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St. Paul Rodeo sees four leaderboard changes, new arena record set

St. Paul, Ore. (July 2, 2023) – On July 2, in the third night of the St. Paul Rodeo, the lead changed in four events.

Bareback rider Jacek Frost scored 87.5, two points better than the tie between the number two men; bull rider Grayson Cole scored 88.5 points; and barrel racer Tarryn Lee topped the charts with a time of 17.13 seconds.

And a new arena record was set in the saddle bronc riding.

Stu Wright scored 91.5 points, besting the old record of 89 points set in 2019 by Cort Scheer.

Wright was matched up with the 2022 PRCA Saddle Bronc of the Year, a horse named Black Tie, owned by Sankey Pro Rodeo and Phenom Genetics.

It was a match the Coalville, Utah man had wished for.

“I’ve been dreaming about this,” he said. “The first time I ever watched that horse, I was riding in Lewiston (Idaho), and I watched her go across the arena, and I said, ‘one day I’m going to ride that horse.’”

He verbally expressed his delight in the ride throughout the entire eight seconds.

“I was yelling while I rode her,” he said. “It’s nice that there’s a good crowd here, so nobody can hear me holler. That horse was so electric and so strong. She was jumping really high, and I could feel it, but she felt like an anvil dropping out of the sky when she came down.

“I was hollering, ‘let’s go, let’s go.’ If I’d have let up for one second, she’d have had me on my back.”

If the Wright name is familiar to St. Paul Rodeo fans, it’s because Stu’s nephew Stetson competed on Saturday night in the saddle bronc riding and bull riding, and Stu’s brother Spencer rode tonight in the saddle bronc riding. Stu is the youngest sibling of two-time world champion Cody Wright and often travels with Cody’s sons, Stetson, Statler, Ryder and Rusty.

The lead changed in the bareback on the third night of the St. Paul Rodeo.

Jacek Frost scored 87.5 points on the horse named Kay's Atomic Blond to best the field by two points over the number two men, Jacob Lees and Jacob Raine.

The nineteen-year-old man from Browns Valley, Calif., is in his rookie year of PRCA membership, has skipped college to pursue the goal of rodeoing fulltime. In high school, he competed not only in the bareback riding, but the tie-down roping and team roping. He had multiple offers from colleges for rodeo scholarships, but turned them down to ride bareback horses. "I wanted to chase my dreams," he said.

He's just moved into the most desirable spot in pro rodeo, the top fifteen in the world standings. At the end of the rodeo season, those top fifteen cowboys qualify for the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo.

"It's pretty great," he said. "It definitely takes off the nerve, but at the same time, you have to keep fighting (to stay in the top fifteen), because you're on the bubble. And there are so many great bareback riders, it's so crazy."

After competing in St. Paul, Frost and his traveling buddies headed to Molalla to compete there, then are flying to Bismarck, N.D. to compete there, at Mandan, N.D., and Killdeer, S.D.

A Pennsylvania man took the lead in the bull riding.

Grayson Cole scored 88.5 points on the Sankey Pro Rodeo and Phenom Genetics bull Cash is King.

Cole did his research on the bull before coming to town. "I had seen a bunch of videos on that bull and last year, he was pretty bucky to the left. But this year, he jumped to the right and was just as bucky."

The bull has grown since the videos were recorded, Cole said. "He grew up over the winter time," Cole said. "He blew up. He has a big neck and big shoulders, he's a bucking bull. He's jacked. That's what I told everyone when I showed up and I saw him."

His year is going well; he's ranked in the top 25 in the world standings. He won about \$15,000 last fall, then another \$9,000 at the First Frontier Circuit Finals Rodeo in Harrisburg, Penn. in January.

This is the second year for the 23-year-old to compete in St. Paul, and he loves it.

"Before I came here, I'd seen videos of it, but I got here and saw the little trees, and I love them. I think they're the greatest thing ever. I love how the arena wraps around and everybody's surrounding you. I think it's the greatest thing ever. This arena is crazy."

