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Contestants Advance to Semi-Finals at San Antonio Rodeo

SAN ANTONIO --- The first two days of competition at the San Antonio Stock Show Rodeo are now history.

Twelve contestants in bareback riding, steer wrestling, tie-down roping, team roping, saddle bronc riding, barrel racing and bull riding were narrowed down to four by virtue of three rounds of competition. Money was paid in the individual rounds only, and the top four money earners advance to the semi finals.

The highest money winner here so far is Chad Ferley, from Oelrichs, S.D. Ferley placed in the top two positions in each round and won \$5,445. Ferley broke his arm at last year's Wrangler National Finals Rodeo, switched riding hands to complete that competition but is back to form here.

Barrel racer and former San Antonio champion Kelly Maben had a tremendous two days here collecting \$4,667. She broke the arena record at the second performance with a time of 14.15 seconds, then at the third performance Maben, and two other barrel racers had runs under 14 seconds. Mattie Little, from Ardmore, Okla., was the leader of the pack at 13.90. Sherry Cervi from Marana, Ariz., followed with 13.96 and Maben was just behind her at 13.97. All three of these women advanced to the semi-finals.

There were only two successful bull rides on Saturday night. Dave Samsel, from Haslet, Texas won with an 81-point effort on Beutler and Son's Ariat Class Act. Second was Jarrod Ford, from Greeley, Colo., had an 80. These scores helped both of these NFR qualifiers advance to the semi-finals.

Fred Whitfield, from Hockley, Texas, is back in the winner's circle along with Monty Lewis from Hereford, Texas. Whitfield has eight gold buckles to his credit and Lewis has one. They each earned \$3,371 here so far.

There is one performance on Sunday, at 1 p.m. where the second bracket of competition will begin.

SAN ANTONIO --- The following are results from the second and third performances of the San Antonio Stock Show Rodeo, Saturday, February 07, 2009. Complete results are available at www.sarodeo.com.

Second Performance ---

Bareback Riding: 1, Tilden Hooper, Carthage, Texas, 87 points on Beutler and Son's Bartender, \$2,074. 2, Heath Ford, Greeley, Colo., 86, \$1,556. 3, Jared Keylon, Fort Scott, Kan., 83, \$1,037. 4 (tie), Cimmaron Gerke, Brighton, Colo., and Clint Cannon, Waller, Texas, 81, \$259 each.

Steer Wrestling: 1 (tie), Tyler Pearson, Louisville, Miss., and Stan Branco, Chowchilla, Calif., 3.9 seconds, \$1,815 each. 3 (tie), Ken Lewis, La Junta, Colo.; Darrell Petry, Beaumont, Texas; and Spud Duvall, Checotah, Okla.; 4.2, \$519.

Team Roping: 1, Wade Wheatley, Hughson, Calif., and Broc Cresta, Santa Rosa, Calif., 4.9 seconds, \$2,074 each. 2 (tie), Keven Daniel, Franklin, Tenn., and Martin Lucero, Stephenville, Texas; and Kelsey Parchman, Cumberland City, Tenn., and Brandon Bates, Norco, Calif.; 5.0, \$1,296. 4, David Key, Caldwell, Texas, and Marty Becker, Edmonton, Alberta, 5.1, \$519.

Saddle Bronc Riding: 1, Chad Ferley, Oelrichs, S.D., 81 points on Flying Five Rodeo's Vitalix Cat Balou, \$2,074. 2, J.R. Bert, Marwayne, Alberta, 80, \$1,556. 3, Jake Hayworth, St. Anthony, Idaho, 79. 4 (tie), Bradley Harter, Weatherford, Texas, and Jeff Willert, Belvidere, S.D., 77, \$259.

Tie-Down Roping: 1, Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, 7.5 seconds, \$2,074. 2, Monty Lewis, Hereford, Texas, 8.3, \$1,556. 3, Ricky Canton, Navasota, Texas, 8.8, \$1,037. 4, Doug Pharr, Victoria, Texas, 12.5, \$519.

Barrel Racing: 1, Kelly Maben, Spur, Texas, 14.14 seconds, \$2,074. 2, Nancy Hunter, Neola, Utah, 14.15, \$1,556. 3, Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz., 14.29, \$1,037. 4, Heidi Meuwissen, Mayer, Minn., 14.33, \$519.

