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seventh performance

For Immediate Release

Royce Ford Continues Winning Ways

SAN ANTONIO --- Royce Ford wowed rodeo fans in his first appearance at the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo last December.

Ford, from Kersey, Colo., finished second in the over-all standings there in the bareback riding and won nearly \$90,000. At 21-years-old, Ford is just beginning his career. As the son of a five-time world champion Bruce Ford, Royce was nearly born to be a bareback rider.

Ford competed at the seventh performance of the San Antonio Stock Show Rodeo and had the high marked ride of the night with an 82. This is currently in a three-way tie for second place. The first round of bareback riding competition will be completed over the weekend. Ford is likely to get a check in the round and is in position to qualify for the Wrangler ProRodeo Tour Round on Sunday, Feb. 22.

Carisa Shearer from Wall, S.D., took her palomino mare around the cloverleaf pattern in 14.43 seconds. This is the fastest time run here so far. Unfortunately for Shearer, she was not as successful in the first round and this is the only check she will take out of the SBC Center.

Right behind her was Kelly Bruner from Milsap, Texas. Bruner had a time of 14.65 seconds, which is currently in third place. Bruner also has a total time of 30.90 seconds which is in fourth place in the aggregate standings.

Billy Holland, Jr., and Cody Cowden were wearing big smiles as they exited the arena on Thursday. With Holland, from Oroville, Calif., doing the heading and Cowden from Merced, Calif., doing the heeling, they stopped the U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Company Clock in 5.5 seconds.

They are now tied for first in the second round and are fifth in the over-all standings.

The eighth performance of the rodeo will be Friday at 7 p.m.

SAN ANTONIO --- The following are unofficial results from the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo, Feb. 12, 2004, courtesy of U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Company.

Seventh Performance --

Bareback Riding: 1, Royce Ford, Kersey, Colo., 82 points on Smokeless Flying Hi. 2, Scott Montague, Fruitdale, S.D., 79. 3/4, Jet McCoy, Tupelo, Okla., and Chad Klein, Clinton, La., 72.

Steer Wrestling: 1, John Diedrichs, Wall, S.D., 5.5 seconds. 2, Brent Hastie, Cleveland, Mo., 6.2. 3, Andrew Martin, Lees Summit, Mo., 7.0. 3, Clay Schaack, Wall, S.D., 7.5.

Tie Down Roping: 1/2, Cliff Kirkpatrick, Post, Texas, and Jamie Houck, Byers, Texas, 10.9 seconds. 2, Mike Akins, Aubrey, Texas, 13.3. 4, J.D. Kibbe, Portales, N.M., 22.1. .

Team Roping: 1, Billy Holand, Jr., Oroville, Calif., and Cody Cowden, Merced, Calif., 5.5. Landon McClaugherty, Tilden, Texas, and B.J. Dugger, Three Rivers, Texas, 7.2. 3, Jake Rodriguez, Livermore, Calif., and Brandon Gonzales, Seboyeta, N.M., 8.1. 4, Troy Murray and Joesph Shawnego, Oakdale, Calif., 11.1.

Saddle Bronc Riding: 1, Tom Reeves, Stephenville, Texas, 75 points on Cajun Moon. 2/3, Jet McCoy, Tupelo, Okla., and Jeffrey Willert, Belvidere, S.D., 74. 4, Wade Yost, Ree Heights, S.D.,

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Women's Barrel Race: 1, Carisa Shearer, Wall, S.D., 14.43. 2, Kelly Bruner, Milsap, Texas, 14.65. 3, Megan McLeoad, Star, Idaho, 14.88. 4, Suzanne Hill, Lacoste, Texas, 14.89.

Bull Riding: (only two qualified rides) 1, Travis Campell, New Braunfels, Texas, 70 points on Spin City Dip. 2, Ben Cook, Lubbock, Texas, 64.

Current Leaders –

Bareback Riding: (first round) 1, Tom McFarland, Morristown, Ariz., 85 points on Lil Brown Jug. 2-4, Mitch Rickman, Powell Butte, Ore.; Forest Bramwell, Pagosa Springs, Colo.; and Royce Ford, Kersey, Colo., 82..

Steer Wrestling: (second round) 1, Curtis Cassidy, Donald, Alberta, Canada, 3.4. 2, Bobby Harter, Aledo, Texas, 3.8 seconds. 3, Gabe Ledoux, Kaplan, La., 4.4. 4, Dane Hanna, Denver, Colo., 4.5. (total on two) 1, Clyde Himes, Stanton, Texas, 8.2. 2, Harter, 9.9. 3, Hanna, 10.6. 4, Jace Honey, La Junta, Colo., 10.7.

Tie Down Roping: (second round) 1, Blair Burk, Durant, Okla., 8.3 seconds. 2, Ricky Canton, Cleveland, Texas, 8.4. 3, Shawn Felton, Stephenville, Texas, 8.7. 4, Rusty Sewalt, Del Rio, Texas, 8.8 seconds. (total on two) 1, Sewalt, 18.1. 2, Burk, 18.3. 3, Jerome Schneeberger, Ponca City, Okla., 18.9. 4, Jeff Coelho, Long Creek, Ore., 19.1.

Team Roping: (second round) 1/2, Jared Standridge, Conway, Ark., and Michael Harris, Vilonia, Ark.; and Billy Holland, Jr., Oroville, Calif., and Cody Cowden, Merced, Calif.; 5.5. 3, Spunk Sasser, San Antonio, Fla., and Kyle Lawrence, Dover, Fla., 5.6. 4, Nelson Linares, Plant City, Fla., 5.7. (total on two) 1, Trent Cornelius, Nacogdoches, Texas, and Perry Bigbee, Stephenville, Texas, 11.4. 2, Devin Hayes, Stephenville, Texas, and Toby Mentzer, Ensign, Texas, 11.8. 4, Sasser and Lawrence, 12.4.

Saddle Bronc Riding: (first round) 1, Ryan Mapston, Geysers, Mont., 90 points on Back Street Dip. 2, Matt Hebbert, Hyannis, Neb., 88. 3/4, Bret Franks, Goodwell, Okla., and Bobby Griswold, Geary, Okla., 85.

Women's Barrel Race: (second round) 1, Carisa Shearer, Wall, S.D., 14.43. 2, Janet Stover, Rusk, Texas, 14.54. 3, Kelly Bruner, Milsap, Texas, 14.65. 4, Deb Renger, Okotoks, Alberta, Canada, 14.69. (total on two) 1, Janet Stover, 30.13. 2, Renger, 30.68. 3, Karen Renshaw, Guthrie, Okla., 30.87. 4, Bruner, 30.90. .

Bull Riding: (first round) 1, Kelly Crystal, Rigby, Idaho, 86 points on Dippin Lil' Wasp. 2, Cody Buller, Glendive, Mont., 83. 3/4, B.J. Schumacher, Hillsboro, Wisc., and Cody Allen Nash, 81.