

Bracket 6 Round 1

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 Riding: 1, Cole Franks, Clarendon, Texas, 87 points on Sankey Pro Rodeo's Silver Screen, \$1,760. 2, Kaycee Feild, Genola, Utah, 85, \$1,320. 3, Orin Larsen, Inglis, Manitoba, 84.5, \$880. 4, Kash Wilson, Gooding, Idaho, 78, \$440.

Steer Wrestling: 1, Hunter Cure, Holliday, Texas, 4.5 seconds, \$1,760. 2, Curtis Cassidy, Donald, Alberta, 4.6, \$1,320. 3, (tie) Tanner Milan, Cochrane, Alberta, and Don Payne, Stephenville, Texas, 5.7 and \$660 each.

Breakaway Roping: 1, Taylor Engesser, Spearfish, S.D., 2.0 seconds, \$1,760. 2, Kelsie Domer, Dublin, Texas, 2.2, \$1,320. 3, (tie) Jackie Crawford, Stephenville, Texas, and Jordan Jo Fabrizio, Canyon, Texas, 2.6 and \$660 each.

Saddle Bronc Riding: 1, K's Thomson, Lundbreck, Alberta, 88.5 points on Stace Smith Pro Rodeo's Cancun Moon, \$1,760. 2, Jake Finlay, Goondiwindi, Australia and Cody DeMoss, Heflin, La., 83 and \$1,100 each. 4, Hardy Braden, Welch, Okla., 82.5, \$440.

Tie Down Roping: 1, Tuf Case Cooper, Decatur, Texas, 8.1 seconds, \$1,760. 2, Ryan Jarrett, Comanche, Okla., 8.9, \$1,320. 3, Cody Craig, Wendell, Idaho, 9.9, \$880. 4, Cory Solomon, Prairie View, Texas, 10.9, \$440.

Team Roping: 1, (tie) Andrew Ward, Edmond, Okla., and Buddy Hawkins II, Columbus, Kan.; and Jeff Flenniken, Caldwell, Idaho, and Jake Minor, Ellensburg, Wash., 4.4 seconds and \$1,540 each. 3, Erich Rogers, Round Rock, Ariz., and Paden Bray, Stephenville, Texas, 5.7, \$880. 4, Wyatt Imus, Brenham, Texas, and Caleb Anderson, Mocksville, N.C., 6.2, \$440.

Barrel Racing: 1, Destri Devenport, Escondido, Calif., 16.61 seconds, \$1,760. 2, Michelle Darling, Medford, Okla., 16.70, \$1,320. 3, Emma Charleston, Reeds, Mo., 16.85, \$880. 4, Deb Guelly, Cat Springs, Texas, 17.18, \$440.

Bull Riding: (two rides) 1, Jesse Hopper, Mangum, Okla., 80.5 points on Rafter G Rodeo's Blitzkreig Bop, \$2,420. 2, Roscoe Jarboe, New Plymouth, Idaho, \$1,980.

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 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 brackets of eight. Each bracket competes in back-to-back qualifying rounds. The third-highest money winner in each bracket 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.