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TEXAS COWGIRL SETS ARENA RECORD

St. Paul Rodeo continues

St. Paul, Ore. (July 4, 2025) – A new arena record was set during the evening show on July 4 at the St. Paul Rodeo.

Breakaway roper Jill Tanner turned in a time of 2.1 seconds, one-tenth of a second faster than the record which was set by Aspen Miller last year, in the inaugural year of breakaway roping at the Nation's Greatest Fourth of July rodeo.

Tanner, Stephenville, Texas knew the calf she had drawn.

"These calves came from the Reno (Nev.) rodeo," she said, "so I had the chance to do a little homework on them. I knew the one I drew left the chute a little stronger, so I could take an aggressive start out of the box.

"I went in, and my horse set me up right there, and the calf was there, and I thought, 'you'd better throw your rope.' Sometimes it works out," she laughed.

Tanner is riding an eighteen-year-old horse, previously owned by tie-down roper Sterling Smith. Smith rode the gelding at several Wrangler National Finals Rodeos.

The horse named Pepto, has been on injured reserve list for the past seventeen months, and Tanner just started riding him again.

“He was sidelined for a year and a half,” she said, “so it was a long time without him. You just can’t put into words how much easier and awesome a horse like him makes roping.”

Tanner’s husband Jimmy Tanner is part of her support system.

“He’s probably the most valuable part of our team,” she said. “He drives for us, (including daughter Georgia), he takes care of us, he pushes our calves, he saddles horse, he’s a really great husband.”

It’s in the family for Jill. Her husband Jimmy roped at the St. Paul Rodeo in the 1990s-2000s and competed at the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in 1998-1999. He won the team roping in St. Paul in 1998.

Her dad, Jimmie Cooper, competed in St. Paul numerous times and is a three-time all-around cowboy (1983, 1985-86). He was a team roper, tie-down roper and steer wrestler.

Georgia, who is eight years old, took the victory lap with her mother. She “loves roping, loves riding. She’s my little partner. We do everything together.”

A world champion took the lead in the steer wrestling after the July 4 performances at the 2025 St. Paul Rodeo.

Ty Erickson, the 2019 PRCA world champion, made a 3.6 second run during the matinee performance, and repeated as fast time during the evening show with a time of 4.3 seconds.

During the matinee, Erickson’s steer tripped, going down, so per PRCA rules, he was allowed a re-run, on a steer he didn’t have time to research.

“I had no idea what that steer was going to be,” he said. “I trusted the process.”

He has plenty of trust in his equine partner as well.

His 14-year-old black gelding, Crush, the 2024 Nutrena Steer Wrestling Horse of the Year, presented by AQHA is as much of the competition as Erickson.

“He works awesome,” he said.

Erickson hasn't won much in the last few days of Cowboy Christmas, the busiest part of the rodeo season.

“It's been really slow,” he said, “so I really needed that right there. Any time you can be 3.6 seconds in St. Paul, Oregon, I mean, it'll turn your Fourth around pretty quick.”

Fellow steer wrestlers Rowdy Parrott and Jesse Brown also rode Crush in St. Paul.

Other high scores and fast times from the matinee and evening performances on July 4 include bareback rider R.C. Landingham, Hat Creek, Calif. (86 points); bull rider Jordan Spears, Redding, Calif. (84 points); tie-down roper Joel Harris, San Angelo, Texas (8.8 seconds in round one) and saddle bronc rider Dawson Hays, Wildwood, Alb. (89 points).

In the team roping, two teams had the fast time for the evening performance: Riley Kittle, Stephenville, Texas/Landen Glenn, McAlester, Okla. and Quinton Parchman, Cumberland City, Tenn./Bryce Graves, Poplarville, Miss. 4.4 seconds each. Barrel racer

Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz., set the pace with a time of 17.24 seconds.

The St. Paul Rodeo wraps up on July 5 with an evening performance at 7:30 pm.

