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ST. PAUL RECORDS

Team roping record set at first day of St. Paul Rodeo

St. Paul, Ore. (July 1, 2025) – The arena record at the St. Paul Rodeo was broken this afternoon during slack.

In the second round of the team roping, reigning world champions Wesley Thorp and Tyler Wade had a time of 3.8 seconds to best the old record, set in 2017 by Charly Crawford and Joseph Harrison, and repeated the next year by Steven Duby and Evan Arnold.

They knew how the steer they had drawn might run.

“We had one of the better steers,” Thorp said. “We knew he was good, speed-wise, and that he might make a step to the right.”

The last three weeks have been slow for the duo, and a lead in St. Paul is a slump-buster.

“Last week we won a little bit, but we haven’t gotten anything going. It’s been super slow, so we needed to get a little traction going, make the best run we could, and turn this thing around,” Thorp said.

“The rounds pay good here, and it’s the beginning of the Fourth of July run, so it’s good to get something going.” Thorp knows their time may not hold; there may be a faster duo before the week is up, but he’s hoping.

“There are so many teams capable of being fast, and until the last team goes, you don’t know where you’ll fall.”

Thorp and Wade, from Terrell, Texas and Stephenville, Texas, respectively, have roped together for the past three years and have won the PRCA team roping world titles in 2023 and 2024. Thorp won the 2019 world title with Cody Snow.

Thorp appreciates Wade, his heeler.

“He stays positive, he keeps a good attitude, and he doesn’t let anything affect his demeanor outside the arena. I think that’s super important. When it comes down to it, you have to have somebody you can get along with, who has a good attitude. Because it only takes one steer to turn it around, and you have to be ready for that opportunity”

It’s a long way from Minnesota to Oregon, but when a guy is leading the bareback riding, who’s keeping track?

Wrangler National Finals Rodeo veteran Tanner Aus, Granite Falls, Minn., scored 85.5 points during the first performance of the St. Paul Rodeo to take the lead.

It was aboard a Sankey Pro Rodeo and Phenom Genetics horse named Mustard, who Aus had wanted to ride.

“That’s a horse I’ve wanted to get on for a long time,” Aus said. “He’s really gained recognition in the last few years of being a horse you can be a pile of points on.”

A lead at the beginning of Cowboy Christmas, the most lucrative time of the rodeo season when cowboys and cowgirls are hitting as many rodeos as they can, to make as much as they can, is good.

“I’m feeling good,” he said. “The spring was slow, but there’s a lot of money to be had out here, in the next month.”

Aus is 35 years old, “closer to the end of my career than the beginning, but I’ve been saying that for about five years now,” he said.

And he has the backing of his family as he makes a living on the rodeo road.

“My family is still in full support of what I’m trying to do so I’m pretty blessed.”

He and his wife Lonissa have three children, ages seven, five, and two.

“My wife is extra busy when I’m on the road,” he said. “She’s a saint and a super mom and I definitely couldn’t do this without her.”

Aus is currently ranked eleventh in the PRCA world standings.

Other high scores and fast times from slack and the first performance of the St. Paul Rodeo include steer wrestler Bryar Byrne, Gridley, Calif. (4.3 seconds); bull rider “Colorado Kid” Mackey, Ignacio, Colo. (82 points); tie-down roper Marty Yates, Stephenville, Texas (7.9 seconds); breakaway roper Madison Outhier, Utopia, Texas (3.0 seconds); saddle bronc rider Lefty Holman, Visalia, Calif. (86 points); and barrel racer Hailey Garrison, Glen, Mont. (17.40 seconds).

The second performance of the St. Paul Rodeo takes place July 2 at 7:30 pm. The rodeo continues through July 5 with performances at 7:30 pm each night and a 1:30 pm matinee on July 4. Fireworks follow each night of rodeo.

