TV Western Heritage #6 with a fourth-place finish, bringing his week's earnings to $3,422.

#10 MASTERS HANDICAP

2026 CHAMPIONS

SHELBY CAWTHON
HILLSBORO, TEXAS

DEROY WHITE
MOUNDS, OKLAHOMA

WINNING
$8,930
218.92 ON 32 HEAD

TOTAL PAYOUT
$34,550

1 DEROY WHITE
SHELBY CAWTHON
$8,930

2 HOUSTON HEIDELBERG
ROCHELLE RONDY
$6,220

3 JEFF MEHMEN
TAMMY KEITH
$3,734

4 CARL KRAKER
JOSE PONCIANO SANCHEZ
$3,572

5 MICHELLE CARNAHAN
DAVID CARNAHAN
$2,442

6 JIM RONDY
WALLY HAYS
$2,010

7 CHRIS SULLIVAN
BRENT HAILE
$1,724

8 RON VANDERZIEL JR.
ROBIN WOESSNER
$1,436

9 STEVE FREIHEIT
WAYNE SHARROCK
$1,148

10 TOM ROBERTS
DEROY WHITE
$1,006

SHELBY CAWTHON, of Hillsboro, Texas, and **DEROY WHITE, DVM**, of Mounds, Oklahoma, turned in a time of 218.92 seconds on 32 head across four rounds to become World Champions in the #10 Masters at the 2026 Cinch RSNC World Finals, worth $8,930.

ALL THE CONFIDENCE IN THE WORLD

Cawthon had come to the World Finals for years without cracking the top 10, until the pieces fell into place with friend White at her side.

"I've never made it back to the top 10 in anything," said Cawthon, a member of the Cinch RSNC Silver Hall of Fame. "And then to actually win the class... there's no words."

White, a Hall of Famer who ranks among the Top 10 winningest members of the Cinch RSNC, was equally pleased with the partnership.

"Riding with Shelby gives me all the confidence in the world," White said. "She's nice and smooth and, when I leave the gate, I don't worry about what's going to happen because I know she's going to take care of it."

The duo were ninth in the draw, allowing them to see what needed to be done to secure the win. Houston Heidelberg and Rochelle Rondy put together a strong ride, meaning Cawthon and White needed nine head.

White offered his partner some simple and sage advice.

"Let's just go ride our ride," he told Cawthon.

During their post-win interview on the EQN Sports Desk with Amy Wheatley, White shared his theory on the name of the Masters class.

"It's called the Masters because we're a lot wiser," White said in good humor. "Not older, but wiser."

TAMU'S LAST HURRAH

White rode his 20-year-old mare, Tamu Catolena (Cats Headliner x Colonel Ray Jaylena, by Tamulena), a horse on which he has earned $196,605 in the ranch sorting pen.

"My mare and I made it to the All Levels finals here last year, but she got crippled," White explained. "We worked some magic on her, and I brought her back at the first of the year," White said. "I am thinking this World Finals is her last hurrah."

White credits the mare's longevity to upkeep, not luck.



"The horses that'll last like my mare has, you need to do maintenance on 'em," White said. "Just like driving a truck, you do maintenance. They get sore, and you just have to take care of them."

CAWTHON'S NEW NO. 1

Cawthon nearly didn't ride the gelding that carried her to the win. A last-minute switch put her aboard Colored N Hot (Color Me Smart x Kinda Hot In Here, by Spots Hot), a 9-year-old APHA gelding known as "Nacho."

"My No. 1 horse came up limping a little bit, so I didn't want to ride him," said Cawthon, who has been sorting with her husband for nearly 30 years. "I took Nacho just to see how he did, and he stepped up and played the game. He might be my No. 1 now."

Cawthon has only owned Nacho a few months. Before that, he was hauled by Matt Stevens and Katie Stanley.

"He's really smooth and easy to ride. He just kind of glides across the pen," Cawthon said. "He knows the game. He knows his job, and that's what he does."

MORE WINS FROM THE WEEK

In addition to earning her first World Champion title at the 2026 World Finals, Cawthon also capitalized on a Fast Go Bonus in the Cinch #13 Gold Shootout worth $1,109, boosting her payout from the week to $5,574.

White wasn't finished with his Masters earnings, so he also went to the pay window with his 10th-place finish in the class. After capturing a Fast Go Bonus in the #10 Western Heritage Legends class, White went home with $5,098 more in lifetime earnings.

Total Feeds #8

2026 CHAMPIONS

DONNIE FREDERICK

CROSBY, TEXAS

BRANDON WINE

BOWIE, TEXAS

WINNING

$19,608

219.07 ON 36 HEAD

TOTAL PAYOUT

$76,660

1 BRANDON WINE, DONNIE FREDERICK — $19,608
2 COLT DOOLEY, CHAD CAMPBELL — $13,698
3 KILEY WATKINS, KATHY DOORNINK — $9,776
4 DAVID HARBERS, JERRY DAVIS — $6,444
5 COWBOY MARIANO, CARMEN LOWE — $5,478
6 BRAD SCRIVNER, CHARLES HOHENSEE — $4,510
7 BRANDON PIERCE, KAI CLARK — $3,866
8 BILLY NELL, MIKAYLA JACKSON — $3,220
9 TOMMY PERKINS, AARON BERRY — $2,578
10 CAIDEN KRAKER, AUBREE COKER — $2,256

It took 219.07 seconds and 36 head, but the Texas team of **DONNIE FREDERICK** and **BRANDON WINE** turned four rounds of the Total Feeds #8 into a $19,608 payday at the 2026 Cinch RSNC World Finals in Fort Worth, Texas.

The pairing goes back to the two riding together at Tim Field's shows around Texas, where Frederick asked Wine to team up for the 2026 season.

For Wine, riding with Frederick is a highlight of the win.



A NERVY FINISH

Frederick and Wine rode into the championship round with a clean slate, catching all 10 head in each of the first three rounds. The winning run looked smooth from the stands, but it came down to a shaky handoff between partners when Wine stepped out of the gate early, thinking Frederick already had his calf handled.

"I stepped out of the gate because I thought he had his calf, and I never looked back," said Wine, who hails from Bowie. "It stalled on him, and I went and got mine. Luckily, he came around and caught everything, and it worked out."

Frederick, who traveled to Fort Worth from Crosby, just outside Houston, said the plan all week had been simple.

"We just went in and made sure we got our cuts sorted correct and didn't put a lot of pressure on the cows," Frederick said. "It really helps."

"Donnie's just a trip," Wine said. "He's always a good time."

NEW TO THE GAME

Frederick began ranch sorting with Cinch RSNC in 2025, and he hit the ground running at last year's World Finals where he even snagged a couple Fast Time and Incentive checks. But to become a World Champion this year, he rode "Jolene," registered as Whatthefrecklecat (Bamacat x Freckles Dual Play), a 2017 mare he borrowed from his good friend, Keith Bertling.

"He lets me ride her a whole lot," Frederick said. "When you find a horse you click with, it makes it easy."

A DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH

Wine rode Smart Mouth Tracie (NRR Cat King Cole x Smart Mouth Annie), a 2018 bay gelding known as "Cowboy." The horse came to Wine's family with some age on him already, trained but having sat idle for several years before Wine's wife, Dana, took a liking to him and started riding him herself.

"He needed somebody to push him a little harder," Wine said. "I took him, and he's really cowy. He's made a good horse."

This also marked Wine's first world championship in two years of attending the Finals, and his first time ever breaking into the top 10. The Total Feeds #8 was the only class he entered at this year's Finals — he went all in, and it paid off. Frederick threw his hat into a few more pens throughout the week, but this was the one that counted.

