

# Meet my brother Rey

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**PROVING** he could dominate the industry quickly, Dual Rey paved the way for Rey Dual, his younger brother, to stand in Australia.

**I**t was only two years ago that Dual Rey, the top cutting sire of three-year-olds in the United States, had his first foals that were bred in Australia begin to show here. And, it was only last year that Dual Rey's only full brother, Rey Dual (earner of \$123,449) was moved to Australia to stand at stud.

On that first outing in Australia for Dual Rey's foals, his owner, Linda Holmes comments, "He only had 9 foals bred in Australia, and their first show season was 2008. Of those 9, he had 6 Champions/Reserve Champions titles and 9 finalist places. We're pretty sure no other stallion has ever reached that level of success in Australia from his first foal crop."

Holmes, owner of Holmes Cutting Horses in Longmont, Colorado, U.S.A. says, "The phenomenal success of his first foals in Australia was unbelievable, and while I was excited to see the results for the next year, I'll admit I was a little nervous that he wouldn't do as well."

Photo: Rey Dual

Holmes had no reason to be anxious. The next year in Australia, Dual Rey's foals proved that the first year wasn't just a fluke. At the 2009 NCHA Derby, Dual Rey sired 3 of the top 6 Open Finalists and the Non-Pro Champion. At the NCHA Futurity, Dual Rey sired the Open Reserve Champion. Erin Flashy Rey, sired by Dual Rey, was the Open Derby Reserve Champion at both Toowoomba and Goondiwindi, and the Victoria Futurity saw Dual Rey foals capture the top three spots.

At that point in the year, after the win at Victoria in 2009, Dual Rey was the only sire to begin the 2009 futurities with champions in three disciplines. In addition, to Erin Flashy Rey, Dual Rey was sire of the U.S. West Texas Cutting Futurity Open Champion, the U.S. National Stock Horse Snaffle Bit Futurity Open Champion and the U.S. Reining By The Bay Futurity Open Champion.

However, the high point of 2009 came in December when Rockin W, a 2006 stallion sired by Dual Rey, owned by Walton's Rocking W Ranch and ridden by native Australian Tony Piggot won the coveted U.S. NCHA Futurity Open. Dual Rey ended the year by distinguishing himself as the only horse to ever sire the U.S. NCHA Futurity Open Champion, the National Reined Cowhorse Snaffle Bit Futurity Open Champion and the National Stock Horse Snaffle Bit Futurity Open Champion — all in the same year!

"Just when we didn't think it could get any better, it did," says Holmes. The year 2010 continues the string of wins for Dual Rey's foals in both Australia and the United States.

The Dual Rey foals performing in Australia began the year with the 2010 Armidale Cutting Futurity where Six Spins won the Open. And, EB S Phalaris split 3rd in the Junior finals at the Australian Quarter Horse Association National Cutting. The 2010 Australian NCHA Futurity brought unprecedented success; with only 12 foals sired by Dual Rey competing, there were 2 Champions, 2 Reserve Champions and 8 finalists.

In the U.S., at the first three major cutting events in 2010, Dual Rey was three-for-three by siring the Champion/Reserve Champion or both including: 4-Year-Old Open Champion,

