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## **CANDY HORSE**

*World champion leads tie-down roping  
after three performances of the St. Paul Rodeo*

St. Paul, Ore. (July 3, 2025) - Shad Mayfield is on a sugar high.

It's not from the strawberry shortcake that's so popular with St. Paul Rodeo fans.

It's from the fifteen-year-old sorrel mare named Tootsie Pop, who carried him to the lead in both the first round, during slack (8.3 seconds) and the second round, during the evening's performance (tying with Marty Yates at 7.9 seconds each).

The 2020 world champion from Clovis, N.M. was aboard a horse he purchased two months ago, Tootsie Pop, a horse that he has done well with.

"I've been riding her over Cowboy Christmas," he said, "and she's been amazing. She fits me well."

Tootsie Pop is a half-sister to Mayfield's other horse, Lollipop, the 2024 AQHA Tie-down Roping Horse of the Year. Both of them were sired by Popular Resortfigure, whose barn name is Pop Tart.

"She's solid every time," Mayfield said. "When I back into the box, she's going to go out there and do her job. She's going to make bad calves good. She makes everything so easy for me."

Mayfield and his traveling partners got to St. Paul in the nick of time. They had competed at slack at the pro rodeo in Basin City, Wash., in the morning and barely made it to the rodeo.

“We got here at 3 pm,” he said, just as slack was starting. “We saddled and ran up here. The gate people were mad at us for going a little fast, but we were here.”

And as soon as he was done roping in St. Paul, he headed off to Molalla, Ore., to compete there. “We’re going to have to haul butt to get there,” he said. “As soon as we rope, we’ll load the horses and head over there.”

There’s a logjam at the top of the steer wrestling.

Five cowboys have made runs of 4.5 seconds each, to tie for the fast time in the first round.

Today, Cash Robb, Altamont, Utah and Mike McGinn, Haines, Oregon, added their names to the top of the pile, both making 4.5 second runs during the afternoon’s slack. The other three with 4.5 second runs include Cody Devers, Garrett Oates, and Stetson Jorgensen.

Like Mayfield, Robb barely made it from the Basin City rodeo.

It’s a four and a half hour drive from Basin City to St. Paul, and traffic gummed up the works.

“You put Portland in there, so you never know what could happen,” Robb said.

“We pulled in about five minutes before it started, so there was no time to warm up a horse,” he said. He called fellow steer wrestler Shane Frey, asking to borrow his horse.

“Shane was good to me.”

Robb had never ridden Frey’s horse Cruise before, but it worked. The horse “felt great,” he said. “He made it easy to win.”

A 2025 graduate of East Texas A&M University in Commerce, Texas, he has an ag business degree. His career is pro rodeo, and so far, it’s going well.

He’s ranked twentieth in the PRCA world standings, and hopes to be in the top fifteen in the world, when the rodeo season ends on Sept. 30. That’s when the best fifteen cowboys in each event go on to compete for world titles at the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas.

Altamont, Utah, population 225, has no stoplights, Robb said, and that’s a good thing. “There is no traffic,” he quipped.

Like Robb, steer wrestler Mike McGinn also borrowed a horse on which to compete.

He rode Dalton Massey’s palomino gelding, Rodney, and turned in a time of 4.5 seconds.

The 31-year-old had seen the steer run in Reno, Nev. a few weeks ago.

“I knew that steer would give me a good chance,” he said. “I knew if I got a good start and was aggressive, I could have a really

good chance to at least be good in the aggregate, since the rodeo is a two-header.”

McGinn has competed in St. Paul for the last decade, and he loves coming to the rodeo.

“It’s an outstanding rodeo for us for the Fourth of July, and for the season in total. A guy can do good here, and get some momentum leading into July.”

He loves the atmosphere in St. Paul, too.

The rodeo “is always sold out, and (announcer) Justin McKee fires up the crowd. It gives you goose bumps when you’re there and the national anthem is playing. It’s a fun spot to be.”

Other fast times and high scores from the day include bareback rider Mason Stuller, Veneta, Ore. (85 points); bull rider Jacob Carige, Rockhampton, Queensland, Australia, the only bull rider to make a qualified ride tonight (84.5 points); breakaway ropers Martha Angelone, Stephenville, Texas and Kelsie Domer, Dublin, Texas (2.8 seconds each); saddle bronc riders Jake Finlay, Goondwindli, Queensland, Australia and Gus Gaillard, Morse, Texas (83.5 points each); team ropers Cyle Denison, Iowa, La./ Lane Mitchell, Bolivar, Tenn. (4.3 seconds) and barrel racer Emily Beisel, Weatherford, Okla. (17.27 seconds).