#2 BEGINNER SORT

2026 CHAMPIONS

CAMDEN ELLIS

NORMAN, OKLAHOMA

HALEY TSCHICKARDT

CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

WINNING

$2,098

84.47 ON 15 HEAD

TOTAL PAYOUT

$8,100

1 CAMDEN ELLIS, HALEY TSCHICKARDT — $2,098
2 BROGAN STUART, LISA ZAMBRANO — $1,648
3 BROGAN STUART, KYLE BERTLING — $1,274
4 ALLIE MCKEE, SAMMY LAHAM — $750
5 RC CHAVEZ, AVERY HALL — $674
6 DAVE SALZBRENNER, COLT BADEAUX — $600
7 JEREMY MILLER, MICHELLE WIBBENS — $450

After meeting for the first time at the Finals, **CAMDEN ELLIS**, 13, of Norman, Oklahoma, and **HALEY TSCHICKARDT**, 20, of Corpus Christi, Texas, won the #2 Beginner Sort at the 2026 Cinch RSNC World Finals in Fort Worth, Texas, sorting 15 head in 84.47 seconds over three rounds for $2,098.

LUCK OF THE DRAW

On paper, Ellis, 13, and Tschickardt, 20, seemed unlikely champions. They had never met, never ridden together and had never swung a leg over the horses beneath them. Tschickardt hadn't even planned to compete. And days earlier, Ellis walked out of an emergency room with nine staples in his head.

Their partnership came together through the virtual rider draw, a placeholder assigned when no real partner is available for the team draw.

"I had a virtual rider," Ellis said. "I thought I'd get scratched, then Haley just came up and told me, 'Hey, I'm going to ride with you.'"

Tschickardt attends Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas, and attended the Finals simply to reconnect with friends from her ranch sorting days back in high school.

"I came back here to just see the old sorters but figured, 'I'll just get on again because I miss it,'" she said.

The pair leaned on a simple plan in the short round.

"We just needed to get five head," Ellis said.

Tschickardt, who hadn't sorted with RSNC before and hadn't competed in more than a year, said the nerves faded once she was in the pen.

"I was feeling anxious, but then I got in the pen and I did some rollbacks at the gate and then I thought, 'Okay, let's just go and have fun,'" she said. "And we ended up winning, so that's awesome."

NEW PARTNERS, NEW HORSES

Neither rider had a history with the horse they rode to the win.

Ellis was aboard Smoothies Starlight (Smooth As A Cat x Nurse Gray), a 2015 sorrel gelding, or "Tuff" under saddle. The horse belongs to Ellis' grandfather Don Lamont, a well-known name in ranch sorting circles, and it was Ellis' first time on the horse.

"He's pretty fast," Ellis said. "He knows how to work."

Tschickardt rode Maid In Texas (Third Cutting x Maid By Haida), a 2017 mare, or "Buttercup" under saddle, belonging to her former high school sorting trainer, Nicole Hale, who herself had owned the horse only a few weeks. Tschickardt was surprised to learn the horse had no background in sorting.

"Thankfully this horse was a cutter and knew her stuff," Tschickardt said. "She was great."



THE WEEK THAT ALMOST WASN'T

Ellis' path to the pen took an unplanned detour days before the Finals.

"I was riding an electric bike and this golf cart pulled out in front of me," he said. "I slammed on the brakes, went flying and busted my head open."

Nine staples later, Ellis was back in the saddle and collecting his first buckle.

Tschickardt admitted she felt the weight of it more than her partner did.

"He told me he never won a buckle before, right before we went in," she said. "And I was like, 'Oh, great, no pressure.'"

Their partnership lasted just three rounds, but it was enough to turn two strangers—and two unfamiliar horses—into World Finals champions.

USRider #5 GOLD SHOOTOUT

2026 CHAMPIONS

JESSE STANFILL
LEXINGTON, TENNESSEE

TREVOR HATCHETT
LEXINGTON, TENNESSEE

WINNING
$14,392
194.40 ON 21 HEAD

TOTAL PAYOUT
$59,840

1 JESSE STANFILL, TREVOR HATCHETT — $14,392
2 TERESA ADAMS, CAIDEN KRAKER — $12,178
3 MARCUS WENGERD, PAISLEY WEIGAND — $7,750
4 SHYLA NARACHI, KEN MARKS — $5,534
5 AARON PEDRAZA, RAY ROBERSON — $4,980
6 SHERRI MCDONALD, LEXI WHITE — $4,428
7 KEN MARKS, CRAIG ANDERSON — $3,322
8 BOBBY NOLAN, CHERYL REDMOND — $2,766

JESSE STANFILL and **TREVOR HATCHETT**, both of Lexington, Tennessee, topped the US Rider #5 Gold Shootout, splitting $14,392 after sorting 21 head in 194.40 seconds over four rounds at the 2026 Cinch RSNC World Finals in Fort Worth, Texas.



LIVING ON A PRAYER

The #5 Gold Shootout provides opportunities for lower rated riders to compete in a high-stakes, big payout class, and riders at the 2026 Cinch RSNC World Finals showed up on Gold Shootout day, filling the class. Stanfill and Hatchett, who ride together at Stanfill Performance Horses, run by Reece and Simone Stanfill, had to work hard just to reach the short go, where only six teams made it through clean.

"Round 1, it was seriously, we were living on a prayer," said Stanfill, a Bronze member of the Cinch RSNC Hall of Fame. "Those cattle were tough. Thankfully, Trevor and I have rode together quite a bit in the past, so we had our game plan."

Hatchett, who only started competing in Cinch RSNC in 2026, said the plan came down to staying steady rather than forcing a fast time.

"Just don't blow out," Hatchett said of that plan. "Get a time and take what they'll give us."

Their plan worked. It carried them into the short go, where the draw broke their way, and Stanfill and Hatchett closed it out for the $14,392 win.

"I'm a 3, so I'm not having to ride against 7s, 8s and 9s," Stanfill said. "I have a shot in here."

Stanfill rode Hot Time Desire (Hottish x Desires Time), a 2020 sorrel mare known as "Frida." She first saw the mare two years ago in a futurity and fell for her on the spot. But the asking price was out of reach, and the mare's owner kept hauling her around trying to sell her, even as far as Montana.

"I kept telling my husband, 'She's not going to come back,'" Stanfill said.

Frida came back unsold. Stanfill sold a horse she'd outgrown to free up the cash, bought Frida that November, and won her first saddle in ranch sorting on her within the year, at the Tennessee State Finals.

A LONG TIME COMING

"My goal coming in was just to make the top 10," Stanfill admitted. "I didn't even care what happened after that," Stanfill said.

This championship marked not only her first World Finals win, but also her first time ever making it to the championship round, making the nine-hour trip from Tennessee that much more worth it.

She did it all in a class she rarely enters, usually leaving the Gold Shootout classes to her husband to compete in. This year, the #5 and its accessibility for more riders changed her mind.

Professional's Choice #9 GOLD SHOOTOUT

2026 CHAMPIONS

JOHNNIE LUSK
HENDERSON, TEXAS

JIM ODOM
FATE, TEXAS

WINNING
$41,770
218.43 ON 36 HEAD

TOTAL PAYOUT
$179,410

1 JOHNNIE LUSK, JIM ODOM — $41,770
2 TOMMY PERKINS, BILL WOMACK — $30,074
3 CHAD CAMPBELL, COWBOY MARIANO — $21,718
4 HANNAH JOHNSTON, ALYSON OLIVEIRA — $13,238
5 RANDY MOORE, RAELYNN BERRY — $14,722
6 ANDREW ZITO, SHANE BOUDREAUX — $12,216
7 ANNA BRAUNSCHMIDT, CARMEN LOWE — $10,372
8 BRONSON KRUGER, CASEY LIVINGSTON — $8,700
9 KAI CLARK, ADLEY RENEAU — $7,030
10 SHYLA NARACHI, LONDON DICKSON — $6,022

JOHNNIE LUSK, of Henderson, Texas, and **JIM ODOM**, of Fate, Texas, sorted 36 head in 218.43 seconds over four rounds to win the Professional's Choice #9 Gold Shootout at the 2026 Cinch RSNC World Finals, the highest-paying class of the event, worth $41,770 of the class's $179,410 total payout.

The win almost didn't happen. Weeks out from the World Finals, Odom had double-booked himself and wasn't planning to make the run at all.



