

Dawn Vandersteen & Little Miss Chrissy Collect \$26,176 at The Breeders Elite Incentive

By Tanya Randall

Austin, Manitoba's Dawn Vandersteen and her 5-year-old mare Little Miss Chrissy ("Gigi") topped the Futurity Sweepstakes at The Breeders Elite Incentive, held August 4-6 in Rimbey, Alberta, for an impressive \$26,176 payday.

The mare's breeder Jacqueline Rookes, who nominated her farm to Breeders Elite, collected \$11,044 for the winning run. All totaled, Gigi is credited with \$37,220.

"The money is wonderful," said Vandersteen. "I didn't even realize it was that high! The fact that the breeders get so much money must be wonderful for them. They put out so much money for these programs. It's nice to have that money coming back."

Gigi is by Rookes' late stallion Mr Red Rock Leo Bar, a son of the double bred Leo Bar stallion Flit O Flit. Leo Bar was by Three Bars (TB) and out of Flit, making him a three-quarter brother to Flit Bar, who was by Sugar Bars. Her dam is the Judge Cash mare Kokanee Way.

When Rookes had purchased the Judge Cash mare and Vandersteen told her that if she bred that mare to Red and got a colt, it was "guaranteed sold to her."

"A little filly comes out and I'm like, 'Nope. Nope. Can't do it.' I don't ride mares. I'm not going to buy her," she chuckled. Vandersteen preferred geldings, especially those on the larger size. The petite filly didn't fit her expectations, but she knew better than to say "never" to riding a mare, this one in particular.

"It's funny how these horses come back to me anyway," she laughed. "A friend of mine bought her as a 2-year-old and sent her to a really good trainer. She had a good start on her. This friend asked if I would do the barrel training on her, and I said sure because I always wanted to ride a Judge Cash."

Once she started riding her, Vandersteen knew that she wanted Gigi. She was able to get her bought a month ago.

"It just came so easy for her," she said. "When horses are bred to do something, it's in their blood, it's in their bones. She'd do it in spite of me. I just knew it from the start."

Gigi, who sticks around 15.1-15.2 hands, has steadily been coming on since spring.

"She just wants to go. She's very confident and wants to go. I'm fine with letting them go if I know they're going to come back to me at the barrel, but she wasn't quite there yet. We were still getting things sorted out there," Vandersteen explained.

Throughout the summer, Gigi started getting her wins at larger jackpots and finished third in the Big Bang Futurity average a few weeks ago.

After tipping a barrel on Saturday at The Breeders Elite, Vandersteen and Gigi came back with the winning run in the \$116,312 Futurity Sweepstakes.

"When I sent her in, she ran her heart out," she said. "It was great. She's really efficient in her turns and flattens out when she runs."

Vandersteen has been riding and training most of her life. About 10 years ago, she left her office management job to train full time—after having a serious horse accident!

"I got dragged," she recalled. For the record, a mare was responsible for the injury. "When I was lying in bed recuperating instead of thinking about quitting, I was thinking how life is too short and I

BREEDERS ELITE FUTURITY CHAMPION

Little Miss Chrissy & Dawn Vandersteen

Flit O Flit

Leo Bar
\$1 95

Chica Go Go

Mr Red Rock Leo Bar

Super Half Time

Ms Crissy Time

Castana Request

Little Miss Chrissy

2018 Sorrel Mare

Judge Cash
\$1 110

Dash For Cash
\$1 114

Mary Mito
\$1 104

Kokanee Way

Ahilani
\$1 90

Co Co Lani
\$1 93

Zervis Aperif
\$1 93

Rider/Owner: Dawn Vandersteen; Breeder: Jacqueline Rookes

BREEDERS ELITE DERBY CHAMPION

DF Jewels N Sunfrost & Cora Guest

Sun Frost

Docs Jack Frost

Prissy Cline

PC Sir Azure Frost

New Decade
\$1 93

Bunny Bet

Doubles First
\$1 83

DF Jewels N Sunfrost

2017 Palomino Gelding

Badges Golden Nugget

Peppy Badge Olena

Freckles Nugget

DF Peppy Jewel

Dry Doc Goldy

Dry Docs Dee

Triple Bee Twist

Rider/Owner: Cora Guest; Breeder: Dean or Debby Fenty

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should quit my office job. I started training full time. I used to take a lot of outside horses but now I mostly buy and train my own to sell.

