

# 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 6 – Round 1**

**Bareback riding:** 1, (tie) Ty Pope, Garnett, Kan., on Pickett Pro Rodeo's New Scarlet, and Keenan Hayes, Hayden, Colo., on Pickett Pro Rodeo's Top Notch, \$1,750 each. 3, Cooper Cooke, Victor, Idaho, 89, \$1,000. 4, Mason Clements, Spanish Fork, Utah, 88, \$500.

**Steer wrestling:** 1, Don Payne, Stephenville, Texas, 4.0 seconds, \$2,000. 2, Brandon Harrison, Cheek, Texas, 4.4, \$1,500. 3, Gavin Soileau, Bunkie, La., 4.5, \$1,000. 4, Stetson Jorgensen, Blackfoot, Idaho, 4.9, \$500.

**Breakaway roping:** 1, Jill Tanner, Stephenville, Texas, 2.3 seconds, \$2,000. 2, Jordan Jo Hollabaugh, Springtown, Texas, 2.5, \$1,500. 3, Kenal Pierson, Wardlow, Alberta, Canada, 2.6, \$1,000. 4, Kinlie Brennisse, Craig, Colo., 11.7, \$500.

**Saddle bronc riding:** 1, Ryder Wright, Beaver, Utah, 88.5 points on Pickett Pro Rodeo's Bill Flick Top Egyptian. \$2,000. 2, (tie) Sage Newman, Melstone, Mont., and Wyatt, Casper, Miami, Texas, 87, \$1,250 each. 4, Kade Bruno, Challis, Idaho, 86.5, \$500.

**Tie-down roping:** 1, Marty Yates, Stephenville, Texas, 7.7 seconds, \$2,000. 2, Quade Hiatt, Canyon, Texas, 8.7, \$1,500. 3, Tuf Cooper, Decatur, Texas, 9.0, \$1,000. 4, Shane Hanchey, Sulphur, La., 9.2, \$500.

**Team Roping:** 1, Clay Smith, Broken Bow, Okla., and Coleby o., 4.3 seconds, Payne, Stephenville, Texas, 5.3 seconds \$2,000 each. 2, Aaron Tsinigine, Tuba City, Ariz., and Ryan Motes, Weatherford, Texas, 5.5, \$1,500 each. 3, Curry Kirchner, Ames, Okla., and L.J. Yeahquo, Mandaree, N.D., 9.6, \$1,000 each. 4, Zach Kilgus, Stephenville, Texas, and Caleb Hendrix, Fallon, Nev., 12.2, \$500 each.

**Barrel Racing:** 1, Ashley Castleberry, Montgomery, Texas, 16.57, \$2,000. 2, Preslie Reid, San Angelo, Texas, 16.62. \$1,500. 3, Kelly Allen, Stephenville, Texas, 16.71, \$1,000. 4, Halyn Lide, China Spring, Texas, 16.73, \$500.

**Bull Riding:** (one rides) 1, Cody Teel, Bryan, Texas, 85.5 points on Rafter G Rodeo's Goldeneye, \$5,000.