For more information, visit the website at StPaulRodeo.com

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Results from the matinee and evening performance, St. Paul Rodeo, July 4, 2025

Bareback Riding

1. R.C. Landingham, Hat Creek, Calif. 86 points on Legacy Pro Rodeo's Miss Shark; 2. Dean Thompson, Altamont, Utah 85.5; 3. Kody Lamb, Sherwood Park, Alb. 85; 4. (tie) Tilden Hooper, Carthage, Texas and Orin Larsen, Inglis, Manitoba 84 each.

Steer wrestling

1st round fast times:

1. Ty Erickson, Helena, Mont. 3.6 seconds; 2. Jesse Brown, Baker City, Ore. 4.9; 3. Rowdy Parrott, Mamou, La. 5.0; 4. Gary Gilbert, Paradise, Texas 5.4.

2nd round fast times:

1. Ty Erickson, Helena, Mont. 4.3 seconds; 2. Jesse Brown, Baker City, Ore. 4.7; 3. Gary Gilbert, Paradise, Texas 5.2; 4. Remey Parrott, Mamou, La. 5.9.

Bull riding

1. Jordan Spears, Redding, Calif. 84 points on Four Star Rodeo's The Natural; 2. Roscoe Jarboe, New Plymouth, Idaho 82.5; 3. Tyler Taylor, Stephenville, Texas 80; 4. Clayton Sellars, Fruitland Park, Fla. 77.5.

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Tie-down roping

1st round fast times:

1. Joel Harris, San Angelo, Texas 8.8 seconds; 2. Zaine Mikita, Byers, Colo. 10.2; 3. Cash Fuesz, Eureka, Kan. 12.2; Blayne Saine, Detroit, Alabama 20.7.

2nd round fast times:

1. Cash Fuesz, Eureka, Kan. 10.0 seconds; 2. Austin Lawrence, Sperry, Okla. 14.0; 3. Blayne Saine, Detroit, Ala. 20.0; 4. Joel Harris, San Angelo, Texas 20.6.

Breakaway roping

1. Jill Tanner, Stephenville, Texas 2.1 seconds; 2. Emilee Charlesworth, Marathon, Texas 2.4; 3. (tie) Kaitlyn Andersen, Salinas, Calif. and Rylee George, Oakdale, Calif. 2.5 each.

Saddle bronc riding

1. Dawson Hay, Wildwood, Alb. 89 points on Big Stone Rodeo's Key-Lix Second Thoughts; 2. Zeke Thurston, Big Valley, Alb. 87; 3. Zac Dallas, Las Cruces, N.M. 86; 4. Tanner Butner, Daniel, Wyo. 85.5.

Team roping

1st round fast times

1. Devon McDaniel, Caldwell, Idaho/Chris Young, Wittman, Ariz. 5.1 seconds; 2. Jeff Flenniken, Caldwell, Idaho/Buddy Hawkins, Stephenville, Texas 5.4; 3. Quinton Parchman, Cumberland City, Tenn./Bryce Graves, Poplarville, Miss. 6.7; 4. Jr Dees, Orange, Texas/Coleby Payne, Stephenville, Texas 10.5.

2nd round fast times

1. (tie) Riley Kittle, Stephenville, Texas/Landen Glenn, McAlester, Okla. and Quinton Parchman, Cumberland City, Tenn./Bryce

Graves, Poplarville, Miss. 4.4 seconds each; 3. Jr. Dees, Orange, Texas/Coleby Payne, Stephenville, Texas 4.6; 4. Clay Ullery, Valleyview, Alb./Tyce McLeod, Waldeck, Sask. 19.7.

Barrel racing

1. Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz. 17.24; 2. Megan McLeod-Sprague, Marsing, Idaho 17.38; 3. Jordan Driver, Garden City, Texas 17.48; 4. LaTricia Duke, Zephyr, Texas 17.50.

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

Cutlines:

Jill Tanner set a new arena record in the breakaway roping with her time of 2.1 seconds. Photo by Lara St. Jacques.

Jill Tanner and her daughter Georgia make a victory lap after the breakaway roping. Photo by Lara St. Jacques.

Ty Erickson, the 2019 PRCA steer wrestling world champion, leads both the first and second rounds; the first round, in 3.6 seconds and the second round, in 4.3 seconds. Photo by Roseanna Sales.