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Southwest Reining Horse Association

The 21st Annual SWRHA Futurity and Show

\$7,500-Added Lil Ruf Peppy Open

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Green Valley Farms, of Aubrey, Texas, generously sponsored the NRHA \$7,500 added Open class. Jordan Larson actually entered the class on a whim. He wanted to support Green Valley's generosity. Little did the young Whitesboro, Texas, trainer know that he would top the class, which spotlighted some of the greatest equine athletes in the reining industry.

Larson and Memorable Affair, a Major Vaquero mare out of Coronas Affair owned by Victoria Lambert of Hempstead, Texas, went up against such NRHA superstars as Commanders Nic, Dun Gotta Gun (AQHA Dunit Gotta Gun), Footworks Finest, Sunrise Enterprise and Mi Mega. With that many high-caliber horses, Larson was hoping for a top five finish.

"The reason I entered was because Wallis Winegar (of Green Valley Farms) added the money and I figured it was good support of the horse show. I certainly didn't expect to win."

Lambert bought her 2001 mare from Bob Stinner last January. Larson showed Memorable Affair at the 2005 NRBC and missed the finals by a point. Lambert showed her at the NRHA Derby and missed the finals by a half point. Owner and trainer decided to give the mare some time off before hitting the major events again next year – that is until they came to Ardmore.

"She's perfect," Jordan said of Memorable Affair as he spoke of her remarkable heart and exceptional willingness. "She takes her job really serious. I've ridden lots of horses and not all of them go in there and have the desire that she has."

Lambert had planned to show Memorable Affair at the 2006 National Reining Breeders Classic (NRBC) and NRHA Derby in the Non Pro divisions, but is now rethinking that plan. Perhaps she will share Memorable Affair with Larson in 2006.



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Jordan Larson entered the NRHA Open on a whim and won the class on Memorable Affair owned by Victoria Lambert.

Justin Mathison of Aubrey, Texas, tied for second place riding Starlight Slim, by Grays Starlight and out of Tanya Lena, for owners Larry and Lesli Woods of Guthrie, Oklahoma, with Craig Schmersal aboard Commanders Nic (Boomernic x Miss Bam Bam Command) owned by Craig and his wife Ginger. □

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