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BEN BALDUS CROWNED ALL-AROUND CHAMPION AT NATIONAL RANCH AND STOCK HORSE ALLIANCE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

National Ranch and Stock Horse Alliance, Guthrie, Oklahoma – The seven-time champion does it again, as Ben Baldus of Gainesville, Texas, captured the all-around Open title at the National Ranch and Stock Horse Alliance National Championship Show held in conjunction with the AQHA Versatility Ranch Horse World Championships recently at the Lazy E Arena in Guthrie, Oklahoma.



Ben and Playin Motown was 2nd last year at the NRSHA national show and took home the champion title this year, along with the VRH Senior World Championship. The pair had a great showing in each class finishing 1st in cutting, 2nd in reining, 3rd in cow work, 4th in trail and 6th in ranch riding. As Ben spoke about the last week he said, “it was fun to catch up with old friends and meet new ones. There’s a lot of growth in the versatility. I was very happy with the course set up. Playin Motown has been in our program for quite a few years now and it is exciting

to go show him; he loves to do his job.”

Playin Motown is a 2013 gelding by Mr Playinstylish and out of Mo Flo and was bred by Kit and Charlie Moncrief and Lee Tennison.

The NRSHA all-around open received a prize package that included a sterling-silver buckle, bronze trophy, champion neck ribbon, specially designed logoed jacket and champion patch. Ben also walked away with a \$3,071 payout with \$1,000 added money from NRSHA.

Reserve champion honors went to Lavert Avent of Elbert, Colorado and Down with the OBB a 2016 gelding.

Over 470 entries competed in NRSHA ranch trail, ranch reining, ranch riding, ranch cutting, ranch boxing and ranch cow work across 7 different divisions. Riders qualified for the National Championship Show by competing at three or more shows with one of the NRSHA partners.

About NRSHA

The National Ranch and Stock Horse Alliance is comprised of nine ranch/stock horse associations dedicated to preserving and promoting ranching traditions and heritage through competition on a national level. Members include the American Paint Horse Association, East Coast Stock Horse Association, Kentuckiana Ranch Horse Association, National Versatility Ranch Horse Association, Oklahoma Stock Horse Association, Stock Horse of Texas, Volunteer Ranch Horse Association, Western States Versatility Ranch Horse Association and the American Quarter Horse Association. More information about NRSHA can be found at www.ranchhorse.net.

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