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## Canterbury Connections Qualify for 2.6 Million Dollar All American Futurity

By Lori Locken

On Labor Day, Minnesotans will be rooting for the horse Hes Relentless in Quarter Horse racing's richest race, the 2.6 million dollar All American Futurity. The bay colt with some local connections is trained by the second leading Canterbury Quarter Horse trainer Amber Blair, ridden by prominent Canterbury jockey Cody Smith and longtime Canterbury owner Tom Maher owns the horse in partnership with R. D Hubbard and Johnny Cope.

Here is a closer look at the horse with information provided by AQHA:

### HES RELENTLESS

Bay colt, One Famous Eagle-This Dreams Flying by Strawfly Special

**Race record:** 4-3-1-0 \$177,880

**Breeder:** Sunflower Supply Co.

**Owner:** R.D. Hubbard, Tom Maher and Johnny Cope

**Trainer:** Amber Blair

**Qualifying jockey:** Cody Smith

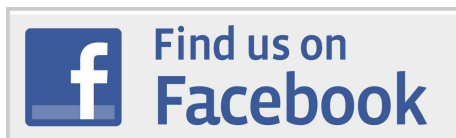
**Qualifying time:** :21.148

**Race record:** With Cody Smith in the irons for Amber Blair, **Hes Relentless** won the eighth trial by length over Handsome Jack Flash, who qualified with the first day's third-fastest time. Hes Relentless now has won three of four races, and came into the trials off a second-place finish to Big Biz Perry as the even-money favorite in the June 1 Heritage Place Futurity (G1). Big Biz Perry won the 12th trial but in a time that failed to qualify for the All American.

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### Calendar of Events

9/1 Minnesota Festival of Champions including: Minnesota Derby and Futurity for Quarter Horses

9/2 Labor Day and All-American Futurity

9/7 Fundraiser for Becky McDowell

9/10 MQHRA Board Meeting, 7:00 PM Paddock Room

9/14 Last day of live racing

9/19-21 Heritage Place Yearling Sale

10/8 MQHRA Board Meeting, 7:00 PM Paddock Room

11/1-2 Heritage Place Fall Mixed Sale

11/6-9 Bank of America Challenge Championships worth \$5.5 Million; AQHA Racing Conference

11/12 MQHRA Board Meeting, 7:00 PM Paddock Room

### Watch for the dates on these upcoming events

MQHRA Board meetings are tentatively set for the second Tuesday of each month. Meeting dates and locations may change from time to time. If you have ideas or suggestions for the board, contact the president well in advance of the next meeting.

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## More on All American Futurity Qualifier Hes Relentless (continued from previous page)

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**Breeder:** Since breeding the first of its 60 named American Quarter Horses in 2002, **Sunflower Supply Co.** of Galena, Kansas, has been represented by 32 winners from 47 starters, including stakes winners Hes Relentless and Miss Racy Jess, who was the sport's champion 3-year-old filly in 2012. Racehorses bred by Sunflower have earned more than \$1.57 million.

**Owners:** A \$50,000 supplemental nominee to enter the trials, Hes Relentless is owned by the Tularosa, New Mexico-based partnership of **R.D. Hubbard, Tom Maher and Johnny Cope**. Hubbard owns Ruidoso Downs, of which the general manager is his son, Shaun Hubbard. Maher is an attorney in Fort Pierre, South Dakota. Hes Relentless was solely owned by Maher for the Heritage Place Futurity, and Hubbard and Cope obtained their interest about a month ago after the colt arrived at Ruidoso Downs.

**Trainer:** Conditioning American Quarter Horses since 2003, **Amber Blair** to date has sent out 710 starters and the winners of 102 races. Racing primarily in such Midwestern tracks as Prairie Meadows, Canterbury Park and Will Rogers Downs, Blair has conditioned the earners of \$1,506,844.

**Qualifying jockey:** **Cody Rodger Smith** to date has ridden 478 winners and the earners of \$6,751,494 from 4,975 American Quarter Horse races.

**Pedigree:** Hes Relentless is one of 60 winners from 150 starters in two crops raced by champion **One Famous Eagle**, who in 2012 was represented by the earners of \$2,932,336 and broke First Down Dash's record as the all-time leading freshman sire. Now the sire of the earners of more than \$4.1 million, One Famous Eagle has been represented by 11 stakes winners, including world champion One Dashing Eagle, who won last year's All American Futurity.

