

## Austria Wins Big at the 2007 FEI World Reining Masters

**Rudi Kronsteiner is the first competitor outside of the U.S. to win gold.**

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Austria's Rudi Kronsteiner rode the American Quarter Horse stallion Smart Spook to win both the open and restricted gold medals at the 2007 FEI World Reining Masters Nov. 29 during the 2007 FEI World Reining Masters event at the Oklahoma State Fair Park Coliseum in Oklahoma City.

Seventeen riders from 15 countries competed in this fourth World Reining Masters event, which came down to a runoff between Kronsteiner and U.S. riders Casey Hinton on Mr Boomerjac and Gabe Hutchins on Juiced Up Doc.

First up in the runoff was Hinton, who scored a 222 on Mr Boomerjac; Hutchins went second on Juiced Up Doc marking a 211.5. Finally, Kronsteiner and Smart Spook took their turn and gave the judges a near flawless performance, marking a score of 227.

With the win, Kronsteiner became the first person outside of the United States to win the gold in the FEI World Reining Masters open division.

"It's just incredible," Kronsteiner said. "I'm really proud for my country. We are really small with maybe 7 million people, and we have only about 300 NRHA members. For my country and for me, this means a lot."

Kronsteiner was the only rider at the event who has competed in all four FEI World Reining Masters. He began competing in reining 10 years ago and has NRHA lifetime earnings of \$309,872.

Smart Spook is by Smart Chic Olena and out of Sugarplum Spook by Grays Starlight. NRHA \$3 million rider Shawn Florida rode the stallion to the 2004 NRHA Futurity open championship, 2005 NRHA Derby open championship and the 2005 AQHA junior reining championship. Before tonight's event, he had NRHA lifetime earnings of \$272,455. Reining is the only western discipline to be recognized by the FEI.

### Top Five Finishers in the 2007 FEI WORLD REINING MASTERS OPEN DIVISION

1. Austria: Rudi Kronsteiner on Smart Spook. Score: 221/227
2. United States: Casey Hinton on Mr Boomerjac. Score: 221/222
3. United States: Gabe Hutchins on Juiced Up Doc. Score: 221/211.5
4. Italy: Dario Carmignani on Skeets Dun. Score: 217
5. Brazil: Gilson Vendrame on Ima Little Tangy. Score: 216

### Top Five Finishers in the 2007 FEI WORLD REINING MASTERS RESTRICTED DIVISION

1. Austria: Rudi Kronsteiner on Smart Spook. Score: 221/227
2. Brazil: Gilson Vendrame on Ima Little Tangy. Score: 216
3. Belgium: Bernard Fonck on Don Quixote Escapes. Score: 215.5
4. France: David Roux on Hes One Smart Chic. Score: 212
5. Great Britain: Mark How on Moon Stone Chex. Score: 210.5