"This mare was one of the few outside horses that I took, and I did it because I wanted to ride her bloodlines. I knew her sire. I'd ridden about 10 of them and had even ran him as a 5-year-old, and I always wanted to ride a Judge Cash."

Gigi also happens to be in all the Canadian barrel horse incentives, including the Canadian Barrel Horse Incentive Super Stakes.

"I do plan on keeping her long term," said Vandersteen, 62. "I'm

getting older too and am not going to be able to compete forever. I see keeping her and years down the road breeding her to something great and enjoying her that way."

Vandersteen wanted to thank Breeders Elite for the great event as well as her veterinarians, Dr. Bailee Stanton of Cochrane, Alberta, and Dr. Cyndi Kasper of Winnipeg, Manitoba, for their efforts to keep Gigi and all her other horses feeling their best, and Rookes for raising Gigi: "I just believe in her program. She's put a lot of great horses on the ground and I'm thankful for her breeding them."

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Futurity Sweepstakes

1D 1 Little Miss Chrissy	18 s. m.	MR Red Rock Leo Bar-Kokanee Way, Judge Cash	Dawn Vandersteen	Dawn Vandersteen	14.871	\$26,176	J. Rookes	\$11,044
2 Famous Mr Loki	18 b. g.	Fame Playboy-Larks Last Rein, Fast Moon Chic	Wacey Hollingworth	Jodi Hollingworth	14.879	\$16,360	J&C Drisner	\$6,902
3 Jacks A Copy	18 br. g.	Blackgold Jack-Copy Moon Shadow, Copy Bar None	Jennifer Hewko	Andy & Frances Johnson	14.918	\$10,470	Annette Moore	\$4,418
4 Tt Frenchs Kona	18 blk. m.	Frenchs Hula Guy-Anaconda Aggie, Missin Freckle	Tammy Lee Taylor	Tammy Lee Taylor	14.922	\$6,544	Cal & Ashley Lacey	\$2,761
5 Famous Ta Fire	19 pal. c.	Fire Water Flit-CP Konea, Dash Ta Fame	Krystal Grad	Stephanie Fakner	15.014	\$5,890	Stephanie Fakner	\$2,485
2D 1 Runnin For Boon	18 br. g.	Boonlit-Runaway Attitude, Ocean Runaway	Ronda Sayers	Ronda Sayers	15.585	\$6,544	C & R Sayers	\$2,761
2 Be Easy Fame	18 b. g.	Fix N To-Sweet Dualin Doll, Kits First Chance	Brooke Emard	Brooke Emard	15.656	\$4,090	D & C Schaffer	\$1,726
3 Boonshine N Whiskey	18 gr. g.	Boonlit-Jus Run With The Flo, Ricochet Return	Ronda Sayers	Ronda Sayers	15.786	\$2,618	C & R Sayers	\$1,104
4 Howes R Redhot	18 s. m.	Root Beers Boots-Streakin Heiress, Really Movin	Dj Liptak	Dj Liptak	15.79	\$1,636	D & C Schaffer	\$690
5 Fit To Be Judged	18 gr. m.	Judge Cash-Mea Be Fit To Fly, Fit To Fly	Rachel Moat	Rachel Moat	15.86	\$1,472	Heather Moat	\$621

