

Fonthill Teenager Races the Clock

“You need a fast horse and the dedication to train and practice every day.” That pretty much sums up Jenna Mergl’s explanation for her amazing success as a youth barrel racing champion. In her first year competing in the Ontario Barrel Racing Association (OBRA) and National Barrel Horse Association (NBHA), she captured rookie of the year honours. In 2018 Jenna was crowned the OBRA Youth Champion and 2018 Reserve Youth Champion for NBHA. In the All-American Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, Ohio, she won her class and became a Congress Champion. Her strong season earned her the Community in Sport Award at the E.L. Crossley’s athletic banquet.

In 2019 she 15-year-old defended her the OBRA youth championship as well as the winning the overall open (all ages) OBRA title by accumulating the most points over a dozen shows.

The pandemic has been a disappointment so far in 2020 but that hasn’t stopped Jenna from looking ahead. “I really love this sport and hope that I can continue to train and get even better. I hope to compete at the Calgary Stampede someday.

A close bond with your horse is important when competing at the top level. “You have to push your horse and yourself as well. If you have a close bond your horse will try harder for you”



Keeping Winnie and the other horses in the family’s herd healthy and in top shape is something Jenna and her rider dad Brent trust only to Brooks Feeds. They’re all on Brooks Feeds from **Power Play** and **All Phase** for the competing horses to **Fibre O Plus** and **Phase 2** for retired and developing horses. “ We like how the horses do on Brooks. They have the right energy and really show their good health and condition” commented Brent.

You can bet that not even a pandemic will hold this ambitious young woman down for long. Passion, dedication, and determination combined with the best care and nutrition will inevitably continue to stop the clock in record time.