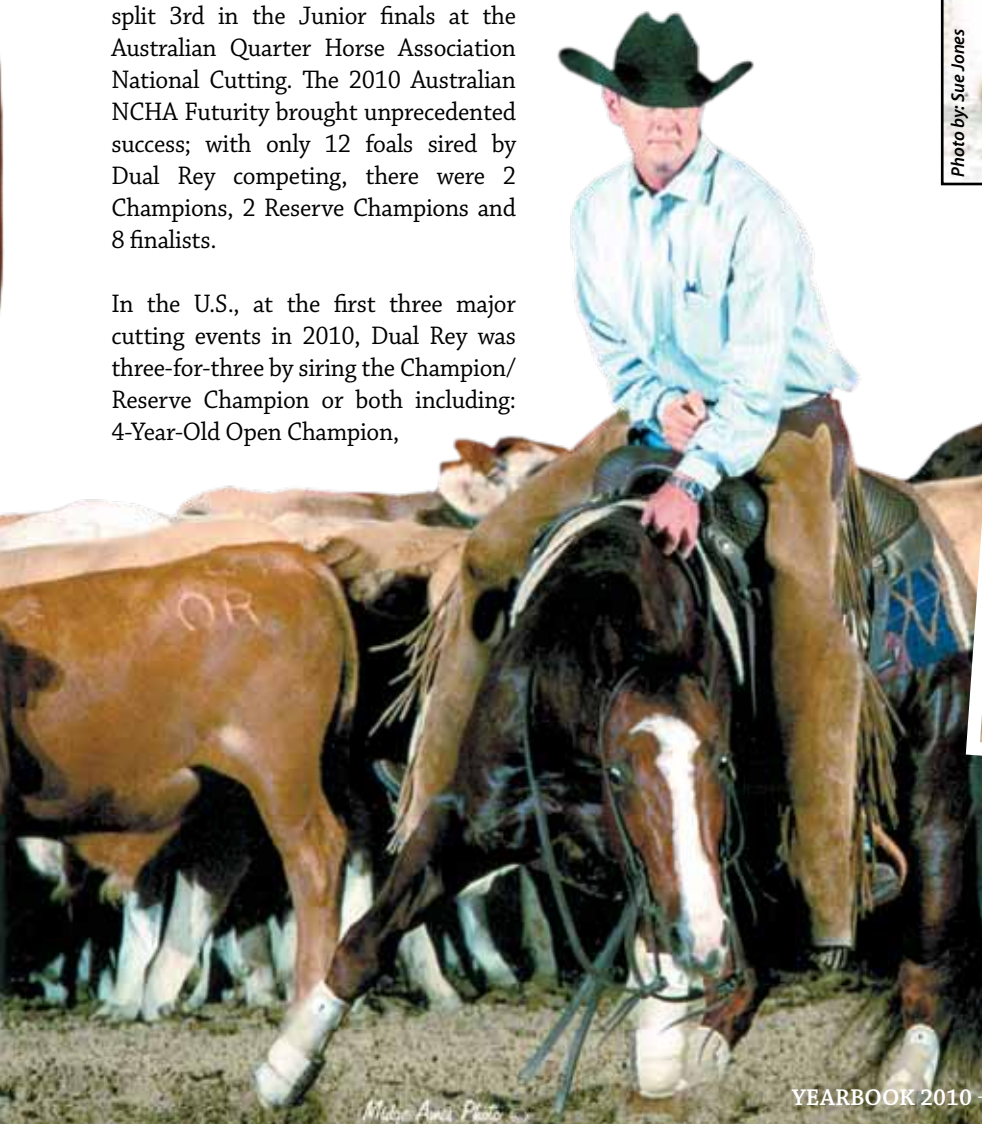


Photo by: Glenn Mandl Dual Wind Storm ridden by Heath Sinclair



Photo by: Sue Jones

Oaks Chime, 2nd Warwick Gold Cup, is in foal to Rey Dual for a 2011 foal



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Ridden by Lloyd Cox, Dual Rey competed at the top level, won \$123,449 and stayed sound.



Halreycious, is a 2002 sorrel stallion, sired by Dual Rey. He has lifetime earnings of \$227,459



Jason Leitch atop Ms Fortissimo. Ms Fortissimo is in foal to Rey Dual for a 2011 foal

Photo by Ray Cooper



Open Reserve Champion, Open Finalist (3rd), and \$10K Novice Champion at Abilene; 4-Year-Old Open Champion at Augusta; and the 4-Year-Old Open Reserve Champion at Tunica.

In April 2010, Reys Desire by Dual Rey won the U.S. NCHA Super Stakes Open, and in May, Hoorey, a 2006 stallion by Dual Rey was named Ranch Horse Association of America's Junior/Senior World Champion.