St. Paul celebrates Independence Day with two rodeo performances: a 1:30 pm matinee and an evening show at 7:30 pm. A parade through downtown St. Paul is July 4 at 10 am, with fireworks following the evening show.

The rodeo wraps up with a final performance on July 5 at 7:30 pm.

For more information, visit the website.

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**Results from slack and the third performance, St. Paul Rodeo, July 3, 2025**

Bareback Riding

1. Mason Stuller, Veneta, Ore. 85 points on Macza Pro Rodeo's Cadillac Jack; 2. Wacey Schalla, Arapaho, Okla. 84; 3. Sam Petersen, Helena, Mont. 82.5; 4. Weston Timberman, Columbus, Mont. 72.

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Steer wrestling

1st round fast times:

1. (tie) Cash Robb, Altamont, Utah and Mike McGinn, Haines, Ore. 4.5 seconds each; 3. Holden Myers, Van, Texas 5.9; 4. Ryan Shuckburgh, Innisfail, Alberta 10.2.

2nd round fast times:

1. Cash Robb, Altamont, Utah 4.5 seconds; 2. Dalton Massey, Hermiston, Ore. 5.0; 3. Justin Shaffer, Hallsville, Texas 5.3; 4. Mike McGinn, Haines, Ore. 12.3.

Bull riding

1. Jacob Carige, Rockhampton, Queensland, Australia 84.5 points on Flying Five Rodeo's Nickel Back; no other qualified rides.

Tie-down roping

1st round fast times:

1. Shad Mayfield, Clovis, N.M. 8.3 seconds; 2. Jake Pratt, Ellensburg, Wash. 8.6; 3. Luke Potter, Maple City, Kan. 8.8; 4. Nick Achille, Alvin, Texas 8.9.

2nd round fast times:

1. Shad Mayfield, Clovis, N.M. 7.9 seconds; 2. Cory Solomon, Prairie View, Texas 8.7; 3. Tyler Calhoun, Richards, Texas 8.9; 4. Tyson Durfey, Brock, Texas 9.5.

### Breakaway roping

1. (tie) Martha Angelone, Stephenville, Texas and Kelsie Domer, Dublin, Texas 2.8 seconds each; 3. Taylor Munsell, Alva, Okla. 3.0; 4. Cheyanne McCartney, Kingston, Okla. 3.1.

### Saddle bronc riding

1. (tie) Jake Finlay, Goondiwindi, Queensland, Australia 83.5 points on Flying Five Rodeo's Major Spirit and Gus Gaillard, Morse, Texas 83.5 points on Big Bend Rodeo's Spotted Blues; 3. Cauy Masters, Leon, Iowa 83; 4. Shea Fournier, Raceland, La. 80.5.

### Team roping

1st round fast times

1. Kaleb Driggers, Hoboken, Ga./Junior Nogueira, Presidente Prudente, Brazile 4.6 seconds; 2. (tie) Korbin Rice, Hobbs, N.M./Cooper Freeman, Carthage, Mo. and Cash Duty, Weimar, Texas/Trae Smith, Georgetown, Idaho 4.7 each; 4. (tie) Andrew Ward, Edmond, Okla./Jake Long, Coffeyville, Kan. and Shay Carroll, Stephenville, Texas/Levi Lord, Sturgis, S.D. 5.1 each.

2nd round fast times

1. Cyle Denison, Iowa, La./Lane Mitchell, Bolivar, Tenn. 4.3 seconds; 2. Tyler Tryan, Lipan, Texas/Denton Dunning, Surprise, Ariz. 4.8; 3. Shay Carroll, Stephenville, Texas/Levi Lord, Sturgis, S.D. 19.8; no other qualified rides.

### Barrel racing

1. Emily Beisel, Weatherford, Okla. 17.27 seconds; 2. Sharon Gow, Roseburg, Ore. 17.59; 3. Colleen Kingsbury, Powell Butte, Ore. 17.94; 4. Kayser Kane, Wilson Creek, Ore. 18.00.

Cutlines:

Shad Mayfield leads in the first round of the tie-down roping at the St. Paul Rodeo. The 2020 world champion is on a horse he bought two months ago. Photo by Lara St. Jacques.

Cash Robb, Altamont, Utah, scored 4.5 seconds to tie for first in the steer wrestling at St. Paul. Photo by Lara St. Jacques.

Steer wrestler Mike McGinn, Haines, Ore., was one of the five steer wrestlers turning in a time of 4.5 seconds to tie for first. Photo by Lara St. Jacques.

\*\* All results are unofficial. For more information, visit [www.StPaulRodeo.com](http://www.StPaulRodeo.com).