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2013 BLACK HILLS STOCK SHOW & RODEO HORSE SALE January 25 & 26, 2013 Rushmore Plaza Civic Center Rapid City, South Dakota

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Rapid City, SD – Now in it's 55<sup>th</sup> year, the Black Hills Stock Show & Rodeo continues to break records year after year both in attendence and through sale revenues. The 2013 edition of the First Interstate Bank Horse Sale once again commanded top dollar on the 178 head consigned. It was presented at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center in downtown Rapid City on January 25 & 26.

Following a daily preview each morning at the James Kjerstad Event Center at the Central States Fairgrounds, the sale was staged in Rushmore Hall of the Civic Center in the Crystalyx BioBarrel Show Ring. Standing room only crowds filled the facility both days with active bidding that also included internet and telephone bidding. Corporate sponsors for 2013 included First Interstate Bank; Ravelette Publications, Inc; Cattle Business Weekly; Scoggins Veterinary; RDO Equipment and Larry Larson Photography, Inc. Auctioneer Lynn Weishaar, Reva, SD, and Announcer John E. Johnson from Piedmont, SD rolled through the rapid paced sale each day which consisted of consignments that were carefully prescreened by the BHSS sale committee.

The 2010 Bay Stallion Rare Sun Rising was a consignment from Cowan Brothers, LLC, Highmore, SD, and commanded a new BHSS record bid of \$25,500. He is sired by the 1995 AQHA Champion Aged Running Stallion Rare Bar si 114, the producer of progeny with winnings of over \$2 Million. He is out of PC Suntrific, an own daughter of the Cowan Ranch's legendary sire Sun Frost. Well known barrel racing champion Cindy Wheeler from Fredericksburg, TX had the final bid on this promising young stallion who projects a very bright future in the performance arena.

Consigned through the Friday sale was Seven S Gunpoint, a 2005 Buckskin Stallion sired by AQHA Superhorse Real Gun by Playgun. Out of an own daughter of Smart Little Lena, the finished reining, roping and cowhorse was consigned by Dan Whetham from Belle Fourche, SD and left the ring at \$21,500 on a bid from Tom Smith from Mobridge, SD.

As one of the top sellers on the Saturday sale, Peppers Gotadvantage, a 2007 Bay Stallion, was consigned by Cheyenne Canyon Paints & Quarter Horses from Hot Springs, SD. The proven arena champion is sired by the proven Kenzy Ranch sire Annies Little Pepper by Peppy San Badger and out of a Doc's Hickory granddaughter. Steven Neil from Sedalia, CO had the bid at \$21,000 on the 2012 AQHA Region 2 Open All-Around Saddle Winner with Reserve Championships in NRCHA and ranch horse competitions. Boasting NRCHA earnings of \$5,500+, he has also amassed 48.5 AQHA points in 5 events.

The popular Stallion Row was comprised this year of twenty four of the regions leading American Quarter Horse Stallions. Up 9 head over 2012, they were stalled in Rushmore Hall and previewed prior to the sale each afternoon. The stallion owners were given a prime opportunity to showcase their ranch stallions to the public and book 2013 breedings during the event.

Sale coverage was once again provided through Alan and Cindy Taylor of <u>www.horseauctions.com</u>. They covered both days of the First Intersate Bank Horse Sale via the internet and also provided live webcast coverage from the Event Center for the entire duration of the Black Hills Stock Show & Rodeo. Featured daily events were being presented there starting on January 20<sup>th</sup> and concluding on Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sale management confirmed 590 registered buyers from 16 states and Canada.

## <u>2013 AVERAGES</u>: TOP 5: \$20,100 (2012 - \$17,250) - TOP 10: \$16,700 (2012 - \$14,075) TOP 15: \$15,000 - TOP 20: \$13,787.50 OVERALL AVERAGE: \$6,236.52 (2012 - \$5,521.93)

**\$25,500 – RARE SUN RISING – 2010 AQHA Bay Stallion** sired by Rare Bar by Rare Jet. His dam, PC Suntrific, is an own daughter of Sun Frost out of PC Lockwood Lace by Lone Drifter. Consignor – Cowan Brothers, LLC, Highmore, SD. Buyer – Cindy Wheeler, Fredericksburg, TX.

**\$21,500 – SEVEN S GUNPOINT – 2005 AQHA Buckskin Stallion** sired by AQHA Superhorse Real Gun by Playgun and out of a daughter of Smart Chick Olena. Consignor – Dan Whetham, Belle Fourche, SD. Buyer – Tom Smith, Mobridge, SD.

**\$21,000 – PEPPERS GOTADVANTAGE – 2007 AQHA Bay Stallion** sired by Annies Little Pepper by Peppy San Badger and out of Stevies Advantage, a Doc's Hickory granddaughter. Consignor – Cheyenne Canyon Paints & Quarter Horses, Hot Springs, SD. Buyer – Steven Neil, Sedalia, CO.

**\$16,500 – DJ SPRATS PEPPY BOY – 2004 AQHA Bay Gelding (Appendix)** sired by a son of Peppys Boy 895 and out of the mare Sprats Asset, a granddaughter of Jewel's Leo Bars and Doc's Jack Sprat. Consignor – Austin Grimes, Kadoka, SD. Buyer – Jack Manning, Hemingford, NE.