A RIDE NEARLY LOST

Lusk wasn't about to let that happen.

"Jim had overbooked and wasn't going to ride this ride," Lusk said. "I told him, 'You've got a problem—you need to fix this with somebody else,' because we had this ride planned for months. He adjusted it, and it worked out well for us."

Once they were in the pen together, the plan was simple.

"We like to get hooked up a little bit, keep each other slow, and pick them out one at a time," Lusk said. "We were blessed to be here."

Even after crossing the line, the win wasn't a sure thing.

"There were still four teams that could catch us," Lusk said. "We weren't rooting against anybody—we were rooting for the cows. It all worked out for us."

BORROWED HORSES

Neither of the horses that carried Lusk and Odom to the win belonged to them. Lusk rode RJ Olena Sannman (Sannman x RJ Randy Red Cat), a 2019 red roan mare he calls "Lena," one of several horses sired by $4 Million Sire Sannman and owned by the Cooper family—Johnny, Shannon and Janet Cooper—who loan Lusk their horses to compete on.

"We're blessed to have these Sannman horses," Lusk said. "They're good-tempered, they're athletic, and they're just all-around good horses."

Odom's own horse was out of juice by the time the World Finals rolled around, so he needed another mount. He found one in Bama San Kitty (Bama Cat x Purrin Again), a 2021 sorrel mare known as "Chillzy"—owned by Will Sloan, who'd bought her for his wife. The two never quite got along.

"This horse belongs to Will Sloan—he bought it for his wife, but she doesn't get along with it," Odom said. "My horse was out of juice, so I said, 'Hey, I'm getting on this horse,' and the rest is history."

Odom had never sat on the mare before the World Finals. He climbed aboard for the first time in the second round of competition.

"It got me here," Odom said. "It's pretty nice."

A RECORD NIGHT, AFTER A ROUGH START

Odom's day hadn't started well. He failed his comeback run in the #13 Gold Shootout earlier in the day and wasn't expecting much heading into the #9.

"I didn't have high hopes coming into the number nine, to be honest," Odom said. "But it worked out."

The Professional's Choice #9 Gold Shootout was the highest-paying class of the 2026 World Finals, and the Gold Shootout Finals Night made history as the highest-paying single day in ranch sorting history, with more than $416,000 awarded.

A SECOND TITLE AND A FIRST

Lusk, a Gold member of the Cinch RSNC Hall of Fame who joined the organization in 2014, has stood on top before. He won the 2024 #10 Non-Pro Shootout and was the 2023 #10 Masters World Champion.

For Odom, a Bronze Hall of Fame member since joining RSNC in 2010, the win was his first World Champion title. He was the 2013 #11 Ranch Hand Reserve World Champion, but this was the first time he's reached the top of the leaderboard.

Both said they already know what they'll do with their winnings.

"It's always good to save it for a rainy day," Lusk said. "It's going in the bank."

"Yeah, I think we're going to go out and have a good time tonight," Odom said.

#13 GOLD SHOOTOUT

2026 CHAMPIONS

REY ECHETO
SANGER, TEXAS

COLETTE LESH
LONE GROVE, OKLAHOMA

WINNING
$34,222
229.18 ON 38 HEAD

TOTAL PAYOUT
$147,984

1. REY ECHETO, COLETTE LESH — $34,222
2. TUCKER FIELD, TREVER FIELD — $24,640
3. BOB MCPHERSON, PAYTON BRZYMIALKIEWICZ — $17,794
4. ANNA BRAUNSCHMIDT, JARED LESH — $13,688
5. GAGE ANDERSON, BRIAN BUCKNER — $11,634
6. NICOLE PITSCH, AUBREE COKER — $9,582
7. ARIELLE WEEAST, HUNTER BRZYMIALKIEWICZ — $8,212
8. WALLY HAYS, DAN WEIGAND — $6,846
9. ANNALISE RIVADENEIRA, PAYTON BRZYMIALKIEWICZ — $5,476
10. REECE STANFILL, JUNIOR RIBEIRO — $4,790

REY ECHETO, of Sanger, Texas, and **COLETTE LESH**, of Lone Grove, Oklahoma, sorted 38 head in 229.18 seconds over four rounds to win the Cinch #13 Gold Shootout at the 2026 Cinch RSNC World Finals, worth $34,222 of the class's $147,984 total payout.

Echeto and Lesh were sitting third when they entered the short round of one of the highest paying classes in ranch sorting, landing the first-out draw on a fresh herd neither of them had seen work.



JUST STAY ALIVE

Being first out worried Lesh going in. She didn't know how the untested cattle would break, or whether one would turn back on them the way a bad one had earlier in the week.

"Rey's like, 'Okay, that's great, we're first out,'" Lesh said. "I kind of had to change my mindset. I just wanted to go out there, set the bar high, and take what it would give us."

Echeto felt the same pressure, but he kept it simple in the seconds before their run.

"Be easy, Colette," he told his partner as they crossed the line. "Let's just stay alive. We get a time, we're in the money—let's just stay alive."

It worked. Echeto and Lesh sorted all 10 head, and the run held. The team that had come in leading, and the team right behind it, each had a chance to beat the pace—and both came up short.

A HEART MARE AND A MILLION-DOLLAR GELDING

Lesh rode Northern Lightz (Catty Hawk x Hya Lights Me Now), a 2018 sorrel mare she calls "Gigi," to the win. She bought the mare from Bill and Michelle Cowan as a 3-year-old already recovering from stifle surgery, with no guarantee she'd stay sound.

"I just feel like we get each other," Lesh said. "She's one mare that I will never sell. She's got quirks—she's ADD to the max—but I let her be her."

Echeto's mount carried a very different price tag. Hott Twice (Hottish x Tapt Twice), his 2020 sorrel gelding known as "Jackpot," sold to Terry Green for $1.5 million as a 2-year-old at Western Bloodstock's 2022 NCHA Futurity Sale, breaking the record at a sale that averaged $93,744.

"He's got a great personality," Echeto said of the horse he acquired from Matt Stevens. "He's like a big dog. If there's something to mess with, he's going to mess with it. He just wants to have friends and have fun."

A BRIGHT SPOT

Becoming the Cinch #13 World Champion further marks the tremendous success Echeto is having in the sorting pen. It follows last year's World Finals win in the Non-Pro Futurity, and at this season's shows in San Antonio and Waco, where he saw more Gold Shootout success.

For Lesh, however, the win capped a year that tested her far beyond the sorting pen. She missed the 2025 World Finals after her third major back surgery. Then came a stretch that piled one crisis on another: her oldest son, Jackson Ammermon, survived a brutal and life-threatening car accident that kept Lesh at his hospital bedside for five weeks. Days before, she broke her leg and had to schedule her own surgery as her son navigated a medically induced coma that allowed his medical team to treat his broken neck and brain trauma.

Within weeks, Lesh's doctors diagnosed her with kidney cancer. She delayed the surgery to remove the kidney until after a few January shows so she could compete alongside her sons—Jackson is the 2022 Cinch RSNC World Finals Non-Pro Futurity Champion and his brother, Preston Ammermon, is the 2024 #14 Ranch Hand World Champion. Lesh had the kidney removed a few days later. By June, she barely qualified to compete for the Cinch Bonus Money, making it in at the last eligible show of the season.

"It's completely changed the way I look at life," Lesh said of the year. "I try to have so much more of a positive attitude, even when I have a bad run, because life could seriously be so much worse—and I've been there."

Priefert® OPEN GOLD SHOOTOUT

2026 CHAMPIONS

RODI TORRES
WALLER, TEXAS

KEVIN REESE
FAYETTEVILLE, TENNESSEE

WINNING
$11,204
129.11 ON 30 HEAD

TOTAL PAYOUT
$28,008

1. RODI TORRES, KEVIN REESE — $11,204
2. TREVER FIELD, COLETTE LESH — $8,402
3. CHRIS MANGOLD, LOGAN WOLFE — $5,602
4. TANNER KEITH, JOEL LESH — $2,800

RODI TORRES, of Waller, Texas, and **KEVIN REESE**, of Fayetteville, Tennessee, topped the Priefert Open Gold Shootout, sorting 30 head in 129.11 seconds over three rounds at the 2026 Cinch RSNC World Finals in Fort Worth, Texas, for $11,204.

