

Muncy Two for Two at San Antonio

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For the San Antonio Stock Show Rodeo

SAN ANTONIO, Texas ---The San Antonio Stock Show Rodeo might not be Taos Muncy's favorite, but it is definitely at the top of the list.

Muncy, from Corona, N.M., tied for the championship at this rodeo in 2007 en route to the saddle bronc riding world championship. He came back in 2008 and set the arena record in the AT&T Center with a 92-point ride in the finals aboard Kesler Championship Rodeo's horse Cool Alley and finished third over-all. In