

2013 Timed Event Horses of the Year

Ladies Barrel Horse With the Most Heart

FC Guys Prime Time (Frenchie) - owned by Katie Garthwaite

"There is something very special about this mare; she has something a little extra." Katie Garthwaite noted as she explained the 'round about way' she acquired her barrel horse, Frenchie.

"A friend posted videos of her on the Internet and I had another friend looking for a horse. She went and looked at the mare and brought her home. I always thought she was something special. When my friend started having problems with the mare, she sent her to me and I really fell in love; the rest is history."

FC Guys Prime Time, or "Frenchie" is a 10-year-old racy mare that shows just why the barrel racing horse of the year award is known as The Horse with the Most Heart. Garthwaite won both Grande Prairie and Leduc on the same 2013 weekend aboard Frenchie; a huge feat considering one rodeo is indoors and the other is an outdoor pen. here so I'm very proud."



Steer Wrestling Horse of the Year

Rocks Eye Opener (Jessie) - owned by Lee Graves

He's a 3 million dollar horse, a two time Canadian and World Champion, and now the 2013 Canadian Steer Wrestling Horse of the Year.

Rocks Eye Opener, known in the steer wrestling community as Jessie, hasn't always been the champion he is now. "Everybody thought I was crazy to buy him. You couldn't get him in the box when I got him; he was pretty messed up and it took me a while to rebuild him," said owner Lee Graves.

Graves took a chance on the young gelding that still, at 18 years, displays the quirks of a once troubled horse. "For all the bad traits he has, he has super great traits. Overall at the end of the day... he's going to do the same thing and give you a chance to have some success at the rodeo."

Graves displays enormous pride in the black horse and gratitude to the competitors who voted for Jessie. "It's great to get recognized this way (in Canada); Jessie won the world twice and I didn't know if he'd ever win it up here so I'm very proud."





Tie-Down Roping Horse of the Year Sid - owned by Dean Edge

Stellar. There's just no other way to describe Sid, the five time Tie-Down Roping Horse of the Year owned by Dean Edge.

The 18-year-old grade gelding has been in Edge's stable since 2000 and will now compete at his 10th consecutive Canadian Finals Rodeo.

Obviously a popular choice among ropers, the bay with the funny white spot has brought the likes of 11 time NFR Qualifier Jerome Schneeberger and Canadian Champion Al Bouchard to pay window many times.

Edge marvels about the weekend this season where all three rodeos were won aboard Sid; Edge won Grande Prairie and Handhills and six time NFR qualifier Josh Peek won Leduc.

The world of Canadian tie-down roping is proud to have a horse that could have been lost to colic about ten years ago. Edge says Sid's performance in 2013 showed he's not ready to leave the world of rodeo quite yet. "He acts and feels like he's eight years old. He's been really trying hard and doing everything right; he's really easy to rope on this year. Just by how sound he is, he's acting like he could go on for another four or five years for sure," said Edge.



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Heading Horse of the Year

Haidas Grey Badger (Badger) - owned by Steele DePaoli

At the age of nine many horses are just reaching a level of maturity that allows them to thrive in the intensely competitive world of rodeo. At age nine, Haidas Grey Badger or simply "Badger", made his 5th consecutive trip to the Canadian Finals Rodeo.

The grey gelding ridden by Steele DePaoli entered Rexall Place in Edmonton for the first time at just five years of age and has been improving each year since then.

"He has matured so much in the last two years. He has always been really good in the arena but his scoring has improved every year," said DePaoli.

DePaoli noted with pride that many National Finals team ropers have expressed an interest in purchasing the eager-to-please horse, one of the best compliments a horse owner can receive. The grey horse isn't going anywhere anytime soon though; DePaoli is saving Badger for himself in the hopes of someday making his own trip to the Thomas and Mack Center in Las Vegas.



Heeling Horse of the Year

Heza N Jack (Bam Bam) - owned by Kasper Roy

He's a small, but very stout little heel horse with a name that says it all. Heza N Jack, known as Bam Bam, owned by Kasper Roy, is the embodiment of the 1960's cartoon character the dun gelding is named after.

The 9-year-old 'little horse that could' has been travelling to pro rodeos for just a couple of years and has already checked off wins at Teepee Creek, Hanna, Sundre and Pincher Creek - just to name a few. And 2013 marked the first CFR appearance for the talented gelding and his owner.

"It's cool--when he feels the pressure it's like he goes into a higher performance level. You can tell that he wants to win just as much as I do," said Roy.

Roy's team roping partner Steele

DePaoli says it appears Bam Bam saves his energy strictly for competition. He laughs about a picture he snapped earlier in the season of the lazy horse snoozing flat out on his side, head resting under the trailer. When DePaoli approached the horse, he simply lifted his head to see who was there, then set it back down and continued to sleep.