Hes Relentless is one of five winners from seven starters out of the Strawfly Special mare This Dreams Flying, who has produced the earners of \$274,511. A winning earner of \$13,109, This Dreams Flying is one of 15 winners from 18 starters out of the champion Dash For Cash mare Dashing Phoebe (\$609,553), who competed in Mr Trucka Jet's 1985 All American Futurity. Dashing Phoebe has produced the earners of more than \$2.37 million, including champion and All American Futurity winner Heartswideopen, champion Special Phoebe and three other stakes winners.

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### NCQHRA Futurity, 350 Yards, Two Year Olds, Sunday, August 4, 2013, Purse \$45,050

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Horse	Trainer	Owner	Jockey	Time
Seis The Royal Cash	V. Hanson	Brenda Reiswig	I. Ricardo Suarez	17.989
Sportwagon	W. Harris	Robert and Julie Petersen	R. Eikleberry	17.776
Engine Number Nine	A. Blair	Summer Run Inc.	J. Torres	17.775
PYC First Prize Joe	A. Blair	Summer Run Inc.	C. Smith	17.695
Mafoosa	B. Clay	B. Simons, M. Lawless & K. Clay	S. Smith	18.247
It's a Royal Flush	B. Johnson	Thomas L. Anderberg	R. Buening	18.177
First Captain Dave	M. Taylor	Ralph Young	P. Canchari	18.119
Lil Chicks Corona	B. Johnson	Casey J. Foster	D. Frink	18.158
Teller Toego	A. Blair	Rodney J. Smith	R. Eikleberry	18.010
No Secret Faith	A. Blair	Gene & Faye Reeves	M. Luark	18.105

**Cash Caravan Stakes, 440 Yards, Three Year Olds and Up, Sunday,  
August 11, 2013, Purse \$22,600**

Horse	Trainer	Owner	Jockey	Time
Explosive Guns	S. Miller	Fred C. Pelzer	J. Torres	22.091
Tres My Tracks	A. Blair	Tom Pouliot	R. Eikleberry	22.097
Western Fun	B. Clay	Robert and Julie Petersen	S. Smith	22.131
Naketa	E. Hardy	Rodney Von Ohlen	M. Luark	22.375
Streak N Hot	D. Haglund	Dale R. Haglund	R. Shaw	22.466
Beautys Prince	S. Kane	Doug Hoseck	N. Goodwin	22.642

**Race For Hope Bonus Challenge, 400 Yards, Three Year Olds and Up, Fillies and Mares,  
Saturday, August 18, 2013, Purse \$30,900**

Horse	Trainer	Owner	Jockey	Time
Glory Rider	K. Willis	You and Me Partners	A. Silva	20.327
Dreamnwideopen	K. Willis	Sam W. Green	R. Eikleberry	20.353
Corona Mit Go	S. Charette-Hill	Christie and Mike Donahue	J. Torres	20.402
Midnight Sunlight	V. Hanson	Brenda Reiswig	I. Suarez Ricardo	20.752
Drinkin the Gold	C. Livingston	Stephanie Walker	M. Swiontek	20.786
Painted Sable	E. Hardy	Bob Moore Farms LLC.	M. Luark	20.973

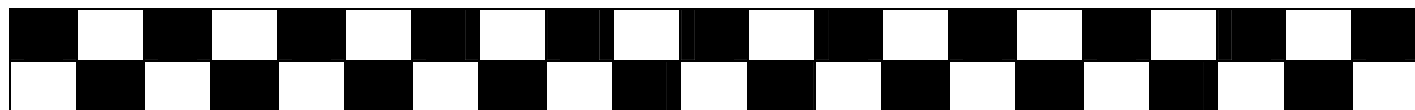


**2013 Quarter Horse  
Trainer of the Week / Year**

Minnesota Quarter Horse Racing Association Announces the Winner is:

**Amber Blair** with 200 points  
2nd was Vic Hanson with 175 points  
3rd was Robert Johnson with 171 points

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By Melita Kanpper

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Week 3- Vic Hanson  
Week 6 – Amber Blair  
Week 9 – Amber Blair  
Week 12 – Bob Johnson



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