

FORT WORTH STOCK SHOW & RODEO

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Semi-Finals at Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo Stacking Up

FORT WORTH, Texas, (Jan. 28, 2024) --- With just one more bracket left to compete at the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo's PRORODEO Tournament, it's looking good for a Wright to win the saddle bronc riding title this year.

Stuart Wright, brother of world champion Cody Wright was the first of the legendary family to qualify for the Semi-Finals. Then, Statler Wright, his nephew and son of Cody Wright, advanced on Saturday afternoon. The two-time world champion, Ryder Wright scored 88.5 points Saturday night to win the first round of bracket 6.

Ryder Wright came back Sunday afternoon and scored 86 points on United Pro Rodeo's Awesome Sauce to win Round 2. Now the Beaver, Utah, resident is headed to the Semi-Finals to compete against his brother Statler and his uncle.

Spencer Wright, the 2014 world champion and older brother of Stuart, will be the last of the family to compete in the brackets in Dickies Arena. He is part of Bracket 7 that will be held on Monday and Tuesday.

Last year, the family watched as Stetson Wright, the eight-time world champion and brother of Ryder and Statler, won his second saddle bronc riding title in Fort Worth. This year the rest of the family is carrying the torch as Stetson is out with injuries until June.

The big winner in the bull riding on Sunday afternoon was Wacey Schalla from Arapaho, Oklahoma. Schalla is a new member of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association at 18 years old. He also competes in the bareback riding and is a freshman at Clarendon (Texas) College. He didn't compete in the first round on Saturday, but when world champion bull rider Ky Hamilton was injured, Schalla got the call to get on a bull in Dickies Arena.

Schalla was one of three bull riders who were successful on Sunday, riding United Pro Rodeo's Happy Days for 85.5 points. That was good enough for first place in the second round and earned him \$2,167.

The final bracket of this year's rodeo starts on Military Monday. Bracket 7's second round will be Tuesday and will determine the remaining qualifiers for the Semi-Finals and Wild Card Rounds.

FORT WORTH, Texas --- The following are unofficial results from the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo's PRORODEO Tournament on January 28, 2024.

Bracket 6- Round 2

Bareback riding: 1, Colton Clemens, Blackfoot, Idaho, 88 points on Calgary Stampede's Fresh Chick, \$2,000. 2, Keenan Hayes, Hayden, Colo., 86.5, \$1,500. 3, Cooper Cooke, Victor, Idaho, 86, \$1,000. 4, (tie) Ty Pope, Garnett, Kan., and Mason Clements, 85.5, \$250 each.

Semi-finals qualifiers: Hays, \$3,250, and Pope, \$2,000. Wild Card qualifier: Cooke, \$2,000.

Steer wrestling: 1, Gavin Soileau, Bunkie, La., 3.6 seconds, \$2,000. 2, Nick Guy, Sparta, Wis., 4.2, \$1,500. 3, Don Payne, Stephenville, Texas, 4.3, \$1,000. 4, (tie) Stetson Jorgensen, Blackfoot, Idaho, and Brandon Harrison, Cheek, Texas, 5.6, \$250 each.

Semi-finals qualifiers: Soileau and Payne, \$3,000. Wild Card qualifier: Harrison, \$1,750.

Breakaway roping: 1, Bailey Patterson, Pendleton, Ore., 2.0 seconds, \$2,000. 2, Jill Tanner, Stephenville, Texas, 2.2, \$1,500. 3, Jordan Jo Hollabaugh, Springtown, Texas, 2.5, \$1,000. 4, Kendal Pierson, Wardlow, Alberta, Canada, 2.6, \$500.

Semi-finals qualifiers: Tanner, \$3,000, and Hollabaugh, \$2,500. Wild Card qualifier: Patterson, \$2,000.

Saddle bronc riding: 1, Ryder Wright, Beaver, Utah, 86 points on United Pro Rodeo's Awesome Sauce, \$2,000. 2, Talon Elshere, Hereford, S.D., 84, \$1,500 each. 3, (tie) Tanner Butner, Daniel, Wyo., and Wyatt Casper, Miami, Texas, 82.5, \$750 each.

Semi-finals qualifiers: Wright, \$4,000, and Casper, \$2,000. Wild Card qualifier: Elshere, \$1,500.

Tie-down roping: 1, King Pickett, Weatherford, Texas, 7.7 seconds, \$2,000. 2, Shane Hanchey, Sulphur, La., 8.5, \$1,500. 3, Robert Mathis, Mart, Texas, 9.4, \$1,000. 4, Richard Newton, Portales, N.M., 9.5, \$500.

Semi-finals qualifiers: Pickett and Marty Yates, Stephenville, Texas, \$2,000. Wild Card qualifier: Hanchey, \$2,000.

Team Roping: 1, Clint Summers, Lake City, Fla., and Jake Long, Coffeyville, Kan., 5.0 seconds, \$2,000 each. 2, Billy Bob Brown, Carbon, Texas, and Kirby Blankenship, Lampasas, Texas, 5.2, \$1,500 each. 3, Zach Kilgus, Stephenville, Texas, and Caleb Hendrix, Fallon, Nev., 9.8, \$1,000 each. 4, Aaron Tsinigine, Tuba City, Ariz., and Ryan Motes, Weatherford, Texas, 11.7, \$500 each.

Semi-finals qualifiers: Summers and Long and Clay Smith, Broken Bow, Okla., and Coleby Payne, Stephenville, Texas, \$2,000. Wild Card qualifier: Tsinigine and Motes, \$2,000 each.

Barrel Racing: 1, Leslie Smalygo, Skiatook, Okla., 16.65 seconds, \$2,000. 2, Rainey Skelton, Llano, Texas, 16.70, \$1,500. 3, Loni Kay Yates, Stephenville, Texas, 16.82, \$1,000. 4, Stevi Hillman, Weatherford, Texas, 16.86, \$500.

Semi-finals qualifiers: Smalygo and Stephanie Fryar, Waco, Texas, \$2,000. Wild Card qualifier: .

Bull Riding: (three rides) 1, Wacey Schalla, Arapaho, Okla., 85.5 points on United Pro Rodeo's Happy Days, \$2,167. 2, Tyler Kippes, Stephenville, Texas, 83, \$1,667. 3, Jax Mills, Montgomery, Texas, 76, \$1,167.

Semi-finals qualifiers: Cody Teel, Bryan, Texas, \$5,000, and Tyler Kippes, Stephenville, Texas, \$1,667. Wild Card qualifier: Coy Thorson, Fergus Falls, Minn.,