A FINALS WORTH THE TRIP

The win marked Torres' first trip back to the World Finals in seven years.

"It's been a rough week, though, so to have this happen tonight has for sure helped out," Torres said. "But it sure is glad to be back. It's exciting."



A LAST-MINUTE TEAM

Not all great teams spend years in the making. Sometimes it just takes 20 minutes.

"I picked up Rodi right before this. It just kind of come together," Reese said. "We ride a lot alike, and it just works. Good Lord is on our side. That's all I can tell you."

Torres wasn't even planning on riding in the class until Reese asked him for a ride 20 minutes before it started.

"I've rode with Kevin before here in the past. We very much get along in there," Torres said.

The win set the tone for the rest of Torres' week. He also won the #18 HC Bareback/Bridleless class with Payton Brzymialkiewicz for $1,350 and added a third-place finish in the same class with Kori Haile for $718.

THE HORSES THAT MADE THE WIN

Torres rode Jelly Rollz (Rollz Royce x Miss Metallica), a 2020 bay gelding owned by Scott Henderson, who has only been sorting for about six months.

"He's won a bunch of money in the cutting pen but did not sort before he came over to us," Torres praised the gelding. "He's given me goosebumps sitting there in the gate when he's cowing and just sprawls out and is just sitting there. It's so cool, he's a special boy."

Reese rode Sunny Reys Ahead (Dual Reyish x Reys Pitchfork 10), a 2020 mare he calls "Yella."

"She's been really, really special to us," Reese said. "My little girl's won a ton on her. She's just a freak. I don't know how else to say it. She does everything I ask and gives 130% every time I ask."

BETTING ON LUCK

Heading into the final round, Torres had already clocked a difficult herd, including one troublesome cow that had given other teams fits.

"When I saw that herd come in, I knew exactly what it was," Torres said about the challenging herd. "You can't make things happen in there. It very much has to happen on its own, especially on a tough herd like that."

Luckily, the draw broke their way.

"We got a good draw," Torres said. "It laid out for us to get that 10 head. We didn't have to fight off a whole lot. The trash cow didn't come at us one time. That was crazy, because it ran over just about everybody else. He was the winner of the night. I was very surprised it didn't come at us, but a lot of luck was involved."

"I'd rather be lucky than good," he added.

TWO PLATINUM HALL OF FAMERS

Torres began competing with the Cinch RSNC in 2010, making his first trip to the World Finals in 2016—the year he became a first-time World Champion in the All Levels. He's a Platinum member of the Cinch RSNC Hall of Fame.

Reese joined the Cinch RSNC a year later, in 2011, and made his own first trip to the World Finals in 2018. That year, he claimed his first World Champion buckles in the All Levels and the #14 Ranch Hand. He's also a Cinch RSNC Featured Trainer and a Platinum member of the Cinch RSNC Hall of Fame.

#12

2026 CHAMPIONS

RANDY MOORE
YATESVILLE, GEORGIA

KEN NORMAN
KAPLAN, LOUISIANA

WINNING
$9,660
229.58 ON 36 HEAD

TOTAL PAYOUT
$37,120

1. RANDY MOORE, KEN NORMAN — $9,660
2. KAI CLARK, CHERRIE MAHON — $6,714
3. BRUNO SAGRISE, GABRIEL GRACIANI — $3,982
4. LOGAN WOLFE, KENZIE MILLER — $3,864
5. TRENT KNIGHT, RYAN KOCH — $2,604
6. COLETTE LESH, RICKY HIGHTOWER — $2,144
7. TIAGO FREITAS, ISABELLA SILVEIRA — $1,838
8. JOSH COCHRAN, JORDAN RAY — $1,532
9. BRUCE THOMPSON, KATHY DOORNINK — $1,226
10. TRAVIS ROBERSON, RICKY HIGHTOWER — $1,072

Despite arriving at the sport from opposite ends of the horse world, **RANDY MOORE**, of Yatesville, Georgia, and **KEN NORMAN**, of Kaplan, Louisiana, found themselves celebrating the same accomplishment after winning the #12 at the 2026 Cinch RSNC World Finals, sorting



36 head in 229.58 seconds over four rounds. The pair earned $9,660 of the class's $37,120 total payout for their first World Champion titles.

FROM 0 TO WORLD CHAMP IN 4 YEARS

For Moore, ranch sorting started with family.

"My son started doing it," Moore said. "First time I ever got on a horse was four years ago."

Now, he's a ranch sorting World Champion.

Moore joined RSNC in 2021 and is now a Platinum member of the Cinch RSNC Hall of Fame with more than $100,000 in lifetime earnings. He added to that total a day earlier, placing fifth in the Professional's Choice #9 Gold Shootout for $7,361, part of a World Finals take-home he pulled at $13,191.

NOT AS EASY AS IT LOOKS

On the other hand, Norman's spent years as a professional jockey before stepping into a ranch sorting arena.

"Everybody watches it and says, 'Oh, this looks easy,'" said Norman, who found himself learning an entirely new way of riding. "Everything I did on a racehorse was mostly with my hands. Ranch sorting is very technical and a lot of feet action—something I wasn't used to."

Although he's only been ranch sorting for about three years—he joined RSNC in 2024—Norman arrived at his first World Finals hoping to accomplish one simple goal.

"I was just trying to make the Top 10," he said. "I would've been grateful for that."

Instead, he left as a World Champion.

This was also the first time he's hauled out-of-state for a Cinch RSNC event. Back home, he supports Cinch RSNC events produced by Southern Louisiana Team Sorting Association (SLTSA) and fellow Louisiana sorter Troy Rue.

LEARNING TOGETHER

As the cattle became more challenging throughout the class, Moore focused on keeping his partner comfortable and sticking to a simple plan.

"The first round they kind of laid out for us," Moore said. "The second round wasn't too shabby, but after that we really had to fight for everything we got."

Knowing nerves could easily become a factor, Moore encouraged Norman to stay focused on their own run.

"I told Ken, 'You've just got to ride your ride and don't listen to the outside of the pen,'" Moore said. "As long as we communicate, we're going to be okay."

Norman appreciated the confidence his partner showed throughout the class.

"He was phenomenal in the herd," Norman said. "He protected me at the gate. Very few I had to fend off."

Drawing second in the championship round also meant a long wait as eight more teams tried to catch them. After one of the strongest teams failed to surpass their score, Moore finally allowed himself to think they might have done enough.

"Once that happened, I felt pretty good that we had it in the bag," he said.

HORSES THAT MADE THE DIFFERENCE

Moore credited much of the championship to his 6-year-old gelding, "Tommy."

"He's just very smooth, calm," Moore said. "He's real talented as to feeling which cow you're looking for."

Norman rode Little Dun Magic (Dunn Little Scoot x Cattin About Magic), or "Scooter," a gelding he purchased from Shane Boudreaux after retiring an older horse.

"He's very forgiving," Norman said. "I can make mistakes, and he kind of corrects me."

LIKE CHRISTMAS

For Moore, winning a World Champion title was the culmination of four years spent learning a sport he discovered through his son.

For Norman, it validated a transition from one equine discipline to another and capped an unforgettable first trip to the World Finals.

"I stayed up until about 2 a.m. looking at videos," Norman said. "It was like Christmas morning when you were a kid."