Today, Dual Rey is a household name in the U.S. cutting horse industry, but not many know Holmes almost sold him as a yearling. Linda relates, "At the time, it was our policy to sell any stud colts, and we planned on consigning him to one of the 1995 NCHA Futurity Sales, but a few weeks before the sale, he slipped on muddy ground and slid into a cable fence. Since he ripped open most of his nose, where it could not be properly repaired, we just decided to keep him."

This "keeper" is a 1994 sorrel stallion with lifetime earnings of \$118,000 and is currently ranked by Equi-Stat as the #1 Leading Cutting Sire of 3-Year Olds and the #2 Leading Cutting Sire for the fifth consecutive year. His offspring have combined total earnings in excess of \$15 Million.

Holmes qualifies his Equi-Stat ranking by emphasizing, "Dual Rey's #2 ranking needs to be examined in light of his age and number of foals, because the #1 horse has twice the number of performing foals, and is six years older. Don't get me wrong, we're thrilled he's made the top two, but the ranking in and of itself doesn't tell the entire story."

Holmes says, "One of the reasons we are so excited about the Australian market,

is we feel it's a brand new, level playing field and provides a great opportunity to demonstrate what Dual Rey's genetics can do in the performance horse industry over here."

Many of the trainers in Australia have been impressed with Dual Rey's foals. Phil Dawson, says, "The Dual Reys I have in training are at another level in terms of their athletic ability and cow sense. They

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*- U.S. Trainer Cody Hall*

are also show horses that step up on the big occasions. Reyn Storm and Rey Lady Rey are two of my favourites." Trainer Heath Sinclair relates, "I've ridden five at various stages and I haven't had a bad one yet. They always want to work a cow. Their style sets them apart from the rest." Corey Holden adds, "Halreycious, by Dual Rey is the best horse I ever started, and is what I'd call the most complete horse I ever rode. The Dual Rey's read cattle well and get to the bottom of their stops and they are extremely cowy. It's traits like this that allowed Six Spins to win Armidale Futurity with only 10 months training."

When the first show season for Dual Rey's foals in Australia was such an unprecedented success, Holmes decided to see firsthand what the market was like. She comments, "I did a seven-day visit

of Australia and talked to as many horse enthusiasts as I could find, and I was overwhelmed by the positive impact Dual Rey was making. By the time I got on the plane to come home, I knew we had to put more focus on this market."

Holmes Cutting Horses was already shipping semen to Australia, but Linda felt there was enough demand for Dual Rey genetics to warrant sending Rey Dual, Dual Rey's only full brother, to stand with Tom Williamson in Australia. Linda says, "It's no accident that Dual Rey only has one full brother. We planned it that way. We knew the Dual Rey genetics would be valuable and having his full brother widens the window of opportunity and expands the availability to breed for that pedigree."

When asked if it was a tough decision to move Rey Dual, Holmes replies, "Well, it was a major decision, but not a hard one to make. We felt Rey Dual would fill the bill for those who want Dual Rey genetics, and moving him makes those genetics much more accessible and affordable. It just boils down to a more efficient way to market the bloodline."

Tom Williamson has a lot of confidence in the potential for Rey Dual and says, "Every morning we put him out in the stallion paddock and he goes for his routine gallop. I saw him in the U.S. doing it and that's when I was sold on him. He develops incredible speed in a small area and can gallop around a corner without losing any momentum - he near lays down on his side. Very few horses can do that. The way he gallops reminds me very much of Terry Hall's great campdraft horse, Rex. He's also deadly leaded - I've never seen him miss his lead. To me this is a very important quality in any performance horse because it tells me they're well balanced. He then



Open Champion - Rockin W ridden by: TonyPiggott



Reys Desire, by Dual Rey, the 2010 US NCHA Super Stakes Open Champion

pulls up and feeds for the rest of the day without a care in the world. He has a great temperament. Once I rode him it was confirmed."

Rey Dual has already bred to some great mares including Ms Fortissimo, Yulgilbar o Peppy Roy, Winderadeen Black Label Cat, Spinnies Duckling, Oaks Fancy Duckling, Stylish Kat, EB's Mainstreet and Pepto Stylish Angel.

