

Rudi Kronsteiner leading after Open Futurity Go Round 3-year-old horses, Bernard Fonck third

54 fine horses from all over Europe had been entered for the ARHA Futurity go round Open 3-year-old horses. Very soon, NRHA Million Dollar Rider Rudi Kronsteiner (AUT) took the lead aboard Jesses Major Affair (Major Vaquero x Jesses Affair) scoring a 218. Later on he managed to do even better aboard Valentinogun (Shotgunner x Its Another Footwork). After brilliant work on the circles, fine turns and stops, the two scored a 219 which was first place in the go round.

Valentinogun was bred by Anja Deutzmann in Germany, who also is the breeder of 2011 NRHA European Futurity Level 4 Open Champion Finest Copyshot. The stallion is owned by Dr. Daniela Ratschew, Austria. Jesses Major Affair was bred by Cottonwood Springs Ranch in U.S. A. and is owned by Swiss Reiner Syndicate (SUI). Both horses were trained by Rudi Kronsteiner. "It was the first time I showed them, so I did not really know what to expect," Rudi said. "Both did a great job here – they are excellent horses."

2011 ARHA Futurity Level 4 Open Champion Bernard Fonck (BEL) and Frozen Spook (Smart Spook x Frozen Slide) placed third scoring a 217.5. The horse was bred by Rosanne Sternberg and is owned by Tanja Mahnke (GER).

Gavriel Guy Zemah leading in Level 2 and 3, Miroslav Baniari in Level 1

In Level 3 and 2, Gavriel Guy Zemah (GER) and Whimpys Flashy Jac took the lead scoring a 214. The dun stallion by Whimpys Little Step out of Flashy Lady Joe was bred by Claude Linsey and is owned by Brigitte Steiner. Miroslav Baniari (SVK) and Steppin With Glass placed second (213.5) here which also meant first place in Level. Steppin With Glass (Whimpys Little Step x Sassys Classy Chic) was bred by Mary F. Griffith and is owned by Sophia Lukacikova. Austrian Johannes Hasenauer and Nu Tangy Chex (Justa Little Tangy x Fashion Chex) followed on second place in Level 1. The stallion which was bred by Carla Bazzana and is owned by Martin Rohrmanstorfer, scored a 209.

Richard Hagl and Starbucks Oak win Novice Horse Non Pro

The 2012 ARHA Futurity started very well for Richard Hagl (GER) and his Starbucks Oak who won the Novice Horse Non Pro Level 2 scoring a 140. Richard also managed to ride his second horse Ima Royal Legacy to third place honours (score 138.5). Piet Mestdagh (BEL) and RS Spat Man O War placed second (139).

Starbucks Oak is by Richard Hagl's renowned Easter Starbuck out of Sons Lady Oak. The 4-year-old stallion and his owner were 2011 ARHA Futurity Reserve Champion Non Pro and NRHA Breeders Futurity finalist and just placed eighth at the 2012 FEQHA European Championship in Reining Select Amateur.

Sylvia Rzepka wins ARHA Lady Class

In the ARHA Lady Class, the winners were Sylvia Rzepka (GER) and Nadja Hammer's PLR Elite San Peppy who scored a 137. Barbara Hengge (AUT) and Tejons Sunfire (owner Magdalena Wagner) placed second (136.5) with Gisela Denk (AUT) and Sailin Chic (owner Petra Kalmar) following on third place.

Tie on first place in Limited Non Pro

The Limited Non Pro ended with a tie on first place between Dr. Daniela Ratschew (AUT) aboard her Tag Along Shirley and Thomas Ramstorfer (AUT) aboard Colonel Snapple who scored a 139.5 each in a field of 14. Judith Ernst (AUT) and Jac That Out placed third scoring a 138.

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