

## Bracket 5 Round 2

### **FORT WORTH, Texas --** The following are unofficial results from the **FWSSR ProRodeo Tournament at the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo, Saturday, January 29, 2022.**

**Bareback:** 1, Jess Pope, Waverly, Kan., 89 points on Stace Smith Pro Rodeo's Cactus Black, \$1,760. 2, (tie) Richmond Champion, Stevensville, Mont., and Shane O' Connell, Rapid City, S.D., 87, \$1,100 each. 3. (tie) Evan Betony, Tonalea, Ariz., and Jayco Roper, Oktaha, Okla., 82, \$220 each.

Semifinals Qualifiers: Champion, 2,860, and Pope, \$2,640. Wild Card Qualifier: Lane McGehee, Victoria, Texas, \$1,320.

**Steer Wrestling:** 1, Josh Garner, Live Oak, Calif., 3.8 seconds, \$1,760. 2, Logan Kenline, Penrose, Colo., 4.6, \$1,320. 3, Sterling Lambert, Fallon, N.V., 4.9, \$880. 4, J.D. Struxness, Milan, Minn., 5.6, \$440.

Semifinals Qualifiers: Kenline and Lambert, \$2,640 each. Wild Card Qualifier: Garner, \$1,760.

**Breakaway Roping:** 1, Shelby Boisjoli, Calgary, Alberta, 2.0 seconds, \$1,760. 2, (tie) Rickie Engesser, Spearfish, S.D., and Brandy Gilbert, 2.2, \$1,100 each. 3, Lakota Bird, Nanton, Alberta, 2.3, \$440.

Semifinals Qualifiers: Shelby Boisjoli, \$3,520, and Gilbert \$2,420. Wild Card Qualifier: Engesser, \$1,100.

**Saddle Bronc Riding:** 1, (tie) Sage Newman, Melstone, Mont., on Sankey Rodeo's Pendleton Roundup's Marquee, and Chase Brooks, Deer Lodge, Mont., on Stace Smith Pro Rodeo's Flashcard Camp, 88.5 points, \$1,540 each. 2, Ryder Wright, Beaver, Utah, 87, \$880. 3, Jacobs Crawley, 85.5, \$440.

**Tie Down Roping:** 1, Westyn Hughes, Caldwell, Texas, 8.0 seconds, \$1,760. 2, Blake Chauvin, Raceland, La., 8.3, \$1,320. 3, John Douch, Huntsville, Texas, 11.0, \$880. 4, Ryle Smith, Oakdale, Calif., 12.0, \$440.

Semifinals Qualifiers: Chauvin, \$1,980, and Hughes, \$1,761. Wild Card Qualifier: Smith, \$1,760.

**Team Roping:** 1, Lightning Aguilera, Texas, and Coleby Payne, Stephenville, Texas, 3.6 seconds, \$1,760 each. 2, Brenten Hall, Jay, Okla., and Chase Tryan, Helena, Mont., 4.5, \$1,320. 3, Jake Orman, Prairie, Miss., and Brye Crites, Welch, Okla., 4.6, \$880. 4, (tie) Cory Kidd, Statesville, N.C., and Lane Mitchell, Bolivar, Tenn.; and Brooks Dahonzy, Window Rock, Ariz., and Russell Cardoza, Terrebonne, Ore., 4.7, \$220.

Semifinals Qualifiers: 1, Orman and Crites, \$2,420. 2, Aguilera and Payne, \$1,760. Wild Card Qualifier: Dustin Egusquiza, Marianna, Fla., and Travis Graves, Jay, Okla., \$1,540.

**Women's Barrel Race:** 1, Jordon Briggs, Tolar, Texas, 16.25 seconds, \$1,760. 2, (tie) Dona Kay Rule, Minco, Okla., and Sissy Winn, Chapman Ranch, Texas, 16.62, \$1,100 each. 3, Carly Taylor, Andersonville, Tenn., 16.64, \$440.

Semifinals Qualifiers: Briggs, \$3,080, and Winn, \$2,860. Wild Card Qualifiers: Rule, \$1,100.

**Bull Riding:** (Two qualified rides) 1, Clayton Savage, Banner, Wyo., 85 points on 4L/Diamond S Rodeo's Pass the Booze. 2, Jesse Flores, La Puente, Calif., 80.5, \$1,980.

Semifinals Qualifiers: Savage, \$2,860, and Flores, \$1,980. Wild Card Qualifier: Trey Benton III, Richards, Texas, \$1,760.

## **Rodeo Athletes Look for Repeat Titles at Fort Worth's ProRodeo Tournament**

**FORT WORTH, Texas, January 29, 2022** — Saturday at the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo (FWSSR) was full of pro rodeo action. The day began with an 11 a.m. performance of the FWSSR ProRodeo Tournament in Dickies Arena. The fifth bracket of contestants roped and rode in their second round of competition to determine who would advance to next week's semifinals.

A new group of rodeo athletes (bracket six) began their tournament journey at the 7:30 p.m. rodeo performance and will return Sunday afternoon a.m. for their second qualifying round.

If that wasn't enough rodeo for one day, the North Texas High School Scholarship Rodeo took over Will Rogers Coliseum at 10 a.m. Contestants in 13 events competed for \$26,000 in scholarships.

Jordon Briggs, the reigning world champion barrel racer, set a new Dickies Arena record in her event – 16.25 seconds – to win the second round of her bracket. Briggs, the daughter of three-time world champion Kristie Peterson, won the barrel racing championship at Fort Worth in Will Rogers Coliseum in 2009 while she was still Jordon Peterson.

She'd love to join the exclusive club of athletes to win Fort Worth championships in both venues and she's part way there after she advanced to the semifinals on February 3-4. The four fastest times from each semifinal compete for the championship on February 5.

Another highlight of the morning came in the bareback riding, Jess Pope, who finished third in the world standings after earning his second National Finals Rodeo (NFR) championship in December, scored 89 points to win the round. Pope, who lives in Waverly, Kansas, rode Stace Smith Pro Rodeo's bucking horse named Cactus Black. That put Pope in the semifinals on February 3-4

Not to be outdone, Pope's traveling partner took first in bareback riding Saturday night. Cole Franks of Clarendon, the current number one in the world standings, combined with Sankey Pro Rodeo's horse Silver Screen for 87 points. Franks, the 2021 college champion in both bareback riding and the all-around, returns Sunday to try to cement his berth in the semifinals.

Three-time world champion tie-down roper Tuf Cooper wrapped up the Saturday night win in his event. He was the first roper out of the box and set a time of 8.1 seconds that none of the others could beat. Cooper won the FWSSR tie-down championship in 2017 and considers this his hometown rodeo since he lives in nearby Decatur. He is the only member of his storied rodeo family to win a title here. Like Briggs, he'd love to win a championship in both venues, and he will be back Sunday to try to advance to the semifinals.

The tournament field features 56 contestants in each event who are divided into seven groups of eight. Each group competes in back-to-back qualifying rounds. The third-highest money winner in each group advances to the wild card round on Wednesday, February 2. The other four competitors go into a non-qualifiers pool and the highest remaining money winner in each event also gets to move to the wild card round. The top two money winners of the wild card

competition also move on to the semifinals. Then, the top four from each semifinal advance to the finals when the champions will be crowned on February 5.