Derby Sweepstakes

1D 1 Df Jewels N Sunfrost	17 pal. g.	PC Sir Azure Frost-DF Peppy Jewel, Badges Golden Nugget	Cora Guest	Cora Guest	14.679	\$12,442	D&DDebbie Fenty	\$5,507
2 Afamoustwistedsisiter	17 b. m.	Dash Ta Fame-Missin Matilda, Missin Freckle	Kaycee Mandel	Eaine Watt	14.744	\$7,776	Elaine Watt	\$3,442
3 Buck Nickid	16 gr. g.	Nickster-Merry A Frenchman, Frenchmans Guy	Shelby Spielman	Chelsea Driedger	14.75	\$4,977	Chelsea Driedger	\$2,203
4 Perks Of Crime	17 s. m.	Perks French Cash-Carols Crime, Crimewave	Robyn Hoover	Robyn Hoover	14.779	\$3,110	Rigetti Farms Ltd	\$1,377
5 Shes Got Black Gold	17 bl. m.	Blackgold Jack-BNE Cresent Ly, Reynolds Blue Sonny	Jennifer Hewko	Brenda Kohlman	14.826	\$2,799	Annette Moore	\$1,239
2D 1 Trixster	17 gr. m.	Nickster-NBS Poco Aiden, JDS Lucky Cash	Sherrie Ross	Sherrie Ross	15.437	\$3,110	Chelsea Driedger	\$1,377
2 Sr Famous Frenchman	16 s. g.	Hezgottabefamous-Dream Chasin Frenchy, Frenchmans Guy	Taylor Truax	Taylor Truax	15.439	\$1,944	Jodie Neudorf	\$860
3 Winkin At My Nickers	16 gr. g.	Nickster-Pepinics Miss Peppy, Pepinics Master	Andrea Udal	Robert and Andrea Udal	15.473	\$1,244	Chelsea Driedger	\$551
4 Macsablazin	16 ch. g.	Blazin Jet Ro Pie-Bunny Darby, Dr Hempen B Kay	Kim Krieger	Kim Krieger	15.479	\$778	Irens & Gordon Blasko	\$344
5 Sr Jess Makin Cash	17 s. g.	Crimson Jess-Extreme Makeover, A Classic Dash	Bobbie Robinson	Jennifer Stewart	15.514	\$700	Doug & Carol Schaffer	\$310

