

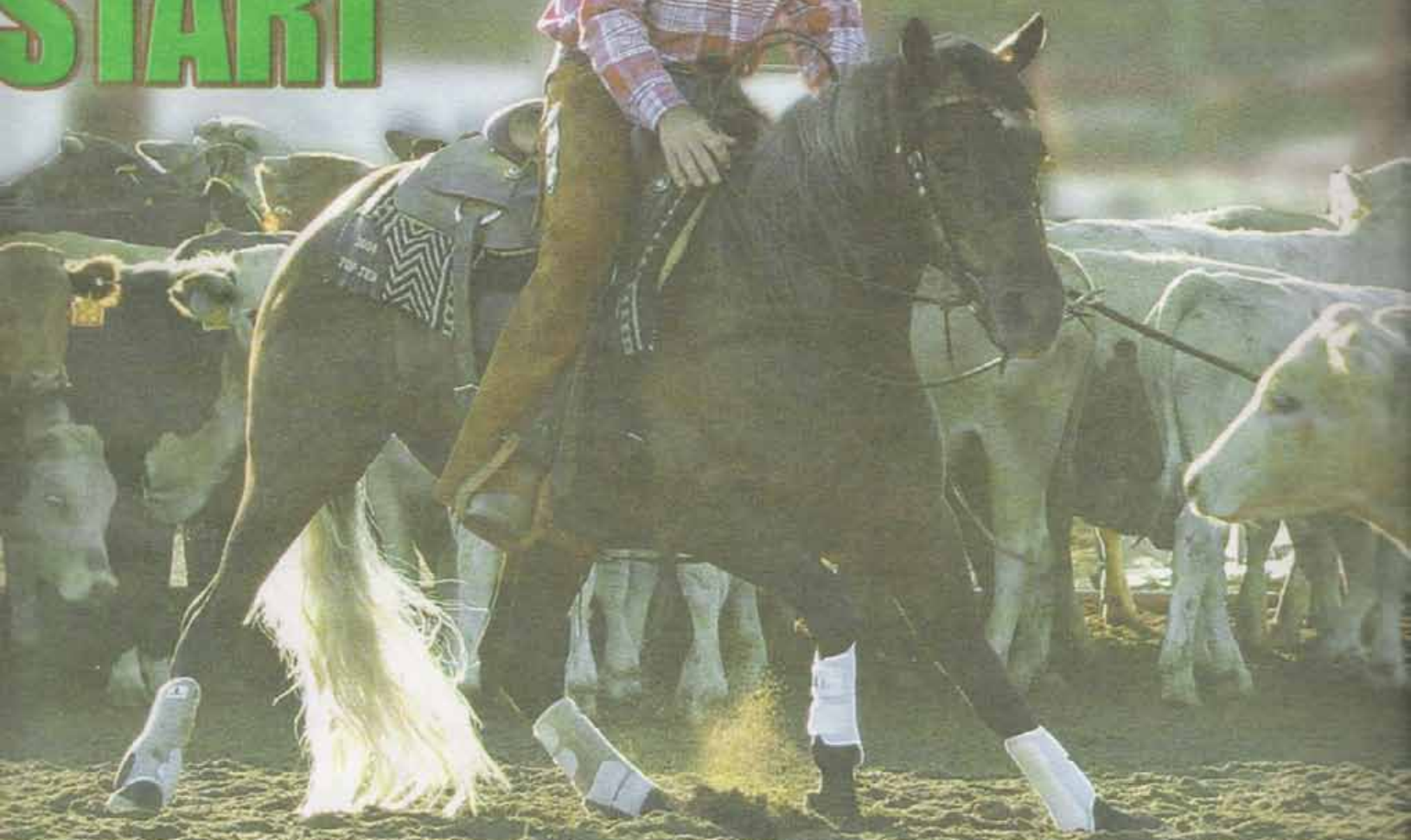
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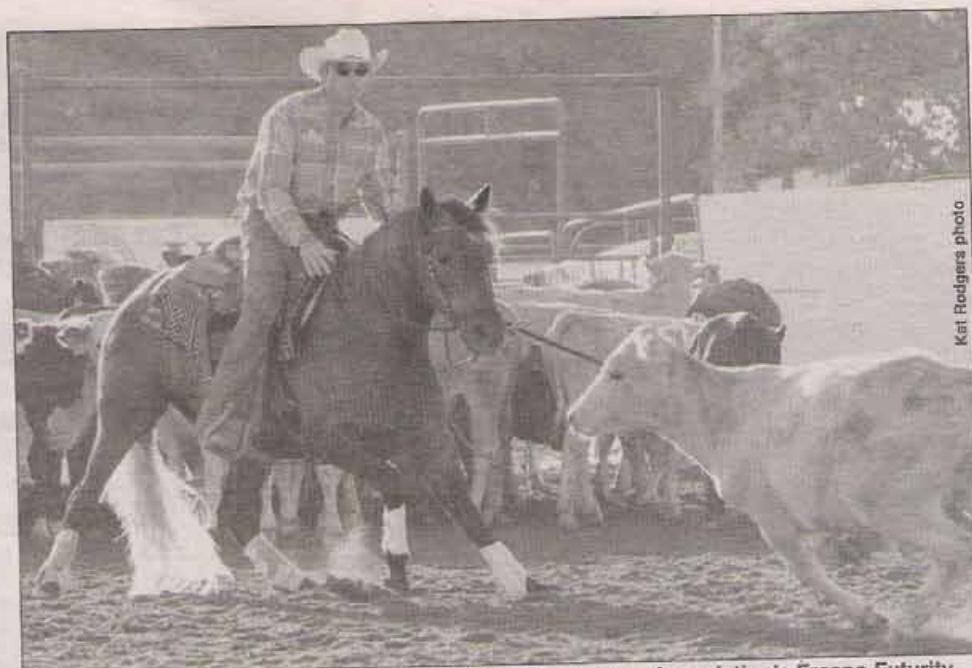
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Jake Gorrell and Quick As Einstein win the Valley Cow Horse Association's Fresno Futurity.

