

FORT WORTH STOCK SHOW & RODEO

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\$1.2 million Fort Worth ProRodeo Tournament Begins 15-day Run

FORT WORTH, Texas (Jan. 20, 2024) For the second consecutive night a South Dakota bull rider grabbed all the prize money at the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo's (FWSSR) ProRodeo Tournament. Jesty Jax Woodward, a third-generation bull rider who calls Custer, South Dakota, home scored 85.5 points on Rafter G Rodeo's bull Something Rotten to win round 2 of bracket 1. He earned \$5,000.

Woodward followed the example of fellow South Dakotan Mason Moody who made the only qualified bull ride last night and also earned \$5,000 and both men snagged a spot in the tournament semi-finals February 1 and 2.

Kassie Mowry of Dublin, Texas, one of the winningest barrel racers of all time, improved from a distant third in round 1 to winning round 2 in her specialty. She attributed the nearly one-half second improvement to a practice session and a change of bridle on her grey horse CP He Will Be Epic that she calls Will. Mowry has won more than half a million dollars on Will. That's just a fraction of her \$5.6 million plus in career earnings. Mowry and fellow National Finals Rodeo barrel racer Emily Beisel of Weatherford, Oklahoma, advanced to the semi-finals from bracket 1.

A special highlight of the night was when Rafter G's legendary bucking horse Assault took a final career bow after helping Q McWhorter of Petrolia, California, win second in the round with 84 points and earn a spot in the semi-finals. The buckskin has competed at the FWSSR for 19 years in bareback and saddle bronc riding. He was the bareback horse that Richmond Champion won the first \$1 million paycheck at The American in 2014. Assault moved from the bareback riding to the saddle bronc riding a couple of years later and was named the top bareback horse of the NFR in 2013. He made his last trip to the NFR in December in the saddle bronc riding.

Reigning Fort Worth champion Rocker Steiner of Weatherford, Texas, scored 86 points on a Brookman Rodeos horse named Super Dave for back-to-back wins in the bareback riding. He advances to the semi-finals and continues his quest to repeat as champion.

The FWSSR ProRodeo Tournament pays out more than \$1.2 million in a format that features all eight professional rodeo contests. In each event 56 competitors (56 teams in team roping) are divided into seven brackets of eight.

Contestants in each bracket compete in two rounds of back-to-back action with the top two money earners in each event advancing to the semi-finals. The third highest money winner in each bracket advances to the wild card round.

Those finishing lower than third still have a chance to advance. They go to the non-qualifier pool. The highest remaining money earner in each event in the non-qualifier pool after all brackets are completed advances to the wild card round.

The top two in the wild card round advance to the semifinals and the top four from each semifinal advance to the finals on February 4.

Bracket 2 features a whole new slate of competitors. They will compete Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. and Monday night at 7:30 p.m. at Dickies Arena.

FORT WORTH, Texas --- The following are unofficial results from the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo's Pro Rodeo Tournament, Bracket 1, Round 2, January 20, 2024.

Bareback riding: 1, Rocker Steiner, Weatherford, Texas, 86 points on Brookman Rodeo's Super Dave, \$2,000. 2, Dean Thompson, Altamont, Utah, 85.5, \$1,500. 3, Nick Pelke, Mondovi, Wis., 84, \$1,000, and Shannon Warren, Warrensburg, Mo., \$500.

Semi-finals qualifiers: Steiner, \$4,000, and Thompson, \$3,000. Wild Card qualifier:

Steer wrestling: 1, Cade Staton, Bastrop, Texas, 3.7 seconds, \$2,000. 2, Joshua Hefner, Knoxville, Tenn., 3.8, \$1,500. 3, Ryan Nettle, Goldthwaite, Texas, 4.0, \$1,000. 4, Jesse Brown, Baker City, Ore., 4.1, \$500.

Semi-finals qualifiers: Brown and Nettle, \$2,500 each. Wild Card qualifier: Staton, \$2,000.

Breakaway roping: 1, Shai Schaefer, Lake Creek, Texas, 1.7 seconds, \$2,000. 2, Rickie Fanning, Spearfish, S.D., 2.1, \$1,500. 3, Martha Angelone, Stephenville, Texas, 2.5, \$1,000. 4, Josey Murphy, Keatchie, La., 2.6, \$500.

Semi-finals qualifiers: Angelone, \$3,000, and Fanning, \$2,500. Wild Card qualifier: Schaefer, \$2,000.

Saddle bronc riding: 1, Zeke Thurston, Big Valley, Alberta, Canada, 85.5 points on Brookman Rodeo's Flirtatious, \$2,000. 2, Q McWhorter, Petrolia, Calif., 84, \$1,500. 3, Cole Elshere, Faith, S.D., 80.5, \$1000. 4, Ean Charles Price, Leedey, Okla., 78.5, \$500.

Semi-finals qualifiers: McWhorter, \$2,500, and Thurston, \$2,000. Wild Card qualifier: Q Taylor, Nanton, Alberta, \$2,000.

Tie-down roping: 1, Macon Murphy, Keatchie, La., 7.9 seconds, \$2,000. 2, Tom Crouse, Gallatin, Mo., 8.6, \$1,500. 3, (tie) Marcos Costa, Iretama, Brazil, and Charlie Gibson, Midland, Texas, 10.1, \$750 each.

Semi-finals qualifiers: Murphy, \$3,500, and Carlisle, \$2,000. Wild Card qualifier: Crouse, \$1,500.

Team Roping: (three times) 1, Kreece Thompson, Munday, Texas, and Rance Doyal, Kenefic, Okla., 4.9 seconds, \$2,167 each. 2, Hagan Peterson, Delta, Utah, and Chase Tryan, Helena, Mont., 10.6, \$1,667 each. 3, Paul David Tierney, Oklahoma City, Okla., and Carson Johnson, Casper, Wyo., 14.7, \$1,067 each.

Semi-finals qualifiers: Tierney and Johnson, \$2,833 each, and Thompson and Doyal, \$2,167 each. Wild Card qualifier: Coleman Proctor, Pryor, Okla., and Logan Medlin, Tatum, N.M., \$2,167 each.

Barrel Racing: 1, Kassie Mowry, Dublin, Texas, 16.59 seconds, \$2,000. 2, Emily Beisel, Weatherford, Okla., 16.67, \$1,500. 3, Ashley Rogers, Amite, La., 16.93, \$1,000. 4, Keyla Costa, Tolar, Texas, 17.28. \$500.

Semi-finals qualifiers: Mowry and Beisel, \$3,000 each. Wild Card qualifier: Megan McLeod-Sprague, Marsing, Idaho, \$2,000.

Bull Riding: (one ride) 1, Jestyn Jax Woodward, Custer, S.D., 84.5 points on Rafter G Rodeo's Something Rotten, \$5,000.

Semi-finals qualifiers: Woodward and Mason Moody, Letcher, S.D., \$5,000 each. Wild Card qualifier: Ernie Courson Jr., Okeechobee, Fla.