Bull Riding: 1, Colin McTaggart, Las Vegas, Nev., 87 points on Beutler and Son's Blackout, \$2,074. 2, Jarrod Ford, Greeley, Colo., 84, \$1,556. 3, Cody Hancock, Taylor, Ariz., 78, \$1,037. 4, Kanin Asay, Powell, Wyo., 76, \$519

Third performance ---

Bareback Riding: 1, Cimmaron Gerke, Brighton, Colo., 89 points on Multichem Fred, \$2,074. 2, Clint Cannon, Waller, Texas, 86, \$1,556. 3, Heath Ford, Greeley, Colo., 85, \$1,037. 4, Bee Jay Scott, Otley, Iowa, 83, \$519.

Steer Wrestling: 1, Darrell Petry, Beaumont, Texas, 3.4 seconds, \$2,074. 2, Bryan Fields, Alvin, Texas, 3.7, \$1,556. 3, (tie), Olin Hannum, West Haven, Utah; Beau Franzen, Sidney, Mont.; and Spud Duvall, Checotah, Okla., 4.0, \$519 each.

Tie-Down Roping: 1, Ricky Canton, Navasota, Texas, 7.5 seconds, \$2,074. 2 (tie), Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo., and Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, 7.8, \$1,296. 4, Cutter Parsons, Marana, Ariz., 8.0, \$519.

Team Roping: 1, Wade Wheatley, Hughson, Calif., and Broc Cresta, Santa Rosa, Calif., 4.7 seconds, \$2,074 each. 2, Kelsey Parchman, Cumberland City, Tenn., and Brandon Bates, Norco, Calif., 5.4, \$1,556. 3, Keven Daniel, Franklin, Tenn., and Martin Lucero, Stephenville, Texas, 5.5, \$1,037. 4, Clay Tryan, Billings, Mont., and Kory koontz, Sudan, Texas, 9.4, \$519.

Saddle Bronc Riding: 1 (tie), Wes Burns, Stephenville, Texas, on Flying Five's Little Iron and Chad Ferley, Oelrichs, S.D., on Beutler and Son's Night Moves, 84 points, \$1,814.90. 3, Jake Hayworth, St. Anthony, Idaho, 82, \$1,037. 4, Sam Spreadborough, Snyder, Texas, 79, \$519.

Barrel Racing: 1, Mattie Little, Ardmore, Okla., 13.90 seconds, \$2,074. 2, Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz., 13.96, \$1,556. 3, Kelly Maben, Spur, Texas, 13.97, \$1,037. 4, Lindsay Knaff, Winston, Mont., 14.15, \$519.

Bull Riding: (two rides) 1, Dave Samsel, Haslet, Texas, 81 points on Beutler and Son's Ariat Class Act. 2, Jarrod Ford, Greeley, Colo., 80.

Semi-Finals Qualifiers ---

Bareback Riding: 1, Tilden Hooper, Carthage, Texas, \$4,148. 2, Heath Ford, Greeley, Colo., \$3,629. 3, Clint Cannon, Waller, Texas, \$2,852. 4, Cimmaron Gerke, Brighton, Colo., \$2,333.

Steer Wrestling: 1, Darrell Petry, Beaumont, Texas, \$3,111. 2, Beau Franzen, Sidney, Mont., \$2,593. 3, Tyler Pearson, Louisville, Miss., \$1,815. 4, Stan Branco, Chowchilla, Calif., \$1,815.

Team Roping: 1, Wade Wheatley, Hughson, Calif., and Broc Cresta, Santa Rosa, Calif., \$4,148. 2, Kelsey Parchman, Cumberland City, Tenn., and Brandon Bates, Norco, Calif., \$2,852. 3, Keven Daniel, Franklin, Tenn., and Martin Lucero, Stephenville, Texas, \$2,333. 4, Kaleb Driggers, Albany, Ga., and Brad Culpepper, Ashburn, Ga., \$2,074.

Saddle Bronc Riding: 1, Chad Ferley, Oelrichs, S.D., \$5,445. 2, J.R. Berg, Marwayne, Alberta, \$3,630. 3 (tie), Wes Burns, Stephenville, Texas and Jake Hayworth, St. Anthony, Idaho, \$2,074.

Tie-Down Roping: 1 (tie), Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, and Monty Lewis, Hereford, Texas, \$3,371. 3, Ricky Canton, Navasota, Texas, \$3,111. 4, Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo., \$2,074.

Barrel Racing: 1, Kelly Maben, Spur, Texas, \$4,667. 2, Mattie Little, Ardmore, Okla., \$4,148. 3, Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz., \$3,371. 4, Nancy Hunter, Neola, Utah, \$2,333.

Bull Riding: 1, Jarrod Ford, Greeley, Colo., \$3,111. 2, Dave Samsel, Haslet, Texas, \$2,593. 3 (tie), Colin McTaggart, Las Vegas, Nev., and Fred Boettcher, Rice Lake, Wis., \$2,074.