ALL LEVELS

2026 CHAMPIONS

JOEL LESH
STILLWATER, OKLAHOMA

TANNER KEITH
AUSTINVILLE, VIRGINIA

WINNING
$9,274
179.15 ON 40 HEAD

TOTAL PAYOUT
$33,596

1. JOEL LESH, TANNER KEITH — $9,274
2. KODY WARD, LEO FERRAZ — $6,468
3. WAYNARD SCHMIDT, KRIS DOORNINK — $4,612
4. TREVER FIELD, TRISHA FIELD — $3,010
5. CASH FOWLER, GAGE MOORE — $2,558
6. TANNER KEITH, JARED LESH — $2,106
7. JOEL LESH, DARREN ROBERTS — $1,806
8. MATT STEVENS, TRAVIS ROBERSON — $1,504
9. JP DUTRA, LARRY KEITH — $1,204
10. BILLY NELL, MILLAH FROST — $1,054

JOEL LESH and **TANNER KEITH** topped the All Levels, sorting 40 head in 179.15 seconds over four rounds at the 2026 Cinch RSNC World Finals in Fort Worth, Texas, for $9,274.

FINISHING THE WEEK RIGHT

For Lesh this win was the move he needed to turn a week of just missing out on final rounds around. This partnership proved invaluable at making them successful.

Keith's week was just as loaded. He won the Pro Futurity with Brian Buckner for $8,800, took the Challenge of the Champions Open title for $1,000, and placed second in the #14 Ranch Hand class with Nelson Mas for $8,242.



A PARTNERSHIP WITH A TRACK RECORD

This wasn't a new pairing finding chemistry. In 2025, Lesh, of Stillwater, Oklahoma, and Keith, of Austinville, Virginia, won big in the Open, taking the Cinch RSNC World Finals Open Sort title together. The partnership kept rolling into January, when the two reunited to win the inaugural Cowtown Showdown, riding the same two horses to a $40,000 payday at a benefit that raised $85,000 for kids fighting cancer. They rode into the 2026 World Finals determined to keep the streak alive.

"I've been riding with him really solid the last three years," Lesh said. "We probably see each other at about eight or 10 shows a year. I can call him a good friend. We're not just partners."

Lesh credited the pair's lack of ego for their success.

"When Tanner and I ride together, there's no one really in charge," Lesh said. "We're listening to what the other one's doing. Even if we have a mistake happen, we don't let it change what we're going to do next."

Lesh rode Hot Baloo (Lil Catbaloo x Hotstuff An Then Sum), a 2020 chestnut mare he calls "Kahlua." Keith rode Metal Rebel (Metallic Rebel x Aristocrats Rose), a 2018 gelding known as "Lucky." Both horses have carried the pair for almost two years.

It was a big week for Lesh beyond this win, too. He also took the Spalding Labs Western Heritage All Levels title with Cali Brookshire for $7,972, and finished seventh in this same All Levels class with Darren Roberts for $1,806.

LUCKY DUCK

2026 CHAMPIONS

KRIS DOORNINK
SUNDANCE, WYOMING

CHET BARRETT
MT. AIRY, GEORGIA

WINNING
$2,160
64.80 ON 9 HEAD

TOTAL PAYOUT
$3,600

1 KRIS DOORNINK
CHET BARRETT
$2,160

2 WAYNARD SCHMIDT
RILEY LAWLESS
$1,440

KRIS DOORNINK, of Sundance, Wyoming, and **CHET BARRETT**, of Mt. Airy, Georgia, turned in 64.80 seconds on nine head across four rounds to win the Lucky Duck Championship at the 2026 Cinch RSNC World Finals in Fort Worth, Texas, earning $2,160.

The Lucky Duck class is reserved for the week's hard-luck cases, riders that survived rough draws, unplanned dismounts and other mishaps to ride on the last night of the World Finals in a drag-race style format with two pens running at once.



LUCKY BLIND DRAW

Doornink and Barrett had never sorted together before stepping into the pen.

"I've never met this guy before," Doornink said of his newfound partner. "I didn't see him until I rode in the gate. But I am sure glad it worked out."

Getting to the championship round wasn't easy. In their head-to-head first round, the team managed just one cow before their opponents blew out. In the second round, both teams blew out, but Doornink and Barrett lasted two seconds longer. Their third round saw their opponents blow out again on the tricky cattle, sending the team to the final round.

"If the cows are soft, you really got to go for it and make sure you stay ahead," Doornink said. "But when they're tough like this, you've just got to stay alive."

Doornink chases the drag-race format whenever he can.

"I ride in a class like this every chance I get," Doornink said. "I wish there was more [of them]. There's only a couple a year and I love it. I think it's so much fun. You cut loose and run."

For Barrett, the win called back to his 2025 success in the same class.

"I knew exactly what to do," Barrett said. "When you get to this point, there's nothing to lose. Just go for it."

THE HORSES

Barrett rode Royalicious (One Time Royalty x Stylin Caddilac, by Docs Stylish Sam), a 2018 sorrel gelding he calls "Ringo." He bought the gelding from Colleen Galloway about six months ago.

"He's fast, quick. He does it all," Barrett said. "He was a little fast, but we stayed together."

Doornink rode Metallic Little Linx (Metallic Cat x Marina Rey), purchased from Kody Ward. The gelding technically belongs to Doornink's wife, Kara, though Doornink has ridden him for about eight months and cashed in big at places like the ranch sorting in Reno.

"He's our best horse in the barn right now," Doornink said. "I've won so much money on this horse."

A HABIT OF WINNING

Barrett, who joined Cinch RSNC in 2022, is now a back-to-back Lucky Duck World Champion after winning the class in 2025, too. He's also the 2024 World Champion of the Western Heritage All Levels.

Doornink, a Platinum member of the Cinch RSNC Hall of Fame who joined the association in 2021, is also the 2025 Open Gold Shootout World Champion. Throughout the Finals, he pulled another check with Waynard Schmidt when they took third place in the All Levels for $4,612, while Barrett headed home knowing he'd successfully defended his Lucky Duck title.

#18 BAREBACK/BRIDLELESS

2026 CHAMPIONS

PAYTON BRZYMIALKIEWICZ
WALLER, TEXAS

RODI TORRES
WALLER, TEXAS

WINNING
$1,350
144.53 ON 30 HEAD

TOTAL PAYOUT
$4,220

1 PAYTON BRZYMIALKIEWICZ
RODI TORRES
$1,350

2 BODEE KRUGER
PAISLEY WEIGAND
$1,012

3 KORI HAILE
RODI TORRES
$718

4 CAYSON SPENCER
KORI HAILE
$422

5 HANNAH KAUFMAN
MANU YOUNG
$380

6 CLORALDO LEAL, JR.
CALI BROOKSHIRE
$338

PAYTON BRZYMIALKIEWICZ and **RODI TORRES**, both of Waller, Texas, won the #18 Bareback/Bridleless at the 2026 Cinch RSNC World Finals in Fort Worth, Texas, sorting 30 head in 144.53 seconds over three rounds to earn $1,350.

A COMEBACK, NOT A RETIREMENT

For Torres, fresh off a win in the Prieffert Open Gold Shootout with Kevin Reese, the bareback title completed a memorable return to the Finals after several years away.

"I never actually retired," Torres said. "I just didn't have the horsepower to justify going to shows. This past year we moved into another barn, business has picked back up and I've been able to get more rides and go to more shows. Everything's coming together again. I had a few setbacks but never stopped riding. It's not really coming out of retirement; I'm just coming back."

NEIGHBORS WHO KNOW EACH OTHER'S MOVE

Living only a few minutes apart, Brzymialkiewicz and Torres had ridden together before, and were familiar with each other's communication shorthand.

That familiarity paid off, especially in the short round. With Brzymialkiewicz at the gate, Torres got the first cow then found himself in prime position to get the second.

"Next thing I know, he's going again for two," Brzymialkiewicz said. "And then he runs out three."

Torres said it comes down to trusting the calls in the moment.

"Those 'stay there, I've got it' calls happen really fast," Torres said.

Brzymialkiewicz said the pace made it hard to keep track of which cow was next.

"I didn't even know where the next cow was and Rodi had already got it!" Brzymialkiewicz quipped.



BUILT FOR BAREBACK

Brzymialkiewicz rode Cat Azur (High Brow Cat x Blue Quilena), a 2015 sorrel mare she calls "Chubs." A fall off a different horse in her first bareback competition pushed Brzymialkiewicz to appreciate Chubs' stout build.

