

Cowpoke Kendra's Road to the SEBRA Finals



a great rodeo association to be a member of....they were so awesome at the finals and we, the barrel racers, could not have ask to be treated any better! Thank you.

The arena was good and they let those of us that wanted to ride in the arena early in the morning. The rodeo went pretty smooth and everyone had a nice warm up arena to ride in...but the cool thing was, it was on the internet to watch! Thanks to Brent Puhl! We appreciated that for the families and friends back home that couldn't come to watch.

The Finalists: All the girls that made it were really great and they all deserved to be there. Those girls are: Teresa Quay, Esther Miller, Mercedes Sims, Darlene Miller, Nicole Love, Sabrina Frye, Tammy Sutton, Sissy Samms, Jessica Cantrell, Vandy Walden, Mandy Lockard, Cherie Etchebarne, Megan Oberdier, Angela Carnes, Julie Stovall, Kendra Gilbreath, Ashlee Owens, Alicia Pottmeyer, Charley Fletcher and Katy Mae Robertson. It was so nice to meet all the girls there that I had never met before. They were all nice and we had a great time.

Preparing: It's now about two weeks until the SEBRA (Southern Extreme Bull Riding Association) finals and I have lots of things to do to prepare. I qualified in the top 20 in the barrel racing and will get to compete during their annual finals in Murfreesboro, Tennessee at the end of January. I am taking the family, so I'll be getting hotel reservations and beginning a list of things to take. But, the most important thing I'll be doing to prepare is keeping myself and my horse, Classy, in shape. Of course its January and its cold...we live in Indiana, so you never know what the weather will be. It may be 20 degrees or 48 degrees. Either way, I still ride my horse.

My Partner: I have been very blessed to have such a nice horse to qualify me for the SEBRA finals throughout this past year. Her name is Classy Poco Tivio (aka "Classy") and she is a 19 year old American Quarter Horse. We have become a great team over the past few years and I really enjoy competing on her. If it weren't for some really good friends watching out for me, I wouldn't have her today. Those friends know who they are. (Thank you!)

Support System: As you all know I work in a big western store in Anderson, Indiana called Cowpokes. It's a great place to work when you're a cowgirl. Of course, I am always up to date on the latest fashions and styles because of my job. They keep me very busy through the week, but are very flexible with my hours which gives me the chance to travel down the road to rodeos. Thank you for all you do, Lynnette and Jeff Boone, you have been great!



I don't think I could have made it without the support of my friends and family. They have been so great to me and have supported me with this great dream of mine. Steve (my husband) and Kolton (my son) have been the biggest support. They are awesome! I have to say, Sherry Sunden, if it wasn't for you hauling me down the road this would have not have happened for me! (I decided to sell my truck at the wrong time!) My other supporters are my friends that have been so wonderful to me and just being there for me. I want to give a thanks to the White family.... Keith & Tami and the girls. You all have been such an inspiration to me and have done so much for me....Thank you! I love you all and I appreciate you and your friendship!

The Experience: Going to the finals was such a huge accomplishment for me and I was so proud to be there. The SEBRA Association is such



Sponsors: I want to thank all my sponsors this year because they made it a great year for me! Circle Y saddle company provided me with the best saddle this year. Cowgirl Tuff did a great job of dressing me in the best clothes I have ever worn. Also thanks to Brook Palmer - State Farm Insurance of Greenfield IN, Gray Auto of Greenfield IN and last but not least...Cowpokes Work and Western!

Inspired: The SEBRA finals was a great experience and I definitely want to try my best to make it again next year. The journey to make your dreams come true is just hard work...always do your best and never forget God. He will always be there for you no matter what and always pray to him for goodness. For me personally....I always, always pray before I run....because when you are out in the arena running...it's not just you and your horse...it's God watching over you to make sure you stay safe.

Everyone have a fantastic year and don't forget to stop by Cowpokes to find all your tack and western trends! We have some exciting new stuff coming in so stop and check it out!!

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