

# KENTUCKY SWEEPS

September 16-18, 2011  
Circle G Arena - Lewisburg, OH

## 2011 Midwest Match Race

Cool weather and the beginning of fall colors greeted the 2011 Midwest Barrel Match Race participants to the Circle G Arena in Lewisburg, Ohio on September 16-18.

The weekend started out on Friday night with a successful Open Show that found us paying out a total of \$3,028 in 23 placings to the Open 4D Barrel class with the winner being Teresa Quay on Chance Bar Tease. Open 3D Poles Winner was Melissa Gonterman of Kentucky; Pee Wee Poles Winner was Kaitlyn Ray of Illinois and Pee Wee Barrels Winner was TeTe Hart of Indiana.

Saturday morning brought the beginning of the excitement of the Match Race with a colorful Grand Entry and introduction of each individual match participant and their team. We had 10 women's teams and 5 men's teams from the states of Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and Illinois. A tribute to Joan Lutz of The Rodeo Shop was read by Beth Weaver, Ohio Girls Barrel Racing Association President. (Joan was the founder of the annual Match Race beginning in 1968.) Brittany Pepiot then read "Barrel Racing Prayer" and Randy Colson sang the National Anthem while Sami Bair and Jewel Niekamp displayed the American flag and colors.

Brent Puhl of Puhl Photography set his camera to capture each competitor's fleeting run and the competition then began with the first place person on each team running first, then



Above: Kentucky took home the Women's and Men's Team titles for 2011.



*Top: Ohio swept the Reserve team titles for the Women and Men.*

the second place persons running second and building to the tenth place person on each team running last.

After the dust settled in the arena, Ohio "A" Team was leading the Women's competition and Kentucky was leading the Men's competition. Now, it was time to have some, more relaxing, fun! There was a Cornhole Tournament, Pee Wee Barrel Race with the kids running on foot around the barrels and Dog Races. Later in the evening Alspaugh Entertainment helped us party and dance the night away by playing music from all eras for young and seniors alike. Bob & Jolene Pavey showed us they can still shake a leg during "Rocky Top."

Sunday morning came early for some, but everyone quickly got fired up for the final go of the competition. The stands were an array of color and the spectators were cheering for all they were worth when the competition was reversed with the tenth place person on each team running first, then the ninth and so on until the first place person on each team ran last. The competitions were close and the stands were roaring as the final runs decided the winners of this year's competition!

Awards were presented and photographs were taken by Jill (Colson) Swank of So Swank Photography in front of a barn siding back drop.

Women's First Place Team was KENTUCKY "A" TEAM and they won a Traveling Trophy, Check for \$1920, Digital Photo Frames sponsored by Texas Roadhouse of Lima, Ohio. Women's Second Place Team was OHIO "A" TEAM and they won a Check for \$1280 and monogrammed Director's Chairs. Women's Third Place Team was ILLINOIS "B" TEAM and the received Equine Microbial donated by Fastrack. Women's Fastest Average Winner was Lisa Bowser, Ohio "A" Team and she won a Hummel Barrel Saddle donated by The Rodeo Shop of Eaton, Ohio. Women's Fastest Time of the Match was 15.702 ran by Lisa Bowser, Ohio "A" Team and she received a monogrammed Halter donated by Valley Vet Supply. Women's Fastest Time on Saturday was 15.702 ran by Lisa Bowser, Ohio "A" Team and she received a \$50 Gift Certificate donated by Uckele Health & Nutrition, Inc. Women's Fastest Time on Sunday was 15.763 ran by Teresa Quay, Ohio "A" Team and she received a \$50 Gift Certificate donated by Uckele Health & Nutrition, Inc.

Best Dressed Award went to ILLINOIS and they received a Traveling Trophy and Leather Crosses from Double D Bling, Dawn McCarty.

Spirit Award went to INDIANA and they received a Traveling Trophy.

Hard Luck Award went to Ashley Harlan, Indiana and she received a Medical Kit from the Schnitkey Family.

Men's First Place Team was KENTUCKY and they won a Check for \$960 and monogrammed Deluxe Director Chairs. These men also won the \$600 Calcutta.



*Left: Lisa Bowser riding “Chaney” ran the fastest time of the event and also won the Fastest Average Saddle for the Women’s individual awards. (Shown with Beth Weaver.) Right: Justin Hoover topped the Men with the Fastest Average Title.*

Men’s Second Place Team was OHIO and they won a Check for \$640 and “Reserve Champion” decaled buckets.

Men’s Fastest Average Winner was Justin Hoover, Ohio and he received a monogrammed Winter Blanket donated by Murphy Trailer Sales, Inc.

Men’s Fastest Time of the Match was 15.958 ran by Justin Hoover, Ohio and he received a monogrammed Halter donated by Valley Vet Supply.

Men’s Fastest Time on Saturday was 15.988 ran by Steve Durham, Illinois and he received a \$25 Gift Card for Tractor Supply Company.

Men’s Fastest Time on Sunday was 15.958 ran by Justin Hoover, Ohio and he received a \$25 Gift Card for Tractor Supply Company.

Ohio enjoyed hosting this year’s Midwest Match Barrel Races and we are looking forward to next year’s competition which will be hosted by Kentucky, also to be held at the Circle G Arena in Lewisburg, Ohio. If you are interested in participating next year, please check out our websites and contact OGBRA (Ohio Girls Barrel Racing Association) @ [www.ogbra.com](http://www.ogbra.com) or GBRA of Indiana @ [www.showbillsonline.com](http://www.showbillsonline.com) or KGBRA @ [www.kgbra.50megs.com](http://www.kgbra.50megs.com)