

[Expanded Futurity Roundup]

## Futurity Fortunes

Meet the winningest young equine athletes on the fall futurity scene.

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**O**PEN ONLY TO HORSES Sired by nominated stallions that are paid in full into the 5-State Breeders Incentive Program, the 5-State Breeders Futurity is unlike any other futurity in the nation. In its 18th year of production, the 5-State Breeders Futurity produced by LI Productions once again outdid itself bringing a record payout, and along with it, record high entry numbers for the Rapid City, South Dakota event.

With 76 futurity entries, 58 maturity entries, plus open 5D numbers combining for a grand total of 634 entries over the three-day event, the 5-States paid out \$69,300 sharing the wealth among a \$20,000-added futurity with a \$2,000-added 2D side pot, a \$5,000-added maturity with a \$1,000-added 2D side pot, a \$2,000-added amateur, \$2,000-added open 5D and \$10,000-added Future Fortunes 4D, plus a \$500-added pole bending futurity.

Lana Dacar of LI Productions celebrated her eighth year of producing the stellar event and said it was one of the toughest years of competition she's seen.

"What a set of horses and what a set of trainers!" Dacar said of the 2015 futurity. "I posted the draw about a week before the futurity and I said I thought this would be one of the most talented groups of horses to run down the alley of the James Kjerstad Event Center. I think that was an accurate statement."

With an outstanding number of top tier horses vying for championship hon-

ors and the cash to boot, it was a team from Loveland, Colorado, that took the title. Kathy Korell-Rach and Smoke N Sunshine ("Shine") ran away with the futurity average, winning both rounds and the average. To add to their winning streak the team set an event record in the short round.

"I feel so utterly honored that Shine is the 5-State futurity champion and that

God has blessed us so much," she said. "I knew she was completely capable of winning a futurity. She's been running consistently solid all summer, so I had a great deal of confidence in her, but I also thought we would be high in the age, because of her consistency. I never dreamed we would earn this title, winning all three rounds. I especially didn't expect she would set an event record in

the short go. I don't think anyone goes into a futurity expecting that kind of performance, but I'm awfully proud of her and honored that I was able to be the one who went along for the ride."

Smoke N Shine is the 5-year-old daughter of Smoke N Sparks out of Runaway Frenchgirl, who is by Frenchmans Guy. Bred and raised by Korell-Rach's parents, Gerald and Iva Korell, "Shine" was originally placed for sale as a filly. When Gerald began breaking her as a 2-year-old he made the decision to take Shine off the market, because he liked her natural foot placement.

The decision turned out to be a profitable one for Korell-Rach. The journey from prospect to promised land has been a pretty enjoyable one according to Korell-Rach. Shine has made the journey

easy and fun, and the palomino mare has come great lengths in a short amount of time. Iva started Shine on the pattern and Korell-Rach took her from there, however drew her attention away from horses, which the beginning. In a turn of fate after from injuries, Korell-Rach was forced to turn her main focus to Shine.

"After exhibiting a handful of times in the winter, we had a VS outbreak in Colorado and I didn't had anywhere while it was going on, because I didn't want to risk infection just to exhibition," Korell-Rach said. "I started hauling more in October (2014) and she came on fast. She jumped out and won the open 1D in her first race for money back in December and has just been getting better all year. She set an arena record at the Boulder County outdoor arena in July (2015), so I

### At-A-Glance 5-States Breeders Futurity and Maturity

When: September 3-6, 2015  
Where: Central States Fairgrounds,  
Rapid City, South Dakota

Futurity entries: 76

Futurity payout: \$69,300

**Futurity 1D average:** 1) Smoke N Sunshine/ Kathy Korell-Rach/ 50,998/ \$2,111; 2) Smooth N Famous/ Tami Semas/ 51,302/ \$1,744; 3) Guys Royal Blue Eyes/ Tasha Welsh/ 51,457/ \$1,377; **Futurity 1D first go:** 1) Smoke N Shine/ Kathy Korell-Rach/ 17,257/ \$2,111; 2) Ima Friendly Guy/ Jordon Briggs/ 17,362/ \$1,744; 3) Guys Royal Blue Eyes/ Tasha Welsh/ 17,386/ \$1,377; **Futurity 1D second go:** 1) Smoke N Shine/ Kathy Korell-Rach/ 16,942/ \$2,111; 2) Guys Royal Blue Eyes/ Tasha Welsh/ 16,964/ \$1,744; 3) Overthemoonforaguy/ Hallie Hanssen/ 16,991/ \$1,377; **Futurity 1D finals:** 1) Smoke N Shine/ Kathy Korell-Rach/ 16,799/ \$2,111; 2) Smooth N Famous/ Tami Semas/ 16,805/ \$1,744; 3) Guys Royal Blue Eyes/ Tasha Welsh/ 17,107/ \$1,377

**Futurity 2D first go:** 1) Ms Streakin Nick Bar/ Deanna Jo Martin/ 18,353/ \$300; 2/3) Rockn Strechn Rebel/ Janesa Lange/ 18,454/ \$225; 2/3) Dashing-withafrenchman/ Lynn Kohr/ 18,454/ \$225; **Futurity 2D second go:** 1) Should Ya Fire/ Cally Goyins/ 17,953/ \$300; 2) Sadies Gun Show/ Kristie Thorstenson/ 17,968/ \$250; 3) Miss Prairie Fire/ Jennifer Hiler/ 18,029/ \$200; **Amateur average:** 1) Be Assured Im Famous/ Ashley Worth/ 35,841/ \$400; 2) Streakin Fergalicious/ Kristy Roden/ 35,986/ \$300; 3) AP Heather Hopes/ Shelby Vinson/ 36,117/ \$200; **Maturity average:** 1) Turn Again Frenchman/ Erin King/ 34,679/ \$1,405; 2) Ninnkahs Guy/ Tami Semas/ 34,865/ \$1,106; 3) All Warm N Fuzzy/ Amber West/ 34,946/ \$867; **Pole bending:** 1) Frenchmans Future/ Jordon Briggs/ 20,834/ \$345; 2) So Naturally French/ DeAnn McNamee/ 21,367/ \$288; 3) SL Oakies Dash/ Lynn Kohr/ 21,593/ \$230.



Kathy Korell-Rach rode Smoke N Sunshine to the 5-State Breeders Futurity championship.



Erin King riding Turn Again Frenchman took home the 5-State Breeders Maturity championship.