"The first year I did the bareback class, I fell off because my horse didn't have much wither," Brzymialkiewicz said. "Then I got Chubs. She's built like a chunky barrel. I just grip on."

Torres rode Jelly Rollz (Rollz Royce x Miss Metallica), a 2020 bay gelding owned by Scott Henderson, whose low-slung stop suits the bareback format.

"A lot of horses drop their front end when they cow hard like that," Torres said. "But when he cows, his whole body drops. He just sits you there instead of driving you forward."

For Torres, who also placed third in the class for a $718 split, the win was as much about the partner as the payout.

"It's cool," he said. "I like winning with Payton. We've had a few wins together already, and it's always a good ride."

WORLD CHAMPION BUCKLES BY THE BUCKET

At the 2026 World Finals, Brzymialkiewicz—a Gold member of the Cinch RSNC Hall of Fame who joined RSNC in 2019—also capitalized on her Cinch #13 Gold Shootout entries, which led to two Top 10 paychecks as well as two Fast Go Bonus checks for a tidy, take-home sum of $16,751.

Torres, a Platinum member of the Cinch RSNC Hall of Fame, has competed in RSNC since 2010.

Between them, the riders each have more Cinch RSNC World Champion buckles than this story has space to list.

GRADUATED ROOKIE #6 HANDICAP

2026 CHAMPIONS

ITALO PINHEIRO
LORENA, TEXAS

GABRIEL GRACIANI
WEATHERFORD, TEXAS

WINNING
$10,406
227.40 ON 34 HEAD

TOTAL PAYOUT
$46,126

1. ITALO PINHEIRO / GABRIEL GRACIANI — $10,406
2. WAYNARD SCHMIDT / ERIC TURNER — $9,742
3. CLARA MAS / SHYLA NARACHI — $6,762
4. STACY HOWARD / DESIREE GARRETT — $5,062
5. MARK LINDSEY / JAKE LINDSEY — $3,538
6. AMADOR GONZALES / SYDNEY GONZALES — $2,914
7. ALVARO ESCALONA / JAY HALE — $2,498
8. ALBERTO VILLALON / HALEY RANKIN — $2,082
9. THERESA GUIDRY / BAILEY LANHAM — $1,666
10. JESSE STANFILL / SHELBY WRIGHT — $1,456

ITALO PINHEIRO and **GABRIEL GRACIANI** sorted 34 head in four rounds and 227.40 seconds to win the Graduated Rookie #6 and $10,406 at the 2026 Cinch RSNC World Finals.

For Graciani, ranch sorting in Brazil taught him one style of competition. Winning a Cinch RSNC World Championship required another.



LEARNING A DIFFERENT GAME

Although Graciani brought years of ranch sorting experience from Brazil before relocating to Weatherford, Texas, he said the biggest adjustment wasn't learning the rules—it was learning the cattle.

"In Brazil, we run for time, like 20 seconds or 30 seconds," Graciani said. "The cattle are easier most of the time. Here, especially at the World Finals, the cattle are tougher."

Success, he discovered, wasn't determined by speed alone. It came from reading the herd, adapting to what the cattle presented, and making the right decisions as the run unfolded.

"You win on your brain," Graciani said. "You need to play smart and figure it out in the middle of the run."

That approach became especially important in the championship round.

Pinheiro, also from Brazil, now claims Lorena, Texas, as his hometown. He said the pair entered the championship round expecting they'd need to sort all 10 head to secure the title. But as the final team to compete, they watched the leaderboard change before entering the arena.

"Our plan for the final round was to take it easy and collect all 10 cows," Pinheiro said. "When Eric Turner totaled 33 cows, we only needed five cows to become Champions."

The thrill of the game can challenge the best laid plans, though, and Graciani had to keep his partner on track.

"I knew we just needed five cows to win, but my partner didn't," Graciani said with a laugh. "When we got the fifth cow, he was still going, and I was screaming, 'Wait!'"

Once the buzzer sounded, Graciani knew they had accomplished what they came to Fort Worth to do.

"It felt great," he said. "It's a dream coming true. Being from Brazil and winning here in the U.S., I think it's a bigger challenge, but the reward is way better."

TEAMMATES BY CHANCE

Pinheiro and Graciani didn't arrive at the World Finals planning to compete together.

After meeting during the event, they realized they could enter the Graduated Rookie #6 Handicap as teammates.

"He asked if I wanted to run," Graciani said. "I said, 'Yeah, sure.' It all worked out."

Pinheiro said Graciani's experience helped the newly formed team settle in quickly.

"My partner is very focused and experienced," Pinheiro said. "He's always talking to me about the cattle and the competitors. He's very intelligent."

THE MARES BEHIND THE WIN

Both riders credited the mares they rode for giving them the confidence to execute their plan.

Graciani competed aboard a borrowed mare named Shortys Gypsy (Haidas Shorty x Playboys Gypsy Girl) owned by friend Ponciano Sanchez.

"She gives 100% every time," Graciani said. "If you tell her to go cut a cow, she's going to go."

Pinheiro rode Im Naturally Tuff (Brother Tuff Wood x Metallic Smooch), a mare owned by his boss, Cleber Feijo of Feijo Horse Farm, where Pinheiro works.

"She is very calm," Pinheiro said. "She has agility, courage and faces the cattle without any fear. She has a huge heart."

THE JOURNEY PAYS OFF

Both riders joined RSNC in 2026, just a few months ahead of the World Finals.

"I'm very happy because I fulfilled my dream of being a World Champion," Pinheiro said.

For Graciani, it proved the skills he developed in Brazil could carry him to the top of the sport in the United States.

STATE EXTRAVAGANZA

2026 CHAMPIONS

FLORIDA C TEAM

MASTERS
ROBERT BARBER
REDDICK, FLORIDA

OPEN
LAREI GRIER
FT. PIERCE, FLORIDA

NOVICE
OLGA BARBELLA
OTTER CREEK, FLORIDA

AMATEUR
JJ GONZALEZ
OTTER CREEK, FLORIDA

YOUTH
FREDDY SANCHEZ
LAKELAND, FLORIDA

COACH
LIZ MCCLENDON
PLANT CITY, FLORIDA

1. FLORIDA C TEAM — CINCH RSNC TROPHY SADDLES
2. COLORADO-WYOMING B TEAM — PROFESSIONAL'S CHOICE SADDLE PADS
3. OKLAHOMA B TEAM — PROFESSIONAL'S CHOICE TROPHY BRONC HALTERS



FLORIDA'S C TEAM sorted 27 head to win the State Extravaganza title at the 2026 Cinch RSNC World Finals in Fort Worth, Texas, beating out the Colorado-Wyoming B team and the Oklahoma B team on Finals Night. It's the second time Florida has reached the State Extravaganza Finals—and the second time the state has come away with the win.

Coached by Liz McClendon of Plant City, the winning lineup paired masters rider Robert Barber of Reddick, open rider LaRei Grier of Ft. Pierce, novice rider Olga Barbella of Otter Creek, amateur rider JJ Gonzalez, also of Otter Creek, and youth rider Freddy Sanchez of Lakeland—Florida's lowest-ranked team of the three it fielded that day, built from riders who'd finished third by points in their divisions.

The roster also spanned a wide range of ages—Sanchez, the youth rider, is 12; Barber, riding masters, is 76—a gap that speaks to the reach of Florida's sorting community.

"They've worked for it all year long," McClendon said. "We had an A team, a B team and a C team. This is our C team."

McClendon said the team's title run came down to consistency rather than big scores.

"You've got to sort cattle," McClendon said. "You cannot blow out, because it's a cumulative thing of cattle numbers. Just keep getting cows—don't blow out."

THE FLORIDA SORTING FAMILY

For Barber and Grier, the win was as much about Florida's ranch sorting community as it was about the round robin itself.

"These guys do it every day, all day long, and we just do it on the weekends," Barber said. "So to come out here and be competitive with these guys is amazing."

Grier, competing in the class for the first time since 2011, credited McClendon's program for preparing her for the moment.