**\$16,000 – CHEX TOM THUMB TIVIO – 2004 AQHA Buckskin Gelding** sired by Tuf N Special Chex, a Bueno Chex/Especial grandson and out of April Fool Bar D Sue. Consignor – Pieper Quarter Horses/Hardy White, Hay Springs, NE. Buyer – Dr. Nick Shiner, Toponis, CO.

**\$15,000 – WILDFIRE – 2005 Bay Paint Mare (Grade)** sired by Strait Sevens by Strait From Texas. Consignor – Mike Slater & Gale Beebe, Custer, SD. Buyer – Terry Leonhardt, Groton, SD.

**\$14,000 – LIL COOTER LENA – 2006 AQHA Buckskin Gelding** sired by Cinnabars Lil Lena by Smart Little Lena. His dam, Can U Dig An Eighty, is sired by Diggers Rest and out of a daughter of Cee Bee Command. Consignor – Rhoda Rein, Watkins, CO. Buyer – Gordon Livestock/Dick Minor, Jr, Gordon, NE.

**\$12,750 – YHS REDBONES – 2006 AQHA Sorrel Gelding (Appendix)** sired by Yellow Hammer Six, a grandson of both Easy Six and Magnolia Bar. The dam is an Indian Jack/Bordeaux Kirk granddaughter. Consignor – David & Lisa O'Keeffe, Mohall, ND. Buyer – Kermit Heart, New Town, ND.

**\$12,500 – HUNK OF LUV – 2008 AQHA Bay Gelding** sired by the Haugen Ranch's proven track and arena sire High On Corona AAA and out of Dealing For Dee, a Flash Or Dash daughter. Consignor – Tyler & Dee Haugen, Sturgis, SD. Buyer – JD Lawrence, White Horse, SD.

**\$12,250 – ON YOUR MARK CHARGE – 2005 AQHA Palomino Gelding** sired by PC Frenchmans Mark by Sun Frost and out of the great Loiseau producer Caseys Charm. His dam is Verri Knotty, a granddaughter of Kid Meyers and Princely Song (TB). Consignor – Cody Wilson, Lennox, SD. Buyer – James Hiller, Coleman, SD.

**\$12,000 – YHS VEGAS LUCKY BOY – 2006 AQHA Buckskin Gelding** sired by a grandson of Easy Six and Magnolia Bar and out Vegas Bar Girl by Vegas The Third. Consignor – David & Lisa O'Keeffe, Mohall, ND. Buyer – Kermit Heart, New Town, ND.

**\$12,000 – PEPPERNATOR – 2008 AQHA Bay Gelding** sired by Annies Little Pepper by Peppy San Badger and out of Jami Freckles, an own daughter of JR Freckles by Colonel Freckles. Consignor – JD Gerard, Kennebec, SD. Buyer – Paulette O'Hotto, Fort Lupton, CO.

**\$11,750 – FOUR BUCK FLASH – 2006 AQHA Buckskin Gelding** sired by Buckaroo Bueno Chex by Tuff N Busy and out of Texas Sugar Flash, a Peppy San Badger granddaughter. Consignor – Haythorn Land & Cattle Co, Arthur, NE. Buyer – Dan Twombly, Bayard, NE.

**\$11,250 – BRUSHFIRE FAIRYTALE – 2006 AQHA Bay Mare** sired by Oakie Dokie Dually by Dual Pep and out of Miss Axy Dent by Merry Pippin. Consignor – Kerbi Bowden, Belle Fourche, SD. Buyer – Jim Glans, Chamberlain, SD.

**\$11,000 – CASH FOUR EDDIE (2013 Ranch Horse Select Champion) – 2005 AQHA Brown Gelding** sired by the Haythorn Ranch sire Nu Cash Cow by Nu Cash. His dam, Eddie Jacky, is sired by Eddie Eighty and out of an own daughter of Watch Jo Jack. Consignor – Haythorn Land & Cattle Co, Arthur, NE. Buyer – Wheeler Land & Cattle, Casper, WY.

## SIDEBAR + with 2 PHOTOS

## 2013 RANCH HORSE SELECT COMPETITION RANCH HORSE SELECT GELDING AVERAGE: \$6,044

Now in it's 5<sup>th</sup> year, the Black Hills Stock Show & Rodeo Ranch Horse Select competition was once again held on Friday morning at the Event Center prior to the sale demonstration. The first 16 geldings in the 2013 catalog competed, were judged and then sold through the Friday session. Consigned by the Haythorn Land & Cattle Co from Arthur, NE, the 2005 Brown Gelding CASH FOUR EDDIE was named the 2013 Ranch Horse Champion. Sired by their ranch sire Nu Cash Cow and out of a daughter of Eddie Eighty, he was presented with a pair of spurs by sponsors Lynn & Connie Weishaar, Reva, SD in the sale ring prior to him selling as Lot 1. Wheeler Land & Cattle from Casper, WY had the bid at \$11,000.

Reserve Champion in the Ranch Horse Select was SMART LECTRIC PLAY, a 2005 Bay Gelding sired by Smart Little Abner by Smart Little Lena and out of a daughter of Lectric Playboy by Freckles Playboy. Consigned by Boe & Jennifer Kottwitz from Lusk, WY, he then sold as Lot 2 and brought a bid of \$9,250 from Mark Wray, Ord, NE. They were presented with a horse sheet from sponsor John E. Johnson.