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**San Antonio Rodeo Comes to Close**

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SAN ANTONIO --- There are some very happy and very disappointed rodeo contestants leaving the SBC Center and heading to rodeos in Tucson, Ariz., and San Angelo, Texas.

One of the happiest is Trevor Knowles, a steer wrestler from Mount Vernon, Ore. In the biggest win of his career, Knowles brought three steers to the ground in 13.2 seconds. He was the big winner here with \$13,280 in earnings. Right behind Knowles in the earnings category is seven-time world champion Fred Whitfield who won the tie-down roping title. Whitfield, from Hockley, Texas, had a total time of 26.7 seconds on three runs and won \$13,158.

It's been seven years since Cleve Schmidt and Bret Franks made the victory lap here as champions of the San Antonio Stock Show Rodeo and they both had repeat titles on Sunday. Schmidt, from Belle Fourche, S.D., won the bareback riding title with a total of 250 points on three rides. His most successful effort came in the Wrangler ProRodeo Tour Round when he scored 88 points on the Calgary Stampede horse named Gin Proof. Schmidt won \$12,462 here. That ride also earned him 12 tour points.

Franks, from Goodwell, Okla., was the only contestant to place in every round of the competition and he did that thanks to getting on some great horses in the saddle bronc riding. He earned \$12,391 and had a total of 249 points on three rides. Canadian saddle bronc riders and Canadian horses matched up for the tour round win. Rod Warren from Big Valley rode the Calgary Stampede horse named Papa Smurf and Rod Hay from Wildwood, rode Bruce Sundstrom's horse named Smokeless Brownie for 83 points.

College Students Trent Cornelius and Perry Bigbee ended up at the top of the U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Company Scoreboard in the team roping. Cornelius, from Nacogdoches, Texas, and Bigbee, from Stephenville, Texas, had a total time of 17.5 seconds on three runs to win \$7,783 each. The barrel racing title also stayed in Texas. Denise Adams – Fea rode her mare named Funny to the championship. Adams – Fea had a total time of 45.38 seconds to win \$7,217.

The bull riding was very exciting with four of the 12 Tour round qualifiers making it to the eight-second whistle. Cody Buller from Glendive, Mont., was at the top of the leader board with an 88-point ride on the Salt River bull Chisled in Stone. Buller had a total of 242 points on three rides for the championship and was just as proud of conquering Chisled in Stone as he was winning the buckle.

"I had that bull in Denver and it wasn't very pretty," Buller said. "I wanted a rematch and was glad to have it. Driving down here, I set a goal of winning this rodeo. It's just great to have accomplished that goal."

Right behind Buller was second-generation bull rider Clayton Foltyn from El Campo, Texas. He had a total of 238 points on three rides. Ryan Brown, who qualified for his first Wrangler National Finals Rodeo last December finished third with 236 points. Brown makes his home in Temeculah, Calif. Maxwell, Neb., resident Dustin Elliott placed in fourth place with 221 points on three rides. Joe Beaver, from Huntsville, Texas, was the only contestant to win money in more than one event to earn the all-around championship. Beaver won \$465 in the first round of the tie-down roping and team roping.

Total payoff at this year's San Antonio Stock Show Rodeo was \$496,643. .

**SAN ANTONIO** --- The following are Wrangler ProRodeo Tour Round and Over- All winners at the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo, Feb. 22, 2004, courtesy of U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Company.

**Bareback Riding:** (tour round) 1, Cleve Schmidt, Belle Fourche, S.D., 88 points in Gin Proof, 12 Wrangler ProRodeo Tour Points, \$1,200. 2/3, Cody Jessee, Prineville, Ore., and Larry Sandvick, Belle Fourche, S.D., 84, \$10.5 points, \$750. 4/5, Davey Sheilds, Jr., Bashaw, Alberta and Mark Gomes, Nickerson, Kan., 83, 8.5 points, \$150. (total on three) 1, Schmidt, 250, \$7453. 2, Sandvick, 243, \$5,714. 3, Goems, 241, \$4,223. 4, Royce Ford, Kersey, Colo., 240, \$2,733. 5, Jessee, 238, \$1,739. 6, Shields, 237, \$1,242. 7, Jess Davis, Salem, Utah, 234, \$994. 8, Eric Swenson, Bonham, Texas, 233, \$745.

**Steer Wrestling:** (tour round) 1, Trevor Knowles, Mount Vernon, Ore., 3.9 seconds, 12 Wrangler ProRodeo Tour Points, \$1,184. 2, Rope Myers, Van, Texas, 4.2, 11 points, \$1,030. 3, Dane Hanna, Denver, Colo., 4.4, 10 points, \$875. 4/5, Casey McMillen, Craig, Colo., and Sean Mulligan, Aurora, S.D., 4.7, 8.5 points, \$644. (total on three) 1, Knowles, 13.2, \$7,873. 2, Myers, 14.3, \$6,846. 3, Mulligan, 14.8, \$5,819. 4/5, McMillen and Hanna, 15.0, \$4,279. 6, Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo., 15.1, \$2,738. 7/8, Jace Honey, LaJunta, Colo., and John Diedrichs, Wall, S.D., 16.5, \$1,198.

