

SPB 2-Year-Old & Older Stallions

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A previous two-time Open halter world champion, MLR I Am Legend defended his titles with a unanimous win in Solid Paint-Bred 2-Year-Old & Older Stallions with Tim Finkenbinder.

The 'total package,' MLR I Am Legend defends his world champion titles.

Tim Finkenbinder knew he had a good horse in MLR I Am Legend, and he walked into the show pen with his head held high for the Solid Paint-Bred 2-Year-Old & Older Stallions class. His confidence must have been palatable, and MLR I Am Legend—a 2009 and 2010 SPB halter world champion—successfully defended his titles with a unanimous world championship.

Q: Tell me a little about MLR I Am Legend.

Tim: I showed him last year and won with him, so he was another repeat. He's balanced, muscled and has a lot of correctness. I had a feeling that he could win today. Usually when you get one that's really good, it gives you confidence.

Q: What trait about this horse makes him stand out above the crowd?

Tim: He's just really strong backed and good legged and pretty headed and necked. He's just a complete package.

Q: I know you inspire a lot of people at this show. Who inspires you?

Tim: Probably my parents, although they have passed away.

Q: Would you like to thank anyone for the win?

Tim: Josh and Fidel.

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World Champion Stats

Horse: MLR I Am Legend, 2008 chestnut solid stallion

Pedigree: Mr Fantabulous x JBS Shez Prettyprint

Exhibitor: Tim Finkenbinder, Gainesville, Texas

Owner: Joshua McIntyre, Apple Valley, California

Breeder: Fidel Gonzalez, Apple Valley, California

Total Class Entries: 3

World Champion Prizes: Gist buckle, courtesy of APHA; embroidered jacket, courtesy of APHA and Tioga Territory; insulated carryall, courtesy of Paint Horse Journal; Purina's premium feed gift certificate, courtesy of Purina