

FORT WORTH STOCK SHOW & RODEO

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87 is the number of the day at Fort Worth PRORODEO Tournament

FORT WORTH, Texas (Jan. 21, 2024) The Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo (FWSSR) PRORODEO Tournament began bracket 2 on Sunday. A star-studded field of cowboys and cowgirls began their quest for a share of the \$1.2 million purse with round 1 of the bracket.

The day started with 2023 National Finals Rodeo (NFR) bareback rider Jayco Roper scoring 87.5 on Championship Pro Rodeo's horse Meat Cracker to win the round. Roper, the two-time Indian National Finals Rodeo champion, had matched up with Meat Cracker in 2021 with the horse winning the day.

The rodeo performance ended with another 87 as Maverick Smith of Mountain Grove, Mo., rode Rafter G Rodeo's Dragon's Breath to win the bull riding. That was Smith's second bull of the day. He first tried Rafter G's unriden bull Bucking for Cash, but the bull fell during the ride and Smith was awarded a reride. Two other bull riders notched qualified rides with Canada's Coy Robbins scoring 85 for second in the round and another Missourian, Jack Gilmore, scoring 79.5 for third.

Sarah Rose Waguespack and her horse Roses Roan Ranger outran the pack in barrel racing with a time of 16.48 seconds. Waguespack and Ranger made it all the way to the championship round of last year's tournament and are trying to return. The blonde cowgirl, who won the championship at the FWSSR when the rodeo was still at Will Rogers Coliseum, said that Fort Worth had always been good to her.

First in breakaway roping went to Madison Outhier of Utopia, Texas, with a time of 1.9 seconds. The Texas A & M University student was returning to College Station for morning classes before heading back for Monday night's round 2.

Each of the eight events in the tournament features 56 contestants (56 teams in team roping) divided into seven brackets. 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 concludes Monday night at the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo. Action starts 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, January 21, 2024.

Bareback riding: 1, Jayco Roper, Oktaha, Okla., 87.5 points on Championship Pro Rodeo's Meat Cracker, \$2,000. 2, (tie) Myles Carson, Evanston, Wyo., and Kyle Charley, Lukachukai, Ariz., 81.5, \$1,250 each. 4, Kade Berry, Weatherford, Texas, 81, \$500.

Steer wrestling: 1, Stan Branco, Chowchilla, Calif., 3.6 seconds, \$2,000. 2, (tie) Jacob Talley, Keatchie, La., and Clayton Hass, Weatherford, Texas, 4.3, \$1,250 each. 4, J.D. Struxness, 4.5, \$500.

Breakaway roping: 1, Madison Outhier, Utopia, Texas, 1.9 seconds, \$2,000. 2, Beau Peterson, Council Grove, Kan., 2.4, \$1,500. 3, Lari Dee Guy, Abilene, Texas, 2.5, \$1,000. 4, Joey Williams, Volberg, Mont., 2.6, \$500 each.

Saddle bronc riding: 1, Dawson Hay, Wildwood, Alberta, Canada, 84.5 points on Brookman Rodeo's Beaver Trail, \$2,000. 2, Logan Hay, Wildwood, Alberta, Canada, 83, \$1,500. 3, (tie) Jake Finlay, Goondiwindi, Australia, and Shea Fournier, Raceland, La., 81.5, \$750 each.

Tie-down roping: 1, Haven Meged, Miles City, Mont., 8.4 seconds, \$2,000. 2, Beau Cooper, Stettler, Alberta, Canada., 9.3, \$1,500. 3, Riley Pruitt, Gering, Neb., 10.0, \$1,000. 4, Tyler Milligan, Pawhuska, Okla., 13.3, \$500.

Team Roping: 1, Cash Duty, Weimar, Texas., 4.9 seconds, \$2,000 each. 2, Rhen Richard and Jeremy Buhler, Roosevelt, Utah, 6.9, \$1,500 each. 3, Hagan Peterson, Delta, Utah, and Chase Tryan, Helena, Mont., 5.6, \$1,067 each.

Barrel Racing: 1, Sarah Rose Waguespack, 16.48, \$2,000. 2, Sissy Winn, Chapman Ranch, Texas, 16.62, \$1,500. 3, Sara Winkleman, Big Lake, Minn., 16.63, \$1,000. 4, Abby Phillips, Marshall, Texas, 16.68. \$500.

Bull Riding: (three rides) 1, Maverick Smith, Mountain Grove, Mo., 87 points on Rafter G Rodeo's Dragon's Breath, \$2,167. 2, Coy Robbins, Camrose, Alberta, Canada, 85, \$1,667. 3, Jack Gilmore, Ironton, Mo., 79.5, \$1,167.