U.S. trainer Cody Hall likes what he's seen of Rey Dual's offspring and says, "I really think a lot of the first Rey Dual colt I've ridden," and continues, "the Rey Duals have the athletic ability and disposition of the kind of horse you want in your barn."

Time will tell what kind of a sire Rey Dual will make, but he certainly has the right breeding. Tom Williamson says, "Many people maintain full brothers won't breed on but anyone who studies pedigrees will tell you full brothers that are great horses in their own right will. I liken it to the great thoroughbred family of Northern Dancer - Saddlers Wells, Tate Gallery and Fairy King. They were 3 full brothers that were all good racehorses that all went on to be the world's leading sires and sires of sires, siring horses such as Encosta Delargo."

Owned by the Rey Dual Partnership, Rey Dual, is a 2002 sorrel stallion with lifetime earnings of \$123,449. His show record includes top 10 finalist in the Open at the 2005 U.S. NCHA Futurity, finalist in the NCHA Super Stakes and top 10 finalist in the Breeder's Invitational Derby Open. His trainer Lloyd Cox reminisces, "Rey Dual was a good, solid performer because he did whatever I needed him to do. And, actually he won more than Dual Rey."

Both Dual Rey and Rey Dual are HERDA N/N and HYPP N/N. Both studs have the same breeding (Dual Pep x Nurse Rey). Dual Rey has already proven himself in both the U.S. and Australia, but since Rey Dual's oldest limited foal crop are only 2-year-olds, it will be a little while before we see them in action. But Rey Dual can be seen now where he stands at Moore Park, Glen Innes.

Frozen semen is available for Dual Rey. Frozen and fresh semen are available for Rey Dual. **For more information, contact Linda Holmes office: 303-651-0389, cell 303-956-1887 or Tom Williamson 04 2990 8324 williamson.tom@bigpond.com or visit www.holmescuttinghorses.com**



Reymanator, by Dual Rey, the 2009 US National Reined Cow Horse Snaffle Bit Futurity Open Champion and the 2009 US National Stock Horse Snaffle Bit Futurity Champion.

## DUAL REY'S Australian Performers...

### 2009 NCHA Derby

- Dual Windstorm • Open Finalist (3rd)
- Hoorey Little Dreamer • Open Finalist (5th)
- Erin Missy Rey • Open Finalist (6th)
- Do Rey Me • Non-Pro Champion

### 2009 NCHA Futurity

- EB S Phalaris • Open Reserve Champion
- Reys Ya Garter • Open Finalist (top 10)

### 2009 Toowoomba Futurity

- Erin Flashy Rey • Open Derby Reserve Champion

### 2009 Goondiwindi Futurity

- Erin Flashy Rey • Open Derby Reserve Champion

### 2009 Victoria Futurity

- Erin Flashy Rey • Open Derby Champion
- Dual Windstorm • Open Derby Reserve Champion
- Erin Missy Rey • Open Derby Finalist (3rd)

### 2010 Armidale Cutting Futurity

- Six Spins • Open Champion

### 2010 Australian Quarter Horse

#### Association National Cutting

- EB S Phalaris • Junior Finalist (split 3rd)

### Dual Rey Progeny:

12 competed for 8 finalists, 2 champions, 2 reserve champions

### Futurity

Reys Little Dreamer - Heath Sinclair - 7th  
Owner: Rob and Collette Greer

### Derby

EBs Phalaris Rob Hodgman (Champion)  
Owner: R & M Hodgman

### Classic

Erin Flashy Rey - Aaron Wheatley (Reserve Champion)  
Owner: Tristar Quarter Horse Stud  
Hoorey Little Dreamer - Heath Sinclair - 3rd  
Owner: Greg Jollif  
Erin Missy Rey - Corey Holden 4th  
Owner: Erin Park Stud  
Dual Wind Storm - Angie Jolly - Finalist  
Owner: Graham & Lyn Whyte

### Non Pro Classic

Dual Wind Storm - Angie Jolly - Champion  
Owner: Graham & Lyn Whyte  
Do Rey Me - William Tapp - Reserve Champion  
Owner: William and Tracey Tap