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TIE-DOWN ROPING HORSE

1979	Lucky, Larry Robinson
1980	Yankee, Bill Reeder
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1982	Yankee, Bill Reeder
1983	Weasel, Joe Lucas
1984	Digger, Greg Cassidy
1985	Fred, Larry Robinson
1986	Fred, Larry Robinson
1987	Duffer, Larry Robinson/Joe Lucas
1988	Turbo, Bill Reeder
1989	Jack, Tim Williamson
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1991	Vance, Joe Butterfeld
1992	Dude, Darren Zieffle
1993	Turbo, Marty Becker
1994	Fred, Larry Robinson
1995	Jake, Joe Butterfeld
1996	Crown, Greg Cassidy
1997	Buttermilk, Jim Cooper
1998	Barbie, Troy Houff
1999	Crown, Greg Cassidy
2000	Joe, Guy Smith
2001	Joe, Guy Smith
2002	Salty, Cliff Williamson
2003	Salty, Cliff Williamson
2004	Little Joe, Guy Smith/Clark Hughson
2005	Sid, Dean Edge
2006	Sid, Dean Edge
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2008	Sid, Dean Edge
2009	Pincher, Chad Johnson
2010	Stick, Curtis Cassidy
2011	Rocky, Murray Pole
2012	Pincher, Chad Johnson
2013	Sid, Dean Edge

STEER WRESTLING HORSE

1979	Twist, Wes Zieffle
1980	Duce, Lee Phillips/Ron Ostrom
1981	Twist, Wes Zieffle
1982	Twist, Wes Zieffle
1983	Twist, Wes Zieffle
1984	Twist, Wes Zieffle
1985	Duce, Lee Phillips/Ron Ostrom
1986	Duce, Lee Phillips/Ron Ostrom
1987	Duce, Lee Phillips/Ron Ostrom
1988	Duce, Lee Phillips/Ron Ostrom
	Steamboat, Blaine Pederson
1989	Chico, D. Wilkinson/Lois King
1990	Chico, D. Wilkinson/Lois King
1991	Chico, D. Wilkinson/Lois King
1992	Porky, Blaine Pederson
1993	Bailey, John and David Gibson
1994	Bones, Mark Roy
1995	Dino, Bill Maughan
1996	Trapper, Daryl Lausen/David Roy
1997	Tuffy, Leon Laye
1998	Rooster, Lee Graves

1999	Rusty, BJ Zieffle
2000	Indy, Todd Woodward
2001	Happi, Jeremy Harden
2002	Willy, Greg Cassidy
2003	Willy, Greg Cassidy
2004	Hammer, Lee Laskosky
2005	Willy, Greg Cassidy
2006	Willy, Greg Cassidy
2007	Willy, Greg Cassidy
2008	Wrangler, Curtis Cassidy
2009	Willy, Greg Cassidy
2010	Deuce, Curtis Cassidy
2011	Peggy Sue, Murray Milan
2012	Pistol, Clayton Moore
2013	Jessie, Lee Graves

BARREL RACING HORSE WITH THE MOST HEART

1988	Doc, Ruth McDougall
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1991	Tia, Rayel Robinson
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1993	Awesome, L. Schlosser
1994	Tundra, R. & R. Walter
1995	Racey, Joan Hager
1996	M & M, Dawn Rude
1997	Awesome, L. Schlosser
1998	Buck, D. Guelly (Renger)
1999	Giz, Monica Wilson
2000	Buck, Debbie Renger
2001	Chick, Jill Besplug
2002	Mr. T, Carol Barr
2003	Skeeter, Brooke Ramsey
2004	Debt Adjuster, Dena Millard
2005	Guy, Joleen Seitz
2006	Guy, Joleen Seitz
2007	CJ, Sierra Stoney
2008	Foxy, Traci Dawson
2009	Reiner, Deb Renger
2010	Real Easy Doc, Rana Koopmans
2011	Foxy, Traci MacDonald
2012	Leaguer Moon, Cranna Roberts
2013	Frenchie, Katie Garthwaite

TEAM ROPING HORSES OF THE YEAR

2009	Roller (heading), Murray Linthicum
	Bucky (heeling), Dwight Wigemyr
2010	Shaddow (heading), Dale Skocdpole
	Ice (heeling), Scott Auclair
2011	Archie (heading), Brett McCarroll
	Boon (heeling), Matt Fawcett
2012	Stetson (heading), Levi Simpson
	Dunny (heeling), Rocky Ross
2013	Badger (heading), Steele DePaoli
	Bam Bam (heeling), Kasper Roy