BEI Open

1D 1 Haidas Holiday	15 s. g.	Pepinics Haida-Oklahomas Holiday, Tricky Fun	Jennifer Hewko	Andy & Frances Johnson	14.786	\$2,053	Rolling/Chudak	\$840
2 Jr Royal Cash	16 b. g.	A Streak of Fame KN-Cashinthmoon, Royal Quick	Dash Chloe Woods	Dawn Vandersteen	14.824	\$1,806	Jacqueline Rookes	\$650
3 Raise The Crime	11 b. g.	Crimewave-Gamblers Dreams, Raise The Gamble	Tana Millard	Tana Millard	14.829	\$1,396	Rigetti Farms Ltd.	\$375
4 Dash To Dr Nicky	16 s. m.	Dash Ta Fame-Dr Nickis Pleasure, Dr Nick Bar	Laci Brunelle	Carrie Suitor	14.87	\$1,149	Carrie Suitor	
5 Slick N Famous	18 ch. m.	Slick By Design-Whizz Ta Fame, Dash Ta Fame	Rebecca Miller	Rebecca Miller	14.883	\$821	Jodie Neudorf	
6 Dash Ta Dr Nick Bar	18 s. g.	Dash Ta Fame-Dr Nickis Pleasure, Dr Nick Bar	Kirby Finkbeiner	Kirby Finkbeiner	14.899	\$574	Carrie Suitor	
7 Df Azure Gold Frost	18 buck. g.	PC Sir Azure Frost-DF Gold N Jangles, Badges Golden Nugget	Rachelle Boyes	Rachelle Boyes	14.97	\$410	Dean & Debbie Fenty	
2D 1 Wall Street Rock	14 ch. g.	Sal The Stock Broker-Preppy Moon, Raisin The Moon	Rebecca Miller	Rebecca Miller	15.487	\$2,053	Cranra Roberts	\$840
2 Baby Oak			Frankie Wilson-Harrell	F. Wilson-Harrell	15.535	\$1,806	Laurie Schweer	\$650
3 Gimme A Triple Shot	15 br. m.	Crimson Jess-Gimme A Fast Triple, Fast Moon Chic	Jodi Hart	Jodi Hart	15.536	\$1,396	Jodi Hart	\$375
4 Cstreakalickin	18 s. m.	Guys Casanova Cowboy-Kids Streaking Cash, Kids Driftingwood	Kid Sue Krebs	Sue Krebs	15.548	\$1,149	Doug & Debbie Willis	
5 Pocinik	16 b. m.	Nickster-NBHS Poco Aiden, JDS Lucky Cash	Sherrie Ross	Sherrie Ross	15.549	\$821	Chelsea Driedger	
6 Jg Hectors Merridoc	07 pal. g.	RNJ HECKofafrenchman-RNJ Ellen, Corrad	Allison Burnett	Allison Burnett	15.564	\$574	Donna Beierbach	
7 Going For Golden	18 s. m.	Blackgold Jack-San Tule Jule, San Tule Freckles	Randa Nugent	Randa Nugent	15.577	\$410	Annette Moore	
3D 1 Sheza Hula Dancer	17 b. m.	Swift Decider-Shesa Hula Star, Frenchs Hula Guy	Kineta Brown	Kineta Brown	16.193	\$2,053	Laurie Schweer	\$840
2 Chromegunsinroyalbar	17 s. m.	Barely Royal-Decor Chrome, Jae Bars Chrome	Taylor Truax	Carlee Hascarl/Mac Giroux	16.253	\$1,601	Hascarl/Giroux	\$512
2 Sr Dash Ta Paradise	13 ch. m.	Hezgottabefamous-Docs Fancy Paradise, Docs Paradise	Kerri Bougerolle	Kerri Bougerolle	16.253	\$1,601	D&C Schaffer	\$512
4 Df For Frost Sakes	12 pal. m.	PC Sir Azure Frost-Jacs Miss Moon, Double Jac Moon	Aleaha More	Aleaha More	16.261	\$1,149	Dean & Debbie Fenty	
5 Heavencisflyplayboy	16 s. g.	Pepinics Haida-Bens Flying, Flying Effort	Vickie Camirand	Vickie Camirand	16.297	\$821	Rolling/Chudak	
6 Kool Ta Befamous	18 s. m.	Hezgottabefamous-Dox Silver Electra, Dox Best Silver	Rae Lynn Armstrong	Orlene King	16.314	\$574	D & C Schaffer	
7 Hortons Specialchick	17 s. m.	Hortons Specialissue-Hortons Chickadee, A Lucky Gent	Katrina Ridsdale	Samantha Dilworth	16.321	\$410	Ashley Klassen	