In the timed events, fast times from the day's competition in the first and second rounds are as follows: steer wrestlers Ryan Schuckburgh, Innisfail, Alb. (4.2 seconds in the first round) and Trisyn Kalawai, Hilo, Hawaii (4.6 in the second round); tie-down ropers Luke Potter, Maple City, Kan. (8.4 in the first round) and Dylan Hancock, San Angelo, Texas (8.3 in the second round); and team ropers Jeff Flenniken, Caldwell, Idaho and Tyler Worley, Berryville, Ark. (4.7 in the first round) and Cobie Dodds and Cole Dodds, both of Sanger, Calif. (6.5 in the second round.)

The St. Paul Rodeo continues on July 3 with an evening performance at 7:30 pm and two performances on July 4: a 1:30 pm matinee and a 7:30 pm performance.

For more information, visit the website.

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Results from the slack and third evening performance, St. Paul Rodeo, July 2, 2023

Bareback Riding

1. Jacek Frost, Browns Valley, Calif. 87.5 points on Sankey Pro Rodeo and Phenom Genetics Kay's Atomic Bomb; 2. Clayton Biglow, Clements, Calif. 85; 3. Taylor Broussard, Estherville, La. 84; 4. Clay Stone, Blackfoot, Idaho 77.5.

Steer wrestling

1st round leaders:

1. Ryan Schuckburgh, Innisfail, Alb. 4.2 seconds; 2. Stephen Culling, Ft. St. John, B.C. 4.7; 3. Trisyn Kalawaia, Hilo, Hawaii 5.4; Stan Branco, Chowchilla, Calif. 15.7.

2nd round leaders:

1. Trisyn Kalawaia, Hilo, Hawaii 4.6 seconds; 2. Stephen Culling, Ft. St. John, B.C. 5.5; 3. Cody Cabral, Hilo, Hawaii 6.1; 4. Stockton Graves, Alva, Okla. 6.5.

Bull riding

1. Grayson Cole, Fredonia, Penn. 88.5 points on Sankey Pro Rodeo and Phenom Genetics' Cash is King; 2. Dustin Boquet, Bourg, La. 84.5; no other qualified rides.

Tie-down roping

1st round leaders:

1. Luke Potter, Maple City, Kan. 8.4 seconds; 2. Chance Thiessen, Elk City, Okla. 8.8; 3. (tie) Matt Shiozawa, Chubbuck, Idaho and Riley Webb, Denton, Texas 9.1 each.

2nd round leaders:

1. Dylan Hancock, San Angelo, Texas 8.3 seconds; 2. Chance Thiessen, Elk City, Okla. 9.0; 3. (tie) Stetson Vest, Childress, Texas and Riley Webb, Denton, Texas 9.5.

Saddle bronc riding

1. Stu Wright, Coalville, Utah 91.5 points on Sankey Pro Rodeo and Phenom Genetics' Black Tie; 2. Layton Green, Millarville, Alb. 87; 3. Mitch Pollock, Winnemucca, Nev. 80.5; 4. Spencer Wright, Milford, Utah 79.

Team roping

1st round leaders

1. Jeff Flenniken, Caldwell, Idaho/Tyler Worley, Berryville, Ark. 4.7 seconds; 2 Jake Raley, Brush Prairie, Wash./Clay Elkington, Firth, Idaho 5.1; 3. Tanner James, Porterville, Calif./Wyatt Cox, Arroyo Grande, Calif. 5.8; 4. Dan Williams Jr., Standish, Calif./Cody Stewart, Janesville, Calif. 10.3.

2nd round leaders

1. Cobie Dodds, Sanger, Calif./Cole Dodds, Sanger, Calif. 6.5 seconds; 2. Cole Garland, Enumclaw, Wash./Dillon Bahem, Parma, Idaho 11.0; 3. Jake Raley, Brush Prairie, Wash./Clay Elkington, Firth, Idaho 11.1; 4. Shane Erickson, Winnemucca, Nev./Trevor McCain, Terrebonne, Ore. 20.5.

Barrel racing

1. Tarryn Lee, St. David, Ariz. 17.13 seconds; 2. Shayla Currin, Dayton, Wash. 17.73; 3. Ashley Rogers, Amite, La. 17.75; 4. Jordan Minor, Hermiston, Ore. 17.91.

Cutlines:

Jacek Frost, Browns Valley, Calif. leads the bareback riding with a score of 87.5 points. Photo by Hoot Creek.

In his first trip to the St. Paul Rodeo, Stu Frost broke an arena record with his 91.5 point ride in the saddle bronc riding. Photo by Hoot Creek.

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