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### Shawn Flarida Wins NRHA Open Futurity for the Third Time

State Fair Park has to be one of NRHA Million Dollar Rider Shawn Flarida's favorite places to show. For the third time in his career, Flarida, Springfield, Ohio, rode into the arena to the traditional spotlight and "Run For the Roses" aboard KR Lil Conquistador (Conquistador Whiz x Smart Little Prize) to claim the 2005 NRHA Open Futurity Champion title. This was the first time for a Cheree Kirkbride owned entry to win the Futurity, but Flarida has been to the winner's circle twice before - on Mark Schols' Wimpys Little Step (2002) and Smart Spook (2004) owned by Rosanne Sternberg. Their score of 225 earned them a guaranteed Finals paycheck of \$125,000!

... In third place, **newly-crowned NRHA Million Dollar Rider Craig Schmersal** added to his earnings with a 223 aboard Wrangle Whiz (Topsail Whiz x Wranglers Gay Bar), owned by Timorie Budge. They went home from the 2005 Futurity \$81,384.63 richer.

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