**Tie Down Roping:** (tour round) 1, Jerome Schneeberger, Ponca City, Okla., 8.9, 12 Wrangler ProRodeo Tour Points, \$1,184. 2, Garrett Nokes, McCook, Neb., 9.0, 11 points, \$1,030. 3, Monty Lewis, Hereford, Texas, 9.1, 10 points, \$875. 4, Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, 9.4, 9 points, \$721. (total on three) 1, Whitfield, 26.7, \$7,873. 2, Lewis, 27.7, \$6,846. 3/4, Schneeberger and Nokes, 27.8, \$5,306. 5, Blair Burk, Durant, Okla., 28.5, \$3,765. 6, Rusty Sewalt, Del Rio, Texas, 28.9, \$2,738. 7, Jess Tierney, Hermosa, S.D., 32.4, \$1,712. 8, Jeff Coelho, Long Creek, Ore., 40.2, \$685.

**Team Roping:** (tour round) 1, Jeremy Smith, Stephenville, Texas and York Gill, Memphis, Tenn., 5.8 seconds, 12 Wrangler ProRodeo Tour Points, \$972. 2, Trent Cornelius, Nacogdoches, Texas and Perry Bigbee, Stephenville, Texas, 6.1, 11 points, \$804. 3/4, Frank Graves, Poplarville, Miss., and Brad Culpepper, Ashburn, Ga.; and Clay Tryan, Billings, Mont., and Cory Petska, Lexington, Okla.; 6.8, \$553. (total on three) Cornelius and Bigbee, 17.5, \$4,675. 2, Tryan and Petska, 17.9, \$4,065. 3, Smith and Gill, 18.6, \$3,456. 4, Devin Hayes, Stephenville, Texas, and Toby Mentzer, Ensign, Kan., 19.0, \$2,846. 5, Graves and Culpepper, 19.1, \$2,236. 6, Matt Tyler, Dennis, Texas and Kory Koontz, Sudan, Texas, 19.2, \$1,626. 7, Jake Barnes, Scottsdale, Ariz., and Allen Bach, Weatherford, Texas, 20.1, \$1,016. 8, Spunk Sasser, San Antonio Fla., and Kyle Lawrence, Dover, Fla., 23.5, \$407.

**Saddle Bronc Riding:** (tour round) 1/2, Rod Warren, Big Valley, Alberta, on Papa Smurf and Rod Hay, Wildwood, Alberta, on Smokeless Brownie, 83, 11.5 Wrangler ProRodeo Tour Points, \$1,050. 3-5: Rance Bray, Dumas, Texas; Jeb Knox, Prosser, Wash.; and Bret Franks, Goodwell, Okla.; 82, 9 points each, \$300. (total on three) 1, Franks, 249, \$7,453. 2/3, Ryan Mapston, Geysler, Mont., and Bobby Griswold, Geary, Okla., 242, \$4,968. 4, Cody DeMoss, Crowville, La., 238, \$2,733. 5, Hay, 237, \$1,739. 6-8; Warren, Knox and Mo Forbes, Kaycee, Wyo., 235, \$994.

**Women's Barrel Race:** (tour round) 1, Kelly Bruner, Millsap, Texas, 14.51, 12 Wrangler ProRodeo Tour Points, \$3,007. 2, Jane Melby, Bachus, Minn., 14.70, 11 points, \$2,255. 3/4, Deb Renger, Okotoks, Alberta; and Denise Adams-Fea, 14.71, 9.5 points, \$1,128. (total on three) 1, Adams – Fea, 45.38, \$6,089. 2, Renger, 45.39, \$5,219. 3, Bruner, 45.41, \$3,769. 5, Karen Renshaw, Guthrie, Okla., 45.62, \$2,899. 6/7, Janet Stover, Rusk, Texas, and Jymmy Kay Davis, Gonzales, Texas, 45.64, \$2,030. 8, Maria Gee, Stamford, Mont., 45.66, \$1,160.

**Bull Riding:** (tour round) 1, Cody Buller, Glendive, Mont., 88 points on Chisled in Stone, 12

Wrangler ProRodeo Tour Points, \$1,650. 2/3, Ryan Brown, Temecula, Calif., and Clayton Foltyn, El Campo, Texas, 84, 10.5 points, \$1,075. 4, Dustin Elliott, Maxwell, Neb., 68, 9 points, \$600. (total on three) 1, Buller, 242, \$7,724. 2, Foltyn, 238, \$5,921. 3, Brown, 236, \$4,377. 4, Elliott, 221, \$2,832. (on two) 5, Cody Hancock, Taylor, Ariz., 167, \$1,802. 6, B.J. Schumacher, Hillsboro, Wisc., 165, \$1,287. 7, Clint Craig, Mena, Ark., 158, \$1,030. 8, J.D. Hoagland, Caldwell, Idaho, 157, \$772.