For more information, visit StPaulRodeo.com

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Results from the slack and evening performance, St. Paul Rodeo, July 1, 2025

Bareback Riding

1. Tanner Aus, Granite Falls, Minn. 85.5 points on Sankey Pro Rodeo and Phenom Genetics' Mustard; 2. Nick Pelke, Mondovi, Wisc. 85; 3. (tie) Donny Proffit, Diamondville, Wyo. and Sage Allen, Blackfoot, Idaho 83 each.

Steer wrestling

1st round leaders:

1. Cody Devers, Perryton, Texas 4.5 seconds; 2. Bodee Foster, Hermiston, Ore. 6.1; 3. Gus McGinn, Haines, Ore. 6.8; 4. Marc Joiner, Loranger, La. 7.0.

2nd round leaders:

1. Bryar Byrne, Gridley, Calif. 4.3 seconds; 2. Taite Stickler, San Luis Obispo, Calif. 5.1; 3. Bodee Foster, Hermiston, Ore. 5.6; 4. Jacob Stacy, Moses Lake, Wash. 5.7.

Bull riding

1. Colorado Kid Mackey, Ignacio, Colo. 82 points on Sankey Pro Rodeo and Phenom Genetics' Ready Team; no other qualified rides.

Tie-down roping

1st round leaders:

1. Marty Yates, Stephenville, Texas 8.4 seconds; 2. Cash Hooper, Pampa, Texas 8.5; 3. Roy Lee, Mt. Vernon, Ark. 8.8; 4. Gator Goodrich, Stanfield, Ore. 9.2.

2nd round leaders:

1. Marty Yates, Stephenville, Texas 7.9 seconds; 2. Macon Murphy, Keatchie, La. 8.1; 3. Gator Goodrich, Stanfield, Ore. 8.3; 4. (tie) Chet Weitz, London, Texas 9.1.

Breakaway roping

1. Madison Outhier, Utopia, Texas 3.0 seconds; 2. Sutton Mang, Lompoc, Calif. 3.5; 3. Bradi Good, Abilene, Texas 3.8; 4. Shayla Hall, Stephenville, Texas 12.3.

Saddle bronc riding

1. Lefty Holman, Visalia, Calif. 86 points on Legacy Rodeo's Jitterbug;
2. Brody Cress, Hillsdale, Wyo. 83.5; 3. Lucas Macza, High River, Alb.
81.5; 4. K's Thompson, Lundbreck, Alb. 80.5.

Team roping

1st round leaders

1. (tie) Tanner Tomlinson, Mineral Wells, Texas/Travis Graves, Jay,
Okla. and Brayden Schmidt, Benton City, Wash./Jaydon Warner, Tropic,
Utah 4.8 seconds each; 3. Lightning Aguilera, Athens, Texas/Wyatt Cox,
Arroyo Grande, Calif. 5.2; 4. Clint Summers, Lake City, Fla./Jade
Corkill, Victoria, Texas 5.3.

2nd round leaders

1. Tyler Wade, Terrell, Texas/Wesley Thorp, Stephenville, Texas 3.8
seconds; 2. Tanner James, Porterville, Calif./Trey White, Los Osos,
Calif. 4.8; 3. (tie) Clint Summers, Lake City, Fla./Jade Corkill, Victoria,
Texas and Bob Moriarty, Selah, Wash./Ryan Powell, Marsing, Idaho 5.7
each.

Barrel racing

1. Hailey Garrison, Glen, Mont. 17.40 seconds; 2. Jamie Olson, Brock,
Texas 17.44;
Kellie Palmer, Sunnyside, Wash. 17.77; 3. Kayla Turner, Cottonwood,
Calif. 17.52; 4. Madison Camozzi, Petaluma, Calif. 17.68.

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

Cutlines:

Team ropers Wesley Thorp (on the right) and Tyler Wade set a new arena
record during slack on July 1 at the St. Paul Rodeo. They lead the
second round with the new record, 3.8 seconds. Photo by Roseanna
Sales.

Minnesotan Tanner Aus leads the bareback riding after the first night of the St. Paul Rodeo. Photo by Roseanna Sales.