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CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

*California cowboy leads St. Paul Rodeo's
bareback riding, is having best Cowboy Christmas of his career*

St. Paul, Ore. (July 5, 2019) – It's Christmas time for Clayton Biglow, and Santa's being good to him.

The Clements, Calif. bareback rider is in the lead after five of six performances at the 84th annual St. Paul (Ore.) Rodeo.

He scored 85.5 points aboard the Bridwell Pro Rodeo horse West Point Girl on Friday night, and it was just another good ride he's made over Cowboy Christmas, the name given to the weeks before and after Independence Day, when some of the biggest rodeos in the nation take place.

Biglow, who is 23 years old, has won checks at three of the five rodeos he's hit in the last week: (third place at Cody, Wyo., and Mandan, N.D. and fourth at Red Lodge, Mont.) and still has three more rodeos before he will take a break.

It's the best Fourth of July run he's had in his career and it helps cement his spot in the top fifteen bareback riders in the world, those who qualify for the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in December, where world champions are crowned. Before the week, he was ranked fifth; after a check at St. Paul, he should move up in the standings.

Biglow would love for his score to hold through tomorrow night's competition. "I've always wanted to win this rodeo," he said. "My dad (Russ Biglow) rode here, and he's won money here." Biglow has competed in St. Paul the last five years, but hasn't ever won a check there. "I've never won a dime (in St. Paul)," he said. Tonight "was the first time I've ever been over eighty (points.) It's nice to break the ice. It took a while, but I got it done."

He's staying healthy and injury-free, "and that's the main thing. I feel like I'm riding good. I just keep building on that, trying to get better every day."

Biglow will ride in Oakley City and West Jordan, Utah tomorrow, then goes on to Prescott, Ariz.

Other high scores and fast times from the July 5 slack and performance at the St. Paul Rodeo are steer wrestler Curtis Cassidy, Donald, Alb. (4.3 seconds in the second round); bull rider Josh Frost, Randlett, Utah (86 points); tie-down roper Tuf Cooper, Decatur, Texas (10.3 seconds in the second round); saddle bronc rider Taos Muncy, Corona, N.M. (82 points); team ropers Jr. Dees, Aurora, S.D. and Lane Siggins, Coolidge, Ariz. (4.7 seconds in the second round); and barrel racer Jill Welsh, Parker, Ariz. (17.77 seconds).

The Wrangler Network offered live video coverage for last night and tonight's shows. The performances are archived at www.wranglernetwork.com and can be viewed by visiting the website.

The final night of the 84th annual St. Paul Rodeo is Saturday, July 6. The performance begins at 7:30 pm. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit the website at www.StPaulRodeo.com or call the rodeo office at 800-237-5920.

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Results from the slack and evening performance, St. Paul Rodeo, July 5, 2019

Bareback Riding

1. Clayton Biglow, Clements, Calif. 85.5 points on Bridwell Pro Rodeo's West Point Girl; 2. Wyatt Denny, Minden, Nev. 81; 3. Garrett Shadbolt, Merriman, Neb. 78; no other qualified rides.

Steer wrestling

1st round

1. Tanner Milan, Cochrane, Alb. 3.8 seconds; 2. Stan Branco, Chowchilla, Calif. 4.5; 3. Andy Weldon, Greenleaf, Idaho 4.6; 4. Colin Wolfe, Wenatchee, Wash. 8.0.

2nd round

1. Curtis Cassidy, Donald, Alb. 4.3 seconds; 2. Kody Dollery, Caldwell, Texas 4.4; 3. Scott Guenther, Provost, Alb. 4.8; 4. Andy Weldon, Greenleaf, Idaho 5.5.

Average leaders (on two head)

1. Blake Mindemann, Blanchard, Okla. 8.8 seconds on two head; 2. Tyler Waguespack, Gonzales, La. 9.2; 3. Andy Weldon, Greenleaf, Idaho 10.1; 4. (tie) Bridger Chambers, Stevensville, Mont. and Ty Erickson, Helena, Mont. 10.3 each.

Bull riding

1. Josh Frost, Randlett, Utah 86 points on Big Stone Rodeo's Power Stroke; 2. Trey Kimzey, Strong City, Okla. 83.5; no other qualified rides.

Tie-down roping

1st round

1. Tuf Cooper, Decatur, Texas 9.7 seconds; 2. Cory Solomon, Prairie View, Texas 10.9; 3. Ty Harris, San Angelo, Texas 11.1; 4. Kyle Dickens, Loveland, Colo. 12.6.

2nd round

1. Tuf Cooper, Decatur, Texas 10.3 seconds; 2. Cory Solomon, Prairie View, Texas 12.8; 3. Michael D. Pederson, Hermiston, Ore. 15.5; 4. Roger Nonella, Redmond, Ore. 19.1.

Average leaders on two head

1. Jake Pratt, Ellensburg, Wash. 18.5 seconds on two head; 2. Cody Craig, Wendell, Idaho 18.9; 3. Justin Smith, Leesville, La. 19.1; 4. Tuf Cooper, Decatur, Texas 20.0.

Saddle bronc riding

1. Taos Muncy, Corona, N.M. 82 points on Bridwell Pro Rodeo's Smooth Sailing; 2. Tate Owens, Colbert, Wash. 81.5; 3. Leon Fountain, Socorro, N.M. 77.5; 4. Wade Kane, Ellensburg, Wash. 67.

Team roping

1st round

1. Spencer Mitchell, Orange Cove, Calif./Cody Doescher, Webbers Falls, Okla. 5.0 seconds; 2. Joshua Torres, Ocala, Fla./Jonathan Torres, Ocala, Fla. 7.1; 3. Lane Santos Karney, Creston, Calif./Bucky Campbell, Morristown, Ariz. 11.2; 4. Jr. Dees, Aurora, S.D./Lane Siggins, Coolidge, Ariz. 15.0.

2nd round

1. Jr. Dees, Aurora, S.D./Lane Siggins, Coolidge, Ariz. 4.7 seconds; 2. Lane Santos Karney, Creston, Calif./Bucky Campbell, Morristown, Ariz. 5.3; 3. Colton Campbell, Klamath Falls, Ore./Dalton Pearce, San Luis Obispo, Calif. 9.7; 4. Jason Stewart, Heppner, Ore./Calgary Smith, Adams, Ore. 10.3.

Average leaders on two head

1. Erich Rogers, Round Rock, Ariz./Paden Bray, Granbury, Texas 10.3 seconds on two head; 2. Clay Smith, Broken Bow, Okla./Jade Corkill, Fallon, Nev. 10.5; 3. Levi Simpson, Ponoka, Alb./Cole Davison, Stephenville, Texas 10.6; 4. Cody Snow, Stephenville, Texas/Wesley Thorp, Stephenville, Texas 10.8.

Barrel racing

1. Jill Welsh, Parker, Ariz. 17.77 seconds; 2. Tyra Kane, Weatherford, Texas 17.84; 3. Jody Tucker, Ellensburg, Wash. 18.02; 4. Fallon Taylor, Collinsville, Texas 18.11.

** All results are unofficial. For more information, visit www.StPaulRodeo.com.