



# APPALOOSA HORSE CLUB RACING

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### **APPALOOSA WINS IN MIXED COLOR MAIDEN CLAIMING RACE**

**SALLISAW, OKLA.**—Appaloosas proved to be the color breed to beat Sept. 14 at Blue Ribbon Downs in Sallisaw, Okla., as one Appaloosa outran the eight other colorful horses on the 350-yard track for a maiden win. The claiming race offered a purse of \$5,500.

Appaloosa, Can You See Me Now, was easily the most visible horse on the fast dirt track, as he crossed the finish line first in 18.256 seconds. The 4-year-old gelding drew off under Cody Smith, and won \$3,156, bringing the horse's lifetime earnings to \$6,653. The Oklahoma-bred Appaloosa is by Brookhill (AQHA) and out of Truckle Up (ApHC). Can You See Me Now is owned and was bred by Jack L. Wilkerson, and trained by Gary Walker.

Shez a Fast Princess, a 3-year-old Paint Horse filly, followed Can You See Me Now across the finish line, and completed the race in 18.287 seconds to win \$1,052. Shez a Fast Princess is owned and trained by Rex Brooks, and was ridden by Jimmie Hunt.

Appaloosa, Ok Day, ran the track in 18.455 seconds with Kenneth Goad Jr. aboard. The 3-year-old gelding won \$579, bringing the horse's lifetime earnings to \$3,724. The Oklahoma-bred gelding is by Okey Dokey Dale (AQHA) and out of No Raney Day (ApHC). Ok Day is owned by Kay and Kin Pirtle, and trained by Lynn Sheppard.

Other horses completing the field included Tells Chances (APHA) with \$316, Runnin Ruby (ApHC) with \$157, Figure Me Special Too (APHA) with \$60, Hightalken (APHA) with \$60, Lls Ladybug (APHA) with \$60, and Miss Barbie (APHA) with \$60.

The claiming price for each horse competing was \$5,000.

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## **Appaloosa Racing**

Appaloosas have long been an integral part of one of America's most popular spectator sports—horse racing. The Appaloosa Horse Club (ApHC) officially recognized the sport in 1962, beginning Appaloosa racing history with four races and 23 starters competing for \$12,000 in total purses. In 2006, 203 starters competed in 440 races for \$2,904,774 in total purses.

Racing fans can find Appaloosas crossing the finish line in Arizona, California, Colorado, Kansas, Michigan, Montana, Nevada, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, Washington and Wyoming.

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