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Open Race

1D 1 Gks French Fries	Rylee Mckenzie	14.674	\$1,492.40
2 Haidas Holiday	Jennifer Hewko	14.786	\$1,148.00
3 Jr Royal Cash	Chloe Woods	14.824	\$861.00
4 Raise The Crime	Tana Millard	14.829	\$688.80
5 Dash To Dr Nicky	Laci Brunelle	14.870	\$574.00
6 Eph Strakin Effort	Frankie Wilson-Harrell	14.882	\$516.60
7 Slick N Famous	Rebecca Miller	14.883	\$459.20
2D 1 Dt Cats About Time	Christine Drisner	15.177	\$1,492.40
2 Flaming Fire An Fame	Kaycee Mandel	15.183	\$1,148.00
3 Express Perfection	Casey Dacyk	15.186	\$861.00
4 Unleashed Native	Wendy Young	15.188	\$688.80
5 Winkin At My Nickers	Andrea Udai	15.192	\$545.30
5 Blazin Jasper	Kim Krieger	15.192	\$545.30
7 Sr Famous Frenchman	Taylor Truax	15.215	\$459.20
3D 1 Easy Royal Reb	Wendy Playfair	15.689	\$1,492.40
2 Guys Storm Cloud	Trina Brown	15.697	\$1,148.00
3 Sexy Remy	Breanna Atkinson	15.703	\$861.00
4 A Sugar Special	Amanda Crowe	15.716	\$688.80
5 Twisted Flashy Amigo	Beth Lukacs	15.733	\$574.00
6 Im Yellin Timber	Krystal Grad	15.743	\$516.60
7 Raisin Go	Krystal Fowler	15.744	\$459.20
4D 1 Queen Pistol Hotrod	Rhonda Kuhn	16.175	\$1,492.40
2 Ddd Royal N Water Mc	Wren Denham	16.176	\$1,148.00
3 Sheza Hula Dancer	Kineta Brown	16.193	\$861.00
4 Twisted Perfection	Cheryl Makofka	16.219	\$688.80
5 Sr Dash Ta Paradise	Kerri Bougerolle	16.253	\$545.30
5 Chromegunsinroyalbar	Taylor Truax	16.253	\$545.30
7 Df For Frost Sakes	Aleaha More	16.261	\$459.20

Warm Up Jackpot

1D 1 Df Jewels N Sunfrost	Cora Guest	14.866	\$442.67
2 Elvis Twist N Fling	Spencer Young	15.014	\$389.55
3 Eph Strakin Effort	Frankie Wilson-Harrell	15.100	\$301.01
4 Especially Streakn	Ellie Havens	15.111	\$212.48
4 Hickies For Cash	Alexa Gaugler	15.111	\$212.48
6 Kickin Up Fame	Tara Wilkinson	15.131	\$123.95
7 Shes Got Black Gold	Jennifer Hewko	15.140	\$88.53
2D 1 Frenchmans Pass	Elaina Black	15.569	\$416.11
1 Talladega	Breanna Atkinson	15.569	\$416.11
3 Redleatherchrome	Brittany Mosicki	15.579	\$301.01
4 Under Famous Lights	Tara Wilkinson	15.582	\$247.89
5 Wasp	Taylor Truax	15.591	\$177.07
6 Ts Dark Alley	Harley Buchberger	15.607	\$123.95
7 Guys Keeping The Fame	Sierra Stukel	15.616	\$88.53
3D 1 Sr Jess Makin Cash	Bobbie Robinson	16.297	\$442.67
2 Jess At The Bar	Harlee Peck	16.324	\$389.55
3 Cindys Fast Who	Brooklynne Hymanyk	16.353	\$301.01
4 Bits	Rachel Moat	16.378	\$247.89
5 Down Home Funk	Christine Drisner	16.417	\$150.51
5 C.C.S Orfin Anhey	Natasha Scott	16.417	\$150.51
7 Hes Snugasabuginarug	Bronte Ketsa	16.436	\$88.53

Youth

1D 1 Especially Streakn	Ellie Havens	15.107	\$130.67
2D 1 Mf Fireball	Kendal Loomis	16.100	\$130.67
3D 1 Peps Free Reina	Leah Statt	16.572	\$130.67

Adult

1D 1 Gks French Fries	Rylee Mckenzie	14.674	\$230.07
2 Quarter Sawn	Katrina Ridsdale	15.071	\$190.40
3 Fifty Shadesofpurple	Brandy Mcphee	15.102	\$150.73
4 Fabs Texas Toothpick	Reena Robinson	15.107	\$111.07
5 Unleash The Ace	Raylee Mckinney	15.109	\$71.40
6 Sasses Loki	Katrina Ridsdale	15.123	\$39.67
2D 1 Tt Streakin Bristol	Tammy Lee Taylor	15.385	\$230.07
2 Sr Fixit Frenchguy	Taylor Cherry	15.429	\$190.40

