

Media release – 1st June 2010

The Non Pro Futurity and Open Derby competitors had their first day of competition on Monday with the commencement of the Holmes Cutting Horse Non Pro Futurity and the SDP Buffalo Ranch Derby.

Seventy seven contestants lined up at 6am for the start of the Holmes Cutting Horse Non Pro Futurity with professional farrier Billy Neville from Denman securing top honours in the first go round with a score of 144.5 riding "Scots Holy". He is familiar with the pressure that comes with riding at the futurity as he won this same event in 2005 riding "Cassidy Oak". Billy is not far off the \$100,000 mark in lifetime earnings and is hoping to pass that at the 2010 Futurity.

Equal second place in the first round was 19 year old Samantha Mullan from Jerilderie on QXH Dual N Rooster and Lori MacKay on Dual N Boonsmal. Samantha is the daughter of Darren Mullan of Xtreme Quarter Horses who are sponsors of this year's junior and senior youth cutting and Lori is Australia's top non pro money earner having won in excess of \$175,000.

Local competitor Wayne Baumann from Werris Creek after riding his way into the 2010 Tamarang Futurity final on Sunday continued his amazing good form to tie for fifth place on his horse Linkafex with a score of 143. Wayne was crowned 2009 Champion of the Non Pro Futurity with his horse Dee Bar Isa Blue Cat.

The excitement continued when the first go round of the SDP Buffalo Ranch Derby kicked off at 1pm with 56 contestants vying for the first round title. The wagyu cattle proved ideal for the cream of Australia's best four year old cutting horses. Three of the nation's most astute Pro trainers dominated the early lead with Frank Green riding "Winderdeen Grouse Kitty", Todd Graham riding Tumble N Rose and Jason Leitch riding his imported stud "Smartys High Card" sharing the first round glory with scores of 147.

Tuesday will see the completion of the second go rounds of these events with the finals of both events held on Saturday the 5th of June.

Head out to the Australian Equine and Livestock Events Centre today for the 1st Go Round of the Quality Hotel Powerhouse Non Pro Derby which starts at 6am and the 1st Go Round of the Angus Barrett Non Pro Classic Challenge which follows at 1pm.

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Billy Neville on Scotts Holly – 1st Go Round Winner of the Holmes Cutting Horse Non Pro Futurity.
Photo by Glenn Mandl



Frank Green on Winderdeen Grouse Kitty – Equal 1st Go Round Winner of the SDP Buffalo Ranch Derby.
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