"We ride on really tough cows—little swampy, small cows, and they're a little spoilier than these out here," Grier said. "They teach you to sort, they teach you to be patient. And we have the most incredible support system within our Florida sorting family."

Amateur rider JJ Gonzalez, who has ridden for Florida for about 12 years, said the win carried extra weight given the level of competition.

"It's very competitive out there between Texas and Oklahoma," Gonzalez said. "Florida's been part of it since we started, so it feels good to win it right here in Texas."

FIRST SADDLES FOR TWO FIRST-TIMERS

Barbella has been sorting since 2012 but had never taken home a saddle of her own—until now.

"I've never gotten a saddle myself. I see everybody get their saddle home and I just haven't," Barbella said. "The fact that I got my first saddle as a prize, riding for Florida, means the world to me."

Freddy Sanchez, competing at his second World Finals, earned his first saddle too.

"This is my first saddle," Sanchez said. "I'm going to sleep with this saddle."



TOP TEN

Tanner Keith

INDUCTED INTO TOP 10
ALL-TIME MONEY EARNERS

Keith becomes the newest name on Cinch RSNC's Top 10 All-Time Money Earners list, capping a $25,000 comeback season that pushed his career earnings past $290,000.

Each year at the culmination of the Cinch RSNC World Finals, ranch sorting members are recognized for their accomplishments throughout the year with the Holiday Auto Group Challenge of the Champions back number ceremony and with Division high-point awards, as well as for their lifetime RSNC achievements. Members who have crossed the next $25,000 threshold into the corresponding Hall of Fame level are called to the stage to receive commemorative plaques and, for the first time in 2025, Cinch RSNC gave special recognition to the top 10 ranch sorters who have earned the most in their competitive careers.

In 2026, Tanner Keith earned his place at the top with more than $290,000 in lifetime earnings after a phenomenal comeback season worth $25,000.

AWARD CEREMONY INDUCTION SPEECH

Tonight, we have the distinct honor of recognizing a young man who has grown up in the sport of ranch sorting—one who has not only dedicated his life to this industry but has helped shape its future.

From an early age, this competitor demonstrated the kind of commitment and work ethic that separates great competitors from truly exceptional ones. Through years of dedication, he has built one of the most respected horse training programs in the industry—a testament to his talent, his vision and his unwavering love for the sport.

He is known throughout the sorting community for his smooth, composed demeanor in the arena and his upbeat, competitive spirit that elevates everyone around him. He competes with a quiet confidence that is both admirable and infectious.

What makes this recognition even more meaningful is the journey that brought him here. He faced a tragedy that could have forever altered the course of his life—yet he met that challenge with resilience and grace and chose to let it fuel his passion rather than define his path.

Tonight, we celebrate not just the competitor, but the man—one who has earned his place among the greatest this sport has ever seen.

Please join us in congratulating your newest inductee into the Top 10 All-Time Money Earners: Tanner Keith.

$290,000+

LIFETIME EARNINGS

TOP TEN ALL-TIME MONEY EARNERS

1. JOEL LESH
2. LOGAN WOLFE
3. TRAVIS ROBERSON
4. KASON WOLFE
5. DEROY WHITE
6. JESSIE WOLFE
7. TANNER KEITH
8. LARRY NEWPORT
9. BOB MCPHERSON
10. DAVE SCHAFFNER

Hall of Fame

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT – CINCH RSNC

Platinum $100K+ ALL-TIME MONEY EARNER

Rod Bryner
Kim Christy
Kai Clark
Hannah Damone
Tim Field
Trisha Field
Scott Finley
Steve Freiheit
Kori Haile
Chris Mangold
Will McKee
Sadey Rasmussen
Sidney Rasmussen
Kaitlyn Roberson
Jerry Salter
Bill Womack

Gold $75K+ ALL-TIME MONEY EARNER

Sage Bach
Cheyenne Barcelona
Payton Brzymialkiewicz
Shiann Buckner
Ellie Burgett
Steve Cawthon
Kai Clark
Aubree Coker
Dena Finley
Sue Gaiser
LaRei Grier
Chuck Hayes
April Hegge
Viann Hegge
Blake Hensley
Jerry Johnson
Ivey King
Scott Knight
Bodee Kruger
Bronson Kruger
Jennifer Marshall
Wayne McNeel
Ronnie Mitchell
Randy Moore
Harper Grace Pierce
Mark Rasmussen
Alejandro Serpone
Ella Snyder
Val Tamme
Britany Vespe
Kirby Warner
Logan Weldon
Mandy Wolfe

Silver $50K+ ALL-TIME MONEY EARNER

Liz Baremore
Dawn Barwick
Nancy Daniel
Londan Dickson
Kara Doornink
Terri Durham
Rey Echeto
Jake Ellsworth
Tucker Field
Ben Franciscotti
Michelle Freiheit
Adell Hegge
BJ Hilborn
Elaine Jackson
Russell Klostermann
Bodee Kruger
Ben Lawrence
Cloraldo Leal, Jr.
Haily Mangold
Denise Mott
Harper Grace Pierce
Nicole Pitsch
Brandy Rasmussen
Tara Schafer
Randy Sheppard
Will Sloan
Dan Spradley
Reece Stanfill
Bruce Thompson
Krystal Tinker
Ron Vanderziel
Brea Vardas
Mike Weldon

Bronze $25K+ ALL-TIME MONEY EARNER

Ellen Adams
Kecia Adams
Olga Barbella
Terri Barham
Aaron Berry
Suzanne Butler
Danielle Cameron
Chelsi Chapman
Bella Davie
Jerry Davis
Robert DeLude
Victor Dold
Kathy Doornink
Kit Doornink
Michelle Dusing
Dave Eatmon
Piper Edwards
Shawn Elliot
Tucker Field
Ron Fleming
Nicki Fuller
Millah Frost
Clancy Henderson
Scott Henderson
Ricky Hightower
Elizabeth Hockens
Ernie Hockens
Charles Hohensee
Morris Hubbard
Justin Johnson
Britney Judd
Stacy Kaiser
Carl Kraker
Shawn Lenihan
Bonnie Lovecchio
Cherrie Mahon
Nelson Mas
Sherri McDonald
Amy McDougal
Greg McLeod
Tanisha Menees
David Nell
Tommy Perkins
David Rainey
Annalise Rivadeneira
Jose Ponciano Sanchez
Roberto Sirven
Jacque Smith
Mark Stockton
Don Stone
Scott Stresen-Reuter
Chris Sullivan
Eric Turner
Randy Weidner
Georgia White
Lisa White
Robin Woessner

YEAR-END DIVISION POINTS WINNERS











NORTHEAST CIRCUIT FINALS

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Find the results from the Northeast Circuit Finals in Columbiana, Ohio, Aug. 21-23 where ranch sorters rode for $25K in added cash and prizes.

Ranch sorters are bringing the heat to Garwood Arena for the 2026 Cinch RSNC Northeast Circuit Finals, Aug. 21-23, in Columbiana, Ohio. With three full days of sorting action and $25,000 in added cash and prizes on the line, competitors from across the Northeast Circuit put their skills to the test as they battled for championship titles and a spot at the top of the leaderboard.