3 Guys Keepin The Fame	Sierra Stukel	15.420	\$150.73
4 Pistols Lil Roja	Casey Chudak	15.444	\$111.07
5 Merri For Gold	Rachel Moat	15.471	\$71.40
6 Sparks In The Night	Katrina Ridsdale	15.473	\$19.84
6 Pc Shakini	Harley Buchberger	15.473	\$19.84
3D 1 Fit To Be Judged	Rachel Moat	16.074	\$230.07
2 Gsp Sunnynfamous	Skye Mcdonald	16.078	\$190.40
3 Ts Streakininthedark	Harley Buchberger	16.125	\$150.73
4 Sy Dark Poppy	Harley Buchberger	16.129	\$111.07
5 Queen Pistol Hotrod	Rhonda Kuhn	16.175	\$71.40
6 Kool Ta Befamous	Rae Lynn Armstrong	16.314	\$39.67

Senior

1D 1 Mr Jack Perry	Cora Guest	14.993	\$155.40
2 Fqh Baggins Boon	Jody Spady	15.088	\$120.87
3 Fame For Jas	Gina Shantz	15.143	\$69.07
2D 1 Telling French Lies	Ute Baumeister	15.778	\$155.40
2 No Bull Just Fame	Gina Shantz	15.835	\$120.87
3 Playboy	Eileen Willoughby	15.847	\$69.07
3D 1 Dash Of Cokelicious	Allison George	16.470	\$155.40
2 Deeliberation	Ute Baumeister	16.520	\$120.87
3 Ciscos Peponita	Dianne Miller	16.527	\$69.07

Rodeo Run

1 Gks French Fries	Rylee Mckenzie	14.674	\$684.00
2 Raise The Crime	Tana Millard	14.829	\$532.00
3 Fifty Shadesofpurple	Brandy Mcphee	15.102	\$304.00

Futurity

1D 1 Slick N Famous	Rebecca Miller	14.883	\$956.76
2 Dash Ta Dr Nick Bar	Kirby Finkbeiner	14.889	\$731.64
3 Df Azure Gold Frost	Rachelle Boyes	14.970	\$506.52
4 Famous Regal Jack	Amanda Crowe	14.985	\$393.96
5 Tnt Unleashed Tafire	Shannon Buss	15.019	\$225.12
2D 1 Graysland Scooby	Colin Balan	15.663	\$410.04
2 Im Yellin Timber	Krystal Grad	15.743	\$313.56
3 Sr Jess Easy Gas	Sydney Daines	15.746	\$217.08
4 Alg Mfc	Lisa Groves	15.747	\$168.84
5 Boonshine N Whiskey	Ronda Sayers	15.757	\$96.48

Derby

1D 1 Jr Royal Cash	Chloe Woods	14.824	\$828.24
2 Dash To Dr Nicky	Laci Brunelle	14.870	\$633.36
3 Quarter Sawn	Katrina Ridsdale	15.071	\$438.48
4 Shes Got Black Gold	Jennifer Hewko	15.089	\$341.04
5 Fifty Shadesofpurple	Brandy Mcphee	15.102	\$194.88
2D 1 Pocinik	Sherrie Ross	15.549	\$354.96
2 Trixster	Sherrie Ross	15.579	\$271.44
3 Primetime To Rodeo	Shannon Northcott	15.582	\$187.92
4 Under Famous Lights	Tara Wilkinson	15.605	\$146.16
5 Wr Champayne Olena	Kevin Peacock	15.659	\$83.52

BEI PeeWee

1D 1 Heza Touch Of Fire	Sierra Stewart	16.243	\$60.00
2 Zane	Keela Quance	17.057	\$40.00
2D 1 Freckles	Hadley Miller	22.548	\$60.00
2 Sunshine	Paisley Douglas	24.278	\$40.00
3D 1 Sly	Selene Dresselhaus	26.965	\$60.00
2 Jimmy	Brannagh Douglas	41.981	\$40.00