



2025 NAERIC DRAFT HORSE CLASSIC SALE & FUTURITY

April 2025 – The 2025 NAERIC Draft Horse Classic Sale & Futurity took place in conjunction with the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair at the Keystone Centre, Brandon, MB on April 3 – 5, 2025. The event saw 11 three-year-olds return to compete for the \$32,750 total purse. Taking home the winner's share of \$6,550 was **Rose Hill Eden**, a Percheron filly owned by Gordon and Shannon Ruzicka, Viking, AB and exhibited by Gordon. **Rose Hill Eden** was sired by **Poplar View Nicolas** and out of **Eaglesfield Sasha**, and bred by Gordon & Shannon Ruzicka. The top ten Futurity placings are as follows:

1. **Rose Hill Eden** owned and bred by Gordon and Shannon Ruzicka and exhibited by Gord Ruzicka
2. **Lone Oak 22 Tucker** owned & bred by Jim Lane and David Collier, and exhibited by David Collier
3. **HFN Roxy 22** owned by Dustin Zukowski, bred by Doug Hobman, and exhibited by Tonya Goodwin
4. **Paramount Fire&Flash** owned by Perry Conrad & Bobby Jo Conrad, bred by David R C Bailey, and exhibited by Bobby Jo Conrad
5. **Rose Hill Elite** owned by Joe & Cathy Plett, bred by Gordon and Shannon Ruzicka and exhibited by Joe Plett
6. **Creek Side Hadley** owned by Tom Lane & Zephrin LaRiviere, exhibited by Zephrin LaRiviere, and bred by Tom Lane
7. **SAH Knight** owned by Dean Hobman & Hobman Livestock Ltd., bred by Stacey Hobman, & exhibited by Doug Hobman
8. **Eaglesfield Fernando** owned by Chris & Cathy Laycock and Joe & Cathy Plett, bred by Brian & Colleen Coleman, and exhibited by Joe Plett
9. **Duhaime's Isak** owned by Perry T. Conrad & family and Benny DeRuyck, exhibited by Toni Conrad, and bred by Albert, Emma & Nichole Duhaime
10. **Paton's C J Jet's Tahoe** owned by Connor or Curtis Paton, bred by Curtis Paton, and exhibited by Connor Paton

Winning the high point pattern cart class, the high point halter class and the high point rail class was **Rose Hill Eden**. The winner of the Lady Driver Division was Bobby Jo Conrad. The winner of the First-time Driver Division was Connor Paton.

The three judges for the event were Todd Grier, Ontario; Blair Purcell, Ontario; and Neill Sandwith, New Brunswick.

The sale of yearlings followed the competition on Saturday, April 5 at 3:00 p.m. Jack Auction Group conducted the sale and offered online bidding to prospective buyers. The high bid was the "wild card" and brought \$50,000 from Dustin Zukowski of Yellowhead County, Alberta for **Rose Hill Gazelle**, a stand-out black Percheron mare consigned by Gordon & Shannon Ruzicka of Viking, Alberta. The high selling Belgian, consigned by Tom Lane (Manitoba), was **Creek Side Jake** selling for \$6,750 to Kelly Graham, Birtle, Manitoba. Consigned by Michael Hill (Alberta), the high selling Clydesdale **Wildwood STR Thor**, sold for \$6,500 to Andrew and Sarah Stalheim of Amery, Wisconsin. The 19 yearlings on offer averaged \$9,118 and will be eligible to return to the 2027 NAERIC Draft Horse Classic Futurity to compete for a total purse of \$43,650.

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