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WINNERS ON 16 HEAD/2 ROUNDS IN 116.52 SECONDS FOR $1,680
ELLA SNYDER & HARPER GRACE PIERCE



SPALDING LABS WESTERN HERITAGE #6
WINNERS ON 13 HEAD/2 ROUNDS IN 112.32 SECONDS FOR $2,016
KAREN NARBURGH & LAURI VANDERZIEL



CINCH #13 GOLD SHOOTOUT
WINNERS ON 28 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 161.11 SECONDS FOR $5,574
JOEL LESH & JULIA SFERA



PROFESSIONAL'S CHOICE #9 GOLD SHOOTOUT
WINNERS ON 26 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 165.80 SECONDS FOR $6,322
CAITLIN COCHRAN & ISABELLA SILVEIRA



BEGINNER YOUTH/ADULT GATE
WINNERS ON 13 HEAD/2 ROUNDS IN 116.97 SECONDS FOR $504
LONNA BLICKENSDERFER & LIBBY FORMAN



#15 3-RIDER 2-GATE
WINNERS ON 17 HEAD/2 ROUNDS IN 114.29 SECONDS FOR $2,160
TIAGO FREITAS, BARBARA BARRETT & CLINTON ERB



LAREDO CONVERSIONS #10 HC
WINNERS ON 30 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 158.73 SECONDS FOR $2,330
NELSON MAS & CAITLIN COCHRAN



HYER BOOTS #11 ROOKIE
WINNERS ON 28 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 167.53 SECONDS FOR $2,834
CHRIS MANGOLD & CHRISTY HAYES



#2 BEGINNER SORT
WINNERS ON 10 HEAD/2 ROUNDS IN 75.76 SECONDS FOR $5,560
MEGAN JONES & TRENT PURYEAR



ALL LEVELS
WINNERS ON 29 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 140.21 SECONDS FOR $2,892
NELSON MAS & JULIA SFERA



EQN SPORTS #18 RATED YOUTH
WINNERS ON 18 HEAD/2 ROUNDS IN 115.88 SECONDS FOR $730
KAI CLARK & AUBREE COKER



TOTAL FEEDS #8
WINNERS ON 19 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 164.56 SECONDS FOR $3,947
KAREN NARBURGH & CHERRIE MAHON



#14 RANCH HAND
WINNERS ON 29 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 171.22 SECONDS FOR $1,848
KAI CLARK & JULIA SFERA



#10 MASTERS
WINNERS ON 18 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 159.21 SECONDS FOR $2,024
KENNY STATLER & BETH SHAW



#12 HC
WINNERS ON 18 HEAD/2 ROUNDS IN 104.61 SECONDS FOR $1,670
KEVIN REESE & ASPEN REESE



MIL-SPEC LINERS #6 HC/4 INC
WINNERS ON 23 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 158.48 SECONDS FOR $2,246
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SEPTEMBER 4–6
Florida Ranch Sorting
Arena, Lithia, FL
Liz McClendon
813-478-4387

SEPTEMBER 4–6
Tunica Arena & Expo
Center, Tunica, MS
Western States
Productions
970-420-1536
sortwsp@hotmail.com

SEPTEMBER 6–7
Careywood Creek Ranch
Athol, ID
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208-680-3433
reid1143@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER 11–12
Reflections Equestrian
Arena, Festus, MO
Dan Weigand
660-238-5067

SEPTEMBER 11–13
Grizzle Ridge Arena
Jerusalem, OH
Grizzle Ridge Productions
724-554-4109

SEPTEMBER 11
Louis Mouch Multi-Purpose
Facility
Port Allen, LA
SLTSA
225-241-3596

SEPTEMBER 11
B3 Cattle Arena
Salem, KY
Aaron Berry
270-704-2733

SEPTEMBER 11–12
Summer Jade Stables
Waterford Works, NJ
Jacque Smith
856-952-4162

SEPTEMBER 12–13
The Expo at Glen Rose
Glen Rose, TX
Tommy Roberson
940-284-9665

SEPTEMBER 12–13
Rim Rock Riders Arena
Powell Butte, OR
WVTPA – Alisha Wolfe
541-936-2351
aswolfe77@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER 17–19
Golden Spike Arena
Ogden, UT
Western States
Productions
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SEPTEMBER 18
Machine Shed Arena
Warrensburg, MO
Dan Weigand
660-238-5067

SEPTEMBER 19
Cooke County Cowboy
Church
Gainesville, TX
Rochelle Rondy
989-763-3276

SEPTEMBER 19–20
Limestone County
Fairgrounds
Groesbeck, TX
Tim Field
817-691-2070

SEPTEMBER 24–27
Reno-Sparks Livestock
Events Center
Reno, NV
Western States
Productions
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SEPTEMBER 26
GM Cowhorse Arena
Poteet, TX
Alan Funk
210-867-7166
sctranchsorting@gmail.
com

SEPTEMBER 26
B3 Cattle Arena
Salem, KY
Aaron Berry
270-704-2733

OCTOBER

OCTOBER 2–4
5K Arena
Bladenboro, NC

OCTOBER 2–4
Florida Ranch Sorting
Arena, Lithia, FL
Liz McClendon
813-478-4387

OCTOBER 3–4
Leon County Expo Center
Buffalo, TX
Tim Field
817-691-2070

OCTOBER 3
Cooke County Cowboy
Church
Gainesville, TX
Rochelle Rondy
989-763-3276

OCTOBER 3
Sug Arena Acadian
Fairgrounds
New Iberia, LA
Troy Rue
337-281-3920

OCTOBER 3–4
Wolfe Arena
Wellington, CO
Wolfe Productions
970-897-2901

OCTOBER 9
Machine Shed Arena
Warrensburg, MO
Dan Weigand
660-238-5067

OCTOBER 9–10
Summer Jade Stables
Waterford Works, NJ
Jacque Smith
856-952-4162

OCTOBER 10
Louis Mouch Multi-
Purpose Facility
Port Allen, LA
SLTSA
225-241-3596

OCTOBER 11
SF Quarter Horse Arena
Yukon, OK
Shelley Fitzgerald
405-826-3167

OCTOBER 16–18
Cam-Plex
Gillette, WY
Thar Ranch Productions
307-660-9501
TharRanchProdutions@
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OCTOBER 16–18
Mesa County Fairgrounds
Grand Junction, CO
Justin Riley
970-988-8413

OCTOBER 16–18
Henderson's Arena
Jackson, OH

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OCTOBER 17–18
The Expo at Glen Rose
Glen Rose, TX
Tommy Roberson
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OCTOBER 17
Iron Ranch Stables
Hammonton, NJ
Andrew Hamilton
772-940-9344

OCTOBER 24
Nixon Animal
Hospital Arena
Mountain View, AR
Bill Nixon
870-214-7942

OCTOBER 24
GM Cowhorse Arena
Poteet, TX
Alan Funk
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com

OCTOBER 24–25
Rainmakers Equestrian
Park, St. George, UT
Rasmussen Ranch
Productions
435-901-4199

OCTOBER 31
Sug Arena Acadian
Fairgrounds
New Iberia, LA
Troy Rue
337-281-3920

OCTOBER 31–NOV 1
Wolfe Arena
Wellington, CO
Wolfe Productions
970-897-2901

NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 6–8
Long Road Performance
Horses Arena
Lemoore, CA
Just Keep Riding Events
559-285-8185
justkeepridingevents@
gmail.com

NOVEMBER 6–7
Summer Jade Stables
Waterford Works, NJ
Jacque Smith
856-952-4162

NOVEMBER 7
Cooke County Cowboy
Church, Gainesville, TX
Rochelle Rondy
989-763-3276

NOVEMBER 13–15
Kruger Performance
Horses Arena
Eloy, AZ
Brandon Kruger
320-905-3914

NOVEMBER 13–15
Cam-Plex, Gillette, WY
Thar Ranch Productions
307-660-9501
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NOVEMBER 13–15
Florida Ranch Sorting
Arena, Lithia, FL
Liz McClendon
813-478-4387

NOVEMBER 14–15
The Expo at Glen Rose
Glen Rose, TX
Tommy Roberson
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NOVEMBER 14
Nixon Animal Hospital
Arena, Mountain View, AR
Bill Nixon
870-214-7942

NOVEMBER 20–22
5K Arena
Bladenboro, NC

NOVEMBER 20–22
South Point Casino &
Hotel, Las Vegas, NV
ALL-STAR SUPER SORT
Cinch RSNC
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NOVEMBER 21
Sug Arena Acadian
Fairgrounds
New Iberia, LA
Troy Rue
337-281-3920

NOVEMBER 28–29
Leon County Expo Center
Buffalo, TX
Tim Field
817-691-2070

NOVEMBER 28
GM Cowhorse Arena
Poteet, TX
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NOVEMBER 29
SF Quarter Horse Arena
Yukon, OK
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