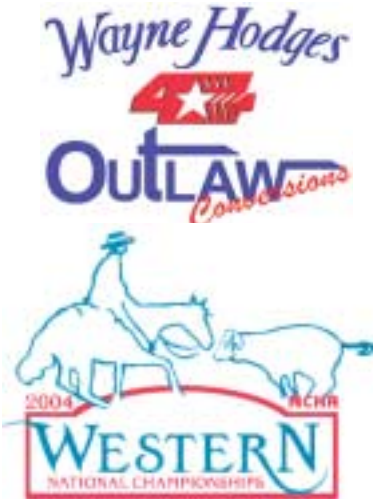


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Gustafson swings Archuleta claims reserve title



Wylie Gustafson and his wife, Kimberly. Wylie won the \$20,000 Non-Pro championship with 216 points on Irish Whiskey Sugar.



In the line of fire: Show photographer Judy Spaulding protects herself against all the dirt and dust stirred up by competitors.

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE
Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Non-Pro - 1st go-round
67 entries • 5 sets

\$10,000 Novice/Non-Pro FINALS

\$50,000 Amateur - FINALS

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE
Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

NON-PRO FINALS
OPEN FINALS

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Wylie Gustafson can tell you that breaching the herd isn't necessarily the worst thing about going first.

"That seat that I was sitting on got pretty uncomfortable," said Gustafson, who scored 216 points, as the first rider in the finals of the \$20,000 Non-Pro. "That was a long wait."

Go-round leaders Lane Hutchings (218.5 on Rosu Cat), in the first bunch, and Mark Hendrickson (219 on Quanah Dee Of Pep), midway through the second bunch, failed to threaten Gustafson's score. Amanda Archuleta, who followed Hendrickson, came close with 214.5 points on Amanda Boon Four, but wound up as reserve champion. It was Gustafson's first NCHA National Championship win.

"I wish I'd had better cattle, but I guess I didn't need them," said Gustafson, who rode Irish Whiskey Sugar, by Paddys Irish Whiskey. "The cattle really wouldn't look at me, but my horse was really working and stopping hard because he didn't know what those cows were doing. He was really on his toes and had a lot of energy."

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Left to right: Amanda Archuleta, reserve champion of the \$20,000 Non-Pro on Amanda Boon Four; Patricia Lockhart placed third in the \$20,000 Non-Pro on Aachen; Hazel Thorne tied for top score in \$10,000 Novice Non-Pro go-round with 217.5 on Eatin Place.

Thanks

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Gustafson, lead singer and guitarist with the popular Western swing band “Wylie and the Wild West,” purchased Irish Whiskey Sugar as a yearling for a roping prospect. “Nobody wanted him because he was huge,” he explained.

“But we like bigger horses. We use them on our ranch. He has good bone and good feet, and that’s one of the reasons I bought him.”

The 6-year-old gelding carried Gustafson as British Columbia 5/6-Year-Old Non-Pro champion last year, as well as



You say it's your birthday!

These NCHA members are celebrating their birthday today.

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“How sweet it is when the strong are also gentle.”

Libbie Fudim

a finalist in several other aged events.

“He’s one of those oldtime cow horses,” said Gustafson, who purchased Irish Whiskey Sugar at John Scott’s production sale in Billings, Montana. “He can do it all. We use him on roundups, and to rope and sort cattle. He knows his business.”

When he’s not on the road with his band, Gustafson is at home on his ranch in Dusty, Washington, south of Spokane, with his wife Kimberly, who also cuts. It was Kimberly who urged Gustafson to train Irish Whiskey Sugar for cutting and to climb into a cutting saddle himself.

“I was a truck and trailer driver and turnback helper for years,” said Gustafson, who preferred roping competition. “But now that I’ve got the cutting bug, I’ve been putting the roping aside a little bit.”

Wylie and the Wild West have performed on stages including the Kennedy Center and the Grand Ole Opry (45 times). Recently they released their tenth album, “Cowboy Ballads and Dance Songs,” featuring such traditional favorites as Strawberry Roan,



Left to right: Cynthia Stewart scored 217.5 in the \$10,000 Novice Non-Pro go-round on FCS Smartandsmooth; Jaime Slagowski missed graduation ceremonies at Weber State University yesterday to qualify for the \$10,000 Novice Non-Pro Finals. A Youth Hall of Fame inductee, Jaime earned a degree in Electronic Media Communications.

Streets of Laredo, and My Heart’s in Montana.

Amanda Archuleta isn’t new to Ogden – she was 1999 Western National Junior Youth Champion. But this is her first time to claim a top slot in a non-pro

division.

Amanda, 18, has been showing since she was six, when her mother and father, Joe and Ann, began competing. It was Joe who purchased Amanda Boon Four and trained her for his daughter.

AQHA/NCHA AFFILIATE CHALLENGE

The AQHA/NCHA Affiliate Challenge brings a “team” concept to the Wayne Hodges/Outlaw Conversions NCHA Western National Championships. The top 10 scoring affiliates at this show will earn cash awards totaling \$27,000 from the American Quarter Horse Association.

The program is designed to reward participation as well as excellence, with points awarded for entering, making the finals, placing well in the finals, and finishing first or second. Here’s a look at the scores through Friday’s competition:

Affiliate	Points	Affiliate	Points	Affiliate	Points
Idaho CHA	1,390	New Mexico CHA	235	British Columbia CHA	55
Utah CHA	1,390	Washington CHA	235	Rose Country CHA	55
Montana CHA	1,335	Western States CHA	200	Western Oklahoma CHA	55
Arizona CHA	1,215	North Texas CHA	185	North Dakota CHA	50
Nevada Reined Cow CHA	1,055	Redwood Empire CHA	175	Big Country CHA	45
Wyoming CHA	925	Cascade Cow Cutters	155	Kern County CHA	40
Central Utah CHA	765	Southern Oklahoma CHA	155	Central Oklahoma CHA	35
Northwest CHA	665	Four Corners Cuttinghorse Club	115	Central Texas CHA	35
Canadian CHA	625	Double Eagle CHA	110	Lone Star CHA	35
Oregon CHA	550	Panhandle CHA	110	Southeastern Oklahoma CHA	35
South Dakota CHA	480	Beef Empire CHA	100	East Tennessee CHA	10
Northern Arizona CHA	420	Oil Belt CHA	100	Iowa CHA	10
CHA of Nebraska	375	Gold Country CHA	95	Live Oak CHA	10
Alberta CHA	365	Southeast Texas CHA	90	Mid-south CHA	10
Chisholm Trail CHA	295	Minnesota CHA	85	Nueces Canyon CHA	10
Saskatchewan CHA	295	Longhorn CHA	70	San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo	10



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