



Texas A&M University Online Horse Judging

Halter Mares - Class 1
4 Horses

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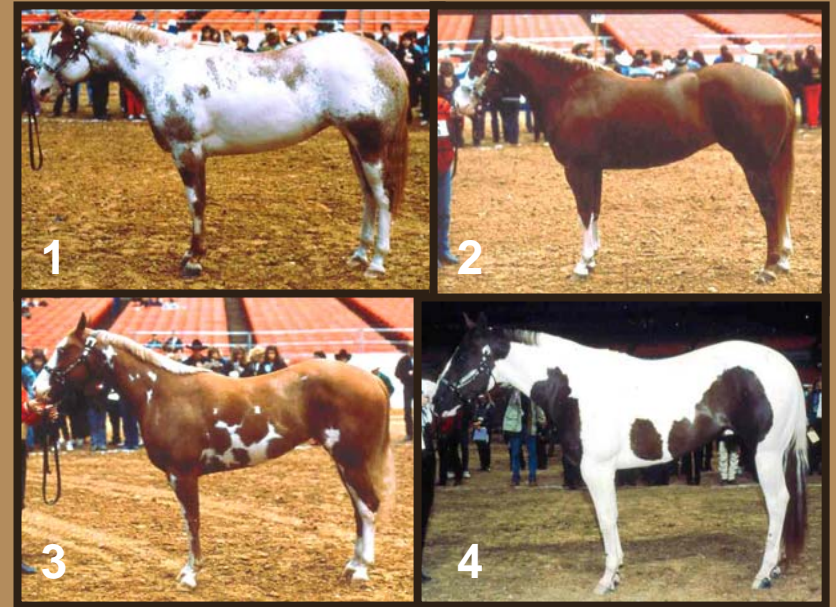
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Official Placing

1-2-4-3

Reasons

I place this class of Halter Mares 1-2-4-3, initiating with a pair of more heavily muscled mares in 1 and 2, and concluding with the least balanced individual in 3. Ideally, 1 could be more refined about the muzzle; nevertheless, 1 is a more proportional and a higher quality mare in my top pair of 1-2. 1 can more easily be divided into thirds having a more equally sized shoulder, barrel, and hip, being shorter over the back. Additionally, 1



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offers a longer, thinner neck that ties higher into the chest. I do realize that 2 exhibits more bulge and flair to the forearm. 2 retains an advantage in muscling in my intermediate pair of 2-4, while also being the more feminine individual. 2 offers more substance and definition of muscling, when viewed from the front, having a more prominent pectoral V with a greater circumference of the forearm. Furthermore, 2 is



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more refined about the face, with a brighter, more prominent eye. I will admit that 4 is shorter through the loin. Now in my concluding pair of 4-3, 4 is simply a larger framed, more desirably balanced individual. 4 carries more capacity, especially when viewed from the rear. 4 has a larger hip complimented by a bigger stifle, tying into a more evenly balanced gaskin. In addition, 4 has a more desirable angle to



Reasons

the shoulder and hip while being shorter and more level over the top-line. I will concede, 3 offers a thinner neck. However, 3 is longer through the loin, uneven from wither to croup, while being the lightest made individual. Therefore, not only is 3 the least balanced mare, but also the least muscled. And so, 3 is last. Thank you.

