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# FORT WORTH STOCK SHOW & RODEO

## **FORT WORTH, Texas (Jan. 16, 2024)**

Fulton Rutland, a 28-year-old cowboy from Westville, Oklahoma, dominated the competition in the first night of the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo's Bulls' Night Out. Rutland scored 90 points to top all competitors in the long round which featured 40 riders. Rutland rode Harper & Morgan Rodeo's bull Can't Get It Right. The 90-point effort was sweet revenge for Rutland who had bucked off that bull in their only previous matchup.

The riders with the 10 highest scores in the long round earned the chance to compete in a second, short round at the end of the night. Rutland was the only rider to stay on his bull in the short round. He rode Stockyards Pro Rodeo's bull named Train Station. The bull had only been ridden twice previously in his career.

One of the top stops on the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) Xtreme Bulls Tour, the event at Dickies Arena features 80 bull riders competing over two nights with 40 riders each performance. The Tuesday night field was divided into four sections of 10 riders.

The night began with a 83.5-point ride on Pete Carr Pro Rodeo's bull named Curley Bill by Dalton Ray Walling of Carthage, Texas. Any notion that every cowboy would be successful was quickly disproved as the bulls tossed the next seven cowboys to the dirt. Only 11 of the 40 riders earned scores in the long round.

Forty more bull riders will compete Wednesday night and try to top Rutland's marks in the long round, the short round and in total points on two bulls.

The format is the same with each cowboy competing in the long round, followed by a short round featuring the top 10 scorers from the long round. The championship will be awarded to the rider with the highest total score.

In the junior bull riding for youngsters 10 to 15, Trigg Smith of Canton, Texas, won a trophy buckle and \$500 with a score of 73 points.

The final Bulls' Night Out performance begins at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 17 at Dickies Arena, with a new field of bull riders and junior bull riders.

Thursday night the Texas Champions Challenge rodeo comes to Dickies Arena with winners from five iconic Texas rodeos – Houston, San Antonio, Austin, San Angelo and Fort Worth competing in a team format in six events.

**FORT WORTH, Texas** --- The following are leaders from Tuesday night's performance of Bulls' Night Out at the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo, January 16, 2024.

**First Round leaders:** 1, Fulton Rutland, Westville, Okla., 90 points on Harper & Morgan Rodeo's Can't Get It Right. 2, Caden Bunch, Tahlequah, Okla., 89.5. 3, Laramie Mosley, Palestine, Texas, 89. 4, Brady Portenier, Caldwell, Idaho, 88. 5, (tie) Deklan Garland, Marlow, Okla.; Patterson Starcher, Fort Scott, Kan., and Chance Schott, McLaughlin, S.D., 87. 8, Alex Cardozo, Graham, Texas, 86.

**Short Round:** (one ride) 1, Rutland, 86.5 points on Stockyards Pro Rodeo's Train Station.

**Total on Two:** 1, Rutland, 176.5 points. (on one) 2, Bunch, 89.5. 3, Mosley, 89. 4, Portenier, 88.

**Jr. Bull Riding:** (2 rides) 1, Trigg Smith, Canton, Texas, 73 points. 2, Coleman Berry, Poolville, Texas, 70.