

It may be his first time in the calf pen but Urquijo JIM looks like a natural talent. Notice his expression and concentration as well as his use of his body to hold the rope and assist his rider.



TESTAMENT TO P.R.E. VERSATILITY

by Terry Waechter

BIOGRAPHY

NAME: Jim Neubert

AGE: 25

HOME: Alturas, CA, USA

OCCUPATION:

Starts 100-120 colts each year

EXPERIENCE:

Raised on a working ranch, Jim's father is a professional horseman and clinician. Jim spent 5 years traveling with his father to some of America's premiere quarter horse operations to start colts.

Invited to demonstrate ranch and trick roping at the International Western Games in Italy



Early in October Jim Neubert arrived at Betsy and Chris Ketcham's Paicines Ranch located near Hollister, CA. with the purpose of starting some of their Quarter Horse and P.R.E. colts. Typically, Jim works with his young prospects for about ten days handling each horse once a day. His purpose is to saddle and ride each colt inside and outside the round pen so that the owners can continue saddle training after he is gone.



Urquijo JIM, a 2002 son of Remador II was a star performer. He excelled during his ten days of under saddle work so Jim decided to try him as his mount during a calf branding session. Urquijo proved to be a natural, showing no fear or anxiety at the bawling, running calves, the taunt rope against his neck or the sight of a hot branding iron placed against the calf.

How did Jim describe his two P.R.E. students? He called them “quick to learn, remarkably balanced in all 3 gaits particularly the canter and willing and capable”. He was surprised at their stamina and strength on rides in the hills. Then he commented on something that will come at no surprise to P.R.E. owners...the horse was so smooth and easy, he could ride all day in comfort.

In closing, Jim offered this high praise when he said he’d rather cowboy off a P.R.E. any day. This comes from a man who earns his living riding working quarter horses.