Jake Gorrell, Quick As Einstein prevail at VCHA Fresno Futurity

Reined cow horses compete in the next step to Reno

By **CHRISTINA MENDEZ**
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FRESNO — The annual Fresno Futurity hosted by the Valley Cow Horse Association of Central California is for many Californians the preparation ground for the upcoming National Reined Cow Horse Association's Snaffle Bit Futurity.

Many of the country's top riders debuted 3-year-old reined cow horses at the Aug. 24-29 Fresno Futurity to feel out their colts before heading to Reno, Nev., for the Snaffle Bit Futurity from Sept. 21-Oct. 3.

Taking the win in the Open Futurity at the recent Fresno Futurity was Jake Gorrell of Visalia on Quick As Einstein with a score of 441. Gorrell has high hopes for how the flashy grey gelding will perform in Reno.

"He is really a cow horse—you put a cow in front of him and he comes to town," said Gorrell, who had nothing but praise for the gelding, owned by Pete Bourdet.

Gorrell said Quick As Einstein has lot of heart. "He is really trainable, easy-going and a good mover. He's one of those horses that everything comes together on—at the right time," he commented.

Gorrell also placed sixth and tenth in the Futurity. He took sixth on Paid By A Starlett, owned by Dana Roulet, with a score of 434.5. Gorrell said he had a hard time deciding if Paid By A Starlett or Quick As Einstein is the

"They are different style horses—Paid By A Starlett is more 'reinery' and a different mover, but they are both pretty good," he said.

His mount for tenth place was Shesa Little Pleaser, also owned by Roulet, with a score of 431. "Out of 119-120 horses, we had three in the Top 10, so we are pretty dang excited. We have four head going up to Reno. They are a good set, so we're thinking we have a pretty good shot at doing well," Gorrell said.

Brad Buttrey of Elnido has previously won the Fresno Futurity. This year, he took the Reserve Championship on Hickory Starlight, owned by Scott Gaddy, with a score of 438.

Buttrey describes Hickory Starlight as a nice little mare that is a lot of fun to work cattle on.

Buttrey also took 12th on Quesadiya, owned by Winston and Ginger Moore with a score of 430.5 and 17th on Miss Behavin, owned by Gaddy, with a score of 428.5.

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"Since all three horses I was riding made the Finals, I was tickled as far as pre-futurity is concerned. We were just trying to figure out what we got to go to Reno with and I learned some stuff at Fresno that I can go home and hopefully improve on," Buttrey explained.

Anne Reynolds took the top two spots in the Non-Pro division. She scored a 434 on Send Us Cash for the win and a 433 on Shirley Shine for the Reserve.

Along with the Futurity, the show featured a Bridle Horse Spectacular and NRCHA Horse

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