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FORT WORTH STOCK SHOW & RODEO

Former champions excel at FWSSR ProRodeo Tournament

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FORT WORTH, Texas (Jan. 24, 2023)—Five performances of the ProRodeo Tournament are now complete at the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo (FWSSR).

Round 1 of Bracket 3 got underway in Dickies Arena on Tuesday night with Jordon Briggs of Tolar, Texas, atop the leaderboard. Riding her amazing horse Famous Lil Jet “Rollo,” she added \$1,760 to her checking account after she rounded the cloverleaf pattern in 16.58 seconds. Back in 2009 Briggs won her first big rodeo here and was wearing her signature, square Fort Worth champion’s buckle on Tuesday.

Briggs and Rollo will make their second appearance here on Wednesday night. If they are among the top two money earners in Bracket 3, she will advance to the Semifinals. She is among some very tough competitors in this bracket. Of the eight members of the Women’s Professional Rodeo Association (WPRA) on Tuesday’s roster, the fastest times were the last four gunners in the pen.

Molly Otto, from Grand Forks, North Dakota, ran before Briggs and set the pace at 16.72. Then it was Briggs turn. Lisa Lockhart from Oelrichs, South Dakota was just behind Briggs at 16.60 and finished second. The final barrel racer was a college rodeo athlete, Taycie Matthews from Wynne, Arkansas.

Matthews has qualified for the College National Finals Rodeo twice representing East Mississippi Community College. She has transferred to the University of West Alabama and is pursuing her bachelor’s degree in business administration and trying to qualify for her first Wrangler National Finals Rodeo (NFR). She finished in third place on Tuesday with a 16.66 and will be the first runner on Wednesday night.

Another WPRA member and reigning Fort Worth champion that was successful on Tuesday was Kelsie Domer from Dublin, Texas. Domer finished the 2022 season 20th in the breakaway roping world championship standings. After winning the title here, she kept competing for a while, then took time off to give birth to her and husband Ryan’s first child last August. Now going to rodeos is a family affair for the Domers.

The team ropers at the top of the board on Tuesday are no strangers to winning. Rhen Richard from Roosevelt, Utah and Jeremy Buhler from Arrowwood, Alberta, Canada, stopped the clock in 4.6 seconds. After finishing third here last year, they are

hoping to do even better this year. That will depend on their performance on Wednesday.

Action starts at 7:30 p.m. at Dickies Arena where Bracket 3 will be completed.

FORT WORTH, Texas --- The following are unofficial results from the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo's Pro Rodeo Tournament, January 24, 2023.

Bracket 3, Round 1

Bareback riding: 1, Ben Kramer, Max, N.D., 85.5 points on Andrews Rodeo Company's You Never Know, \$1,720. 2, Jayco Roper, Oktaha, Okla., 85, \$1,320. 3, (tie) Taylor Broussard, Estherwood, La., and Garrett Shadbolt, Merriman, Neb., 84, \$660 each.

Steer wrestling: 1, Taz Olson, Prairie City, N.D., 4.3 seconds, \$1,760. 2, Timmy Sparing, Helena, Mont., 5.0, \$1,320. 3, Eli Lord, Sturgis, S.D., 5.1, \$880. 4, Caden Camp, Belgrade, Mont., 5.3 \$440.

Breakaway roping: 1, Kelsey Domer, Dublin, Texas, 1.9 seconds, \$1,760. 2, Tacy Webb, Midway, Texas, 2.2, \$1,320. 3, Josey Murphy, Keachi, La., 2.3, \$880. 4, TiAda Gray, Portales, N.M., 2.5, \$440.

Saddle bronc riding: 1, Jake Clark, Crane, Ore., 86 points on Andrews Rodeo Company's Gypsy Rose, \$1,760. 2, Sage Newman, Melstone, Mont., 85.5, \$1,320. 3, Parker Fleet, Axtell, Texas, 85, \$880. 4, (tie) Shorty Garrett, Eagle Butte, S.D., and Ryder Sanford, Sulphur, La., 84.5, \$220.

Tie-down roping: 1, (tie) Richard Newton, Portales, N.M., and Tom Crouse, Gallatin, Mo., 9.3 seconds, \$1,540 each. 3, Lane Livingston, Seymour, Texas, 10.3, \$880. 4, Westyn Hughes, Caldwell, Texas, 10.4, \$440.

Team Roping: 1, Rhen Richard, Roosevelt, Utah, and Jeremy Buhler, Arrowwood, Alberta, Canada., 4.6seconds, \$1,760 each. 2, Clay Smith, Broken Bow, Okla., and Jake Long, Coffeyville, Kan., 4.8, \$1,320 each. 3, Korbin Rice, Hobbs, N.M., and Reed Boos, White Cloud, Kan., 5.4, \$880 each. 4, Clay Tryan, Billings, Mont., and Jake Corkill, Fallon, Nev., 9.7, \$440 each.

Barrel Racing: 1, Jordon Briggs, Tolar, Texas, 16.58 seconds, \$1,760. 2, Lisa Lockhart, Oelrichs, S.D., 16.60, \$1,320. 3, Taycie Matthews, Wynne, Ark., 16.66, \$880. 4, Molly Otto, Grand Forks, N.D., 16.72, \$440.

Bull Riding: No qualified rides.

