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For the Red Bluff Round-Up

PUSHING THE BARRIER

South Dakota roper learns lessons, leads tie-down roping at Red Bluff Round-Up

Red Bluff, Calif. (April 20, 2019) – Dane Kissack has learned from the school of hard knocks, and because of it, he’s leading the tie-down roping coming into the finals on Sunday at the Red Bluff (Calif). Round-Up.

The tie-down roper has a time of 28.7 seconds on three head to be the leader of the twelve cowboys who will rope on Sunday for the title of 2019 Round-Up tie-down champion.

Kissack took advantage of a good calf on Saturday, something that he didn’t do four years ago at the Round-Up.

Four years ago, in Red Bluff, with a good calf, Kissack broke the barrier on his fourth run, adding a ten second penalty to his time and losing the chance to win the title. “Trust me, I’ve learned the hard way,” he said. “I broke the barrier at this rodeo. I ran right through it.

Because the Round-Up is potentially four runs for the cowboy who rope well, Kissack knows his best chances for winning are to make solid runs and not break the barrier, adding the penalty.

As he’s matured throughout his ten year pro rodeo career, he’s learned that he doesn’t always have to “push the barrier” – rope as aggressively – and risk the cost of breaking the barrier and adding the penalty.

“With this calf, I was probably off the barrier just a little bit,” he said. “I could have been faster, had this been a one-head rodeo.”

His wife Kelli reminded him of the lessons he’s learned. “That’s what my wife said,” Kissack said. “She said, Dane, you’ve got to remember you’ve learned the hard way on these things, so use that. I can still feel the pain of riding out of here. I missed out on winning a lot.”

Kissack, from Spearfish, S.D., gave a shout out to the Justin Sports Medicine staff who offer their services to Round-Up contestants, free of charge, at the rodeo. He herniated a disk and bulged two others eighteen months ago, and even though it’s healed, it still requires some stretching and therapy.

The Justin Sports Medicine staff provided that. “It seems like I always have to maintain it,” Kissack said, “and thank the Lord they’re here and ready to help. It really makes a difference. I wouldn’t be able to move around today” without them.

Kissack will come into Sunday's finals in first place, but he won't handle the pressure any differently. "I treat every run the same," he said. He practices three or four times a week, and "whether it's a practice calf or the short round at Red Bluff, they're the same. I expect myself to rope good every time."

In other events, the top bareback rider for the Saturday afternoon performance was Logan Patterson, Kim, Colo. (87 points), and the high saddle bronc rider was Rusty Wright, Milford, Utah (84.5 points). Steer wrestlers Hank Filippini, Battle Mountain, Nev. and Dakota Eldridge, Elko, Nev. tied to win the second round with a time of 5.4 seconds each, and team ropers Hayes Smith, Central Point, Ore. and Evan Arnold, Stephenville, Texas won the second round with a time of 5.4 seconds. Tanya Jones, Prineville, Ore., was the fast barrel racer with a time of 17.21 seconds, and bull riders Boudreaux Campbell, Crockett, Texas, and Maverick Potter, Waxahachie, Texas, both had scores of 87.5 points to be the top score for the performance.

The third and final performance of the 98th annual Red Bluff Round-Up takes place tomorrow, April 21, at 1:30 pm. Tomorrow's event is the annual Tough Enough to Wear Pink day, with funds raised for the Dignity Health/St. Elizabeth Community Hospital. In the last ten years, the Round-Up and other community activities have raised over \$474,000 for St. Elizabeth.

The Wrangler Network was live today and will be live tomorrow, with rodeo action. Performances will be archived for future viewings at wranglerwestern.com.

Results after second performance, Red Bluff Round-Up, April 22, 2019

Bareback riding (second performance scores)

1. Logan Patterson, Kim, Colo. 87 points on C5 Rodeo's Black Feathers; 2. Garrett Shadbolt, Merriman, Neb. 85; 3. BoDell Jessen, Altamont, Utah 78; 4. Nate McFadden, Elsmere, Neb. 77.5.

Steer wrestling

3rd round results; the 3rd round is completed and the top twelve steer wrestlers in the average will compete in Sunday's performance

1. (tie) Hank Filippini, Battle Mountain, Nev. and Dakota Eldridge, Elko, Nev. 5.4 seconds each; 3. Justin Kimsey, Kennewick, Wash. 5.5; 4. Blaine Jones, Templeton, Calif. 5.6; 5. Stetson Jorgensen, Blackfoot, Idaho 5.8; 6. Tom Lewis, Lehi, Utah 5.9; 7. Ty Erickson, Helena, Mont. 6.5; 8. Juan Alcazar, Jr., Okeechobee, Fla. 6.7.

Saddle bronc riding (second performance results)

1. Rusty Wright, Milford, Utah 84.5 points on Powder River's Rain Cloud; 2. Preston Burr, Stratford, Texas 83.5; 3. Spencer Wright, Milford, Utah 82.5; 4. Mitch Pollock, 81.5.

Tie-down roping

3rd round results; the 3rd round is completed and the top twelve steer wrestlers in the average will compete in Sunday's performance

1. Dane Kissack, Spearfish, S.D. 8.3 seconds; 2. Taylor Santos, Creston, Calif. 8.9; 3. Haven Meged, Miles City, Mont. 9.0; 4. Westyn Hughes, Caldwell, Texas 9.7; 5. Cade Swor, Winnie, Texas 10.2; 6. Rhen Richard, Roosevelt, Utah 10.5.

