

FORT WORTH STOCK SHOW & RODEO

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Contestants Looking Forward to Semi-Finals at FWSSR PRORODEO Tournament

FORT WORTH, TEXAS, (Jan. 27, 2024) --- Saturday was a spectacular day of rodeo at the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo's PRORODEO Tournament with two action-packed performances.

The morning performance featured round two of Bracket 5 and determined the qualifiers for the Semi-Finals. Ashley Castleberry from Montgomery, Texas, had the crowd on the edges of their seats as she took her 11-year-old gray horse names Skyy Blue around the pattern in 16.31 seconds. That was over two-tenths of a second faster than her Friday night run where she was also in first place with a 16.57.

Castleberry has won \$4,000 here so far with the opportunity to add to that in the Semi-Finals. She is currently third in the Women's Professional Rodeo Association and a win in Dickies Arena could see her move up in the standings and put her on pace to qualify for her first Wrangler National Finals Rodeo (NFR) where world champions are determined. She came close last year, finishing the regular season in 17th, just two spots out of the top 15 that compete for a gold buckle.

Another Texas native who is in a similar position is tie-down roper Lane Livingston, from Seymour. Livingston has finished the season in the top 25 three times. He is hoping that 2024 will be the year that he gets to go to Las Vegas to compete at the NFR. Livingston, who comes from a ranching background, won both rounds in the bracket and will be roping for his first Fort Worth title later this week.

Statler Wright from Beaver, Utah, the youngest of Cody Wright's boys, is hoping to be the next member of the famous saddle bronc riding family to add his name to the winners list at Fort Worth. Cody won this rodeo three times. His brother, Jake Wright, earned the title twice. Statler's older brother Stetson Wright who has eight world titles has been at the top in the saddle bronc riding here twice.

On Saturday, Statler rode Calgary Stampede's Urgent Delivery for 90 points. That is the highest saddle bronc riding score so far at the 2024 FWSSR. He tied for first in the round one with fellow Utahan Allen Boore and is headed to the Semi-Finals with \$3,500 in his pocket.

Statler and Stetson's older brother Ryder Wright, a two-time world champion, was among the competitors in Bracket 6 that competed in Dickies Arena on Saturday night.

He won the first round and could be another member of the family to advance to the Semi-Finals. Stuart Wright, their uncle and Cody's youngest brother, advanced to the Semi-Finals from Bracket 4. Bracket 6 will be completed at the performance on Sunday afternoon beginning at 2 p.m. in Dickies Arena.

FORT WORTH, Texas --- The following are unofficial results from the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo's PRORODEO Tournament on January 27, 2024.

Bracket 5- Round 2

Bareback riding: 1, Jacek Frost, Browns Valley, Calif., 87 points on Pickett Pro Rodeo's Network Gazer, \$2,000. 2, Tristan Hansen, Dillon, Mont., 84, \$1,500. 3, Danton Bertsch, Ponoka, Alberta, Canada, \$1,000. 4, Strawbs Jones, Clermont, Queensland, Australia, 82, \$500.

Semi-finals qualifiers: Frost, \$2,600, and Clint Laye, Cadogan, Alberta, Canada, \$2,000. Wild Card qualifier: Hansen, \$1,500.

Steer wrestling: 1, Dalton Massey, Hermiston, Ore., 4.5 seconds, \$2,000. 2, Tyler Pearson, Atoka, Okla., 4.9, \$1,500. 3, Bridger Anderson, Carrington, N.D., 5.1, \$1,000. 4, Winsten McGraw, Gill, Colo., 6.6 \$500.

Semi-finals qualifiers: Massey, \$4,000, and McGraw, \$2,000. Wild Card qualifier: Pearson, \$1,500.

Breakaway roping: 1, (tie) Braylee Shepherd, Fitzhugh, Okla., and Addee Carder, Miami, Okla., 1.9 seconds, \$1,750 each. 3, (tie) Samantha Fulton, Miller, S.D., and Bradi Good, Abilene, Texas, \$750 each.

Semi-finals qualifiers: Good, \$2,500, and Shepherd, \$1,750. Wild Card qualifier: Carder, \$1,750.

Saddle bronc riding: 1, Statler Wright, Beaver, Utah, 90 points on Calgary Stampede's Urgent Delivery. 2, Lefty Holman, Visalia, Calif., 86, \$1,500 each. 3, Riggin Smith, Winterset, Iowa, 84, \$1000. 4, Tyrel Roberts, Charlie Lake, British Columbia, 83.5, \$500.

Semi-finals qualifiers: Wright, \$3,750, and Holman, \$2,250. Wild Card qualifier: Allen Boore, Axtell, Utah, \$1,750.

Tie-down roping: 1, Lane Livingston, Seymour, Texas, 8.6 seconds, \$2,000. 2, Chet Weitz, London, Texas, 8.7, \$1,500. 3, John Douch, Huntsville, Texas, 8.8, \$1,000. 4, Ryan Jarrett, Comanche, Okla., 9.0, \$500.

Semi-finals qualifiers: Livingston, \$4,000, and Douch, \$2,000. Wild Card qualifier: Jarrett, \$2,000.

Team Roping: (three times) 1, Cole Thomas, Meadville, Miss., and Dylin Ahlstrom, Hooper, Utah, 4.8 seconds, \$2,167 each. 2, Ty Arnold, Midway, Texas, and Tyler McKnight, Pollok, Texas, 5.1, \$1,667. 3, Payden Emmett, Ponca, Ark., and Lucas Falconer, Normangee, Texas, \$1,167 each.

Semi-finals qualifiers: Thomas and Ahlstrom, \$2,167 each, and Jake Clay, Sapulpa, Okla., and Trey Yates, Pueblo, Colo., \$2,000 each. Wild Card qualifier: Arnold and McKnight, \$1,667 each.

Barrel Racing: 1, Ashley Castleberry, Montgomery, Texas, 16.31 seconds, \$2,000. 2, Tracy Nowlin, Nowata, Okla., 16.59, \$1,500. 3, Ivy Saebens, Nowata, Okla., 16.66, \$1,000. 4, Preslie Reid, San Angelo, Texas, 16.74. \$500.

Semi-finals qualifiers: Castleberry, \$4,000, and Reid, \$2,000. Wild Card qualifier: Nowlin, \$1,500.

Bull Riding: 1, Justin Houston, Sutherlin, Ore., 89.5 points on Pickett Pro Rodeo's Surprised, \$2,750. 2, Braden Richardson, Jasper, Texas, 88, \$2,250.

Semi-finals qualifiers: Richardson, \$5,000, and Houston, \$2,750. Wild Card qualifier: T.J. Gray, Dairy, Ore., \$2,250.