

COWBOYS OF COLOR RODEO

FORT WORTH. --- The following are results from the **Cowboys of Color Invitational Rodeo** at the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo, Monday, **January 17, 2022.**

Ranch Bronc Riding: (2 qualified rides) 1. Trevor McCaslin, Glenpool, Okla., 75 points on Rafter G Rodeo's Fruitloops, \$2,750. 2. Lamar Hankins, Spencer, Okla., 68, \$2,250.

Steer Wrestling: 1. Grady Payne Deleon, Texas, 3.7 seconds, \$2,000. 2. Chase Crane, Oklahoma City, Okla., 4.0, \$1,500. 3. Darius Ford, Tulsa, Okla., 4.5, \$1,000. 4 (tie). Rayshode Amos, Dallas, Texas, and Tremaine DeBose, Anderson, Texas, 5.0.

Tie-Down Roping: 1. Koby Douch, Huntsville, Texas, 11.1 seconds, \$2,000. 2, Chris Rollin, Huntsville, Texas, 12.0, \$1,500. 3, Steven Robinson, Fort Worth, Texas, 12.2, \$1,000. 4, DeWeldo Watson, Huntsville, Texas, 13.3, \$500.

Barrel Racing: 1. Liz Shannon, Kilgore, Texas, 17.24 seconds, \$2,000. 2, Brittney Amos, Anderson, Texas, 17.67, \$1,500. 3. Lucile Jackson, Angleton, Texas, 17.83, \$1,000. 4, Chelsea White, Angleton, Texas, 17.89, \$500.

Bull Riding: (one qualified ride) 1. Colton Burkard, Ivanhoe, Texas, 73 points on Rafter G Rodeo's Superstition.

Young Guns Shine at Fort Worth's Cowboys of Color Rodeo

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FORT WORTH, Texas (January 27, 2022)—The Cowboys of Color Invitational Rodeo presented by T39 Telemundo highlighted Monday's action at the 125th edition of the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo (FWSSR).

Held in the state-of-the art Dickies Arena, the event features African American, Hispanic and Native American athletes competing in traditional rodeo events from bronc riding to roping. The culturally diverse event takes place annually on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Colton Burkhard, who lives in Ivanhoe (population 1,454), was the biggest money winner. The only bull rider to complete an eight-second ride, Burkhard scored 73 points on Rafter G Rodeo's bull Superstition and earned \$5,000. The young cowboy is just three years removed from competing in the junior steer riding at the Texas Champions Challenge in Fort Worth.

The toughest event of the day was steer wrestling with five of the eight cowboys clocking times of 5.0 or faster. Grady Payne of DeLeon, a member of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association who has won rodeos across the country, was the fastest of the herd, winning the event with 3.7 seconds.

Another young gun, Koby Douch of Huntsville was the first tie-down roper of the day. None of the other ropers were able to catch and tie faster than Douch's 11.4. Douch finished 13th at the 2021 National High School Finals Rodeo and at age 13 made a comeback from injury that would have been difficult for any adult. In July of 2018 he was hit from behind by a distracted driver while riding his bicycle, breaking two major bones in his left leg, crushing the major artery in that leg and losing part of an eyelid. After more than six months of working hard at physical therapy, Douch was back in the roping box.

Other winners were Trevor McCaslin of Glenpool, Okla., in ranch bronc riding; Avontus Williams of Terrell in junior bull riding and Liza Shannon of Kilgore in barrel racing.

The rodeo also featured youngsters competing in mutton busting, the always popular calf scramble and the Escaramuza group of Hispanic women riders in traditional Mexican charra dress.

The event closed with an exhibition of "bull jumping" by Emmanuel "Manu" Lataste of France, who springs from the ground and does a flying summersault over a charging Mexican fighting bull. Lataste says he does a special kind of French bull fighting and jumping. In French, the

name is 'course landaise' which is a mix between French bullfighting and pure 'Spanish' bull jumping or leaping.

The Cowboys of Color Rodeo, founded by Cleo Hearn, brings cowboys and cowgirls of all races and cultures together for events which help fund scholarships to assist young competitors in attending college.

The Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo continues through February 5 at the Will Rogers complex. Tuesday is Dickies Day at the Stock Show when those wearing Dickies apparel receive free grounds admission. The first night of the popular Bulls' Night Out – PRCA Xtreme Bull Riding begins at 7:30 p.m. in Dickies Arena.