

# FORT WORTH STOCK SHOW & RODEO

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## **FWSSR Pro Rodeo Tournament Semi-Finals Underway**

**FORT WORTH, Texas, (Feb. 1, 2024)** -- Two of last year's \$1.2 million Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo PRORODEO Tournament champions are on pace to repeat in Dickies Arena this year.

The Semi-Finals started on Thursday night when eight competitors were featured in each event. The available prize money for semifinalists increased along with the opportunities to advance. The top four scores or fastest times in each event advance to Saturday night's Championship Finals while earning a share of the \$10,000 semi-finals prize money.

Last year fans watched Rocker Steiner, who comes from nearby Weatherford, walk away with nearly \$30,000 and the bareback riding championship. Steiner competed here in Bracket 1 where he won both rounds and earned \$4,000. He competed in Semi-Finals A on Thursday and had the high-marked ride of the night.

He rode Sankey Pro Rodeo & Phenom Genetics' horse named Land of Fancy and when the judges added up their scores, Steiner had 90.5 points by his name. That earned him an additional \$4,000 and he will be back here Saturday night to defend his championship.

Will Lummus was the steer wrestling champion in 2023 and after stopping the clock in 4.1 seconds on Thursday also has a chance to repeat. Lummus from Byhalia, Mississippi, tied for the win with Don Payne, from Stephenville, Texas, and they each earned \$3,500.

In the women's barrel racing, Sharin Hall and her super star mare Hello Stella, "Stella," made the fastest run of the whole rodeo. After a picture-perfect run around the three barrels, the clock stopped at 16.29 seconds.

Stella is a seven-year-old mare that Hall planned for, raised and trained. She has competed at futurities and derbies before trying her luck at rodeos. Including the money she has already won so far this year at this rodeo, she has lifetime earnings of \$897,000 and just needs to add to it on Saturday night to cross the \$900,000 mark.

The bulls dominated Semi-Finals A, where none of the riders stayed on for eight seconds. There are eight more riders in Semi-Finals B on Friday night and if all of them ride, they will all get to compete Saturday night. The next step in determining final round qualifiers is based on money won in the brackets, so Thursday's bull riders are waiting to see what happens on Friday night.

**FORT WORTH, Texas** --- The following are unofficial results from the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo's PRORODEO Tournament Semi-Finals A on February 1, 2024.

**Bareback riding:** 1, Rocker Steiner, Weatherford, Texas, 90.5 points on Sankey Pro Rodeo and Phenom Genetics' Land of Fancy, \$4,000. 2, Cole Reiner, Buffalo, Wyo., 88, \$3,000. 3, Ty Pope, Garnett, Kan., 87.5, \$2,000. 4, (tie) R.C. Landingham, Hat Creek, Calif., and Jacek Frost, Browns Valley, Calif., 87, \$500 each.

Finals qualifiers: Steiner, Reiner, Pope and Frost

**Steer wrestling:** 1, (tie) Don Payne, Stephenville, Texas, and Will Lummus, Byhalia, Miss., 4.1 seconds, \$3,500 each. 3, (tie) Tanner Brunner, Ramona, Kan., and Dalton Massey, Hermiston, Ore., 4.4, \$1,500 each.

Finals qualifiers: Payne, Lummus, Brunner and Massey

**Breakaway roping:** 1, Bailey Bates, Tohatchi, N.M., 1.9 seconds, \$4,000. 2, Jordan Jo Hollabaugh, Springtown, Texas, \$3,000. 3, Bradi Good, Abilene, Texas, 2.3, \$2,000. 4, Danielle Lowman, Gilbert, Ariz., 3.0, \$1,000

Finals qualifiers: Bates, Hollabaugh, Good and Lowman

**Saddle bronc riding:** 1, Damian Brennan, Injune, Queensland, Australia, 89 points on J Bar J Rodeo's Kevlar Jacket, \$4,000. 2, Statler Wright, Beaver, Utah, 86.5, \$3,000. 3, Wyatt Casper, Miami, Texas, 85, \$2,000. 4, Logan Hay, Wildwood, Alberta, Canada, 84.5, \$1,000.

Finals qualifiers: Brennan, Wright, Casper and Hay

**Tie-down roping:** 1, Haven Meged, Miles City, Mont., 8.3 seconds, \$4,000. 2, Lane Livingston, Seymour, Texas, 10.0, \$3,000. 3, King Pickett, Weatherford, Texas, 13.8, \$2,000. 4, Tom Crouse, Gallatin, Mo., 14.3, \$1,000.

Finals qualifiers: Meged, Livingston, Pickett and Crouse

**Team Roping:** 1, Cole Thomas, Meadville, Miss., and Dylín Ahlstrom, Hooper, Utah, 4.8, \$4,000 each. 2, Clay Smith, Broken Bow, Okla., and Coleby Payne, Stephenville, Texas, 4.8, \$3,000 each. 3, Kaleb Driggers, Hoboken, Ga., and Jake Minor, Caldwell, Idaho, 5.3, \$2,000 each. 4, Ty Arnold, Midway, Texas, and Tyler McKnight, Pollok, Texas, 5.5, \$1,000 each.

Finals qualifiers: Thomas and Ahlstrom; Smith and Payne; Driggers and Minor; and Arnold and McKnight

**Barrel Racing:** 1, Sharin Hall, Pilot Point, Texas, 16.29 seconds, \$4,000. 2, Sissy Winn, Chapman, Texas, 16.53, \$3,000. 3, Hailey Kinsel, Cotulla, Texas, 16.54, \$2,000. 4, Illysa Riley, Hico, Texas, 16.63, \$1,000.

Finals qualifiers: Hall, Winn, Kinsel and Riley

**Bull Riding:** no qualified rides.