Team roping

3rd round results; the 3rd round is completed and the top twelve steer wrestlers in the average will compete in Sunday's performance

1. Hayes Smith, Central Point, Ore./Evan Arnold, Stephenville, Texas 6.4 seconds; 2. (tie) Preston Burgess, Hilmar, Calif./Joseph Shawnego, Oakdale, Calif. and Kaleb Driggers, Hoboken, Ga./Junior Nogueira, Presidente Prudente, Brazil 7.1 each; 4. Dillon Holyfield, Lewiston, Idaho/Robert Murphy, Congress, Ariz. 7.4; 5. (tie) Brooks Dahozy, Window Rock, Ariz./Nano Garza, Las Cruces, N.M., Blake Hirdes, Turlock, Calif./Daniel Holland, Bonanza, Ore. and Luke Brown, Rock Hill, S.C./Jade Corkill, Fallon, Nev. 8.0 seconds each; 8. (tie) Cory Kidd V, Statesville, N.C./Logan Medlin, Tatum, N.M. and Spencer Mitchell, Orange Cove, Calif./Cody Doescher, Webbers Falls, Okla. 8.1 each.

Barrel racing (second performance results)

1. Tanya Jones, Prineville, Ore. 17.21 seconds; 2. Jolee Lautaret-Jordan, Kingman, Ariz. 17.30; 3. Danyelle Williams, Vale, Ore. 17.32; 4. Mary Jo Camera, Stevinson, Calif 17.45.

Bull riding (second performance results)

1. (tie) Boudreaux Campbell, Crockett, Texas, 87.5 points on Flying U Rodeo's Bringing Trouble, and Maverick Potter, Waxahachie, Texas, 87.5 points on Flying U Rodeo's Countin Card; 3. John Pitts, Panama City, Fla. 85.5; 4. Dalan Duncan, Ballard, Utah 83.5.

Unofficial contestant list for Sunday, April 21 finals

These steer wrestlers have advanced to compete on Sunday, April 21 for the finals. * Unofficial.

1. Stetson Jorgensen, Blackfoot, Idaho 16.1 seconds on 3 head;
2. Hunter Cure, Holliday, Texas 16.9;
3. Juan Alcazar, Jr., Okeechobee, Fla. 17.3;
4. Jace Melvin, Ft. Pierre, S.D. 18.0;
5. Tucker Allen, Oak View, Calif. 18.3;
6. Curtis Cassidy, Donald, Alb. 18.5;
7. Charles Harris, Salinas, Calif. 18.9;
8. Blaine Jones, Templeton, Calif. 19.4;
9. Ty Erickson, Helena, Mont. 20.8;
10. (tie) Justin Kimsey, Kennewick, Wash. and Tom Lewis, Lehi, Utah 21.0 each;
12. Dakota Eldridge, Elko, Nev. 21.9.

These tie-down ropers have advanced to compete on Sunday, April 21 for the finals. * Unofficial.

1. Dane Kissack, Spearfish, S.D. 28.7 seconds on 3 head;
2. Joey Dickens, Loveland, Colo 30.5;
3. Taylor Santos, Creston, Calif. 31.7;
4. Rhen Richard, Roosevelt, Utah 32.4;
5. Haven Meged, Miles City, Mont. 32.5;

6. Cade Swor, Winnie, Texas 32.9;
7. Cody Craig, Wendell, Idaho 33.8;
8. Cooper Martin, Alma, Kan. 34.2;
9. J.D. McCuiston, Collinsville, Texas 34.3;
10. Reid Zapalac, Smithville, Texas 35.4;
11. Westyn Hughes, Caldwell, Texas 38.9;
12. Stetson Vest, Childress, Texas 39.1.

These team ropers have advanced to compete on Sunday, April 21 for the finals. * Unofficial.

1. Kaleb Driggers, Stephenville, Texas/Junior Nogueira, Presidente Prudente, Brazil 22.1 seconds on 3 head;
2. Spencer Mitchell, Orange Cove, Calif./Cody Doescher, Webbers Falls, Okla. 22.4 seconds;
3. Luke Brown, Morgan Mill, Texas/Jade Corkill, Fallon, Nev. 24.2;
4. Cory Kidd V, Statesville, N.C./Logan Medlin, Tatum, N.M. 24.8;
5. Jr. Dees, Aurora, Colo./Lane Siggins, Coolidge, Ariz. 25.1;
6. Blake Hirdes, Turlock, Calif./Daniel Holland, Bonanza, Ore. 25.6;
7. Lane Ivy, Dublin, Texas/Buddy Hawkins II, Stephenville, Texas 27.2;
8. Brooks Dahozy, Window Rock, Ariz./Nano Garza, Las Cruces, N.M. 33.3;
9. Dillon Holyfield, Lewiston, Idaho/Robert Murphy, Congress, Ariz. 35.3;
10. Preston Burgess, Hilmar, Calif./Joseph Shawnego, Oakdale, Calif. 36.8;
11. Hayes Smith, Central Point, Ore./Evan Arnold, Stephenville, Texas 37.4;
12. Coleman Proctor, Pryor, Okla./Ryan Motes, Weatherford, Texas 37.5.

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Cutline: Tie-down roper Dane Kissack had a time of 8.3 seconds to win the third round at the 97th annual Red Bluff Round-Up. The Spearfish, S.D. man leads the average coming into the finals on Sunday, April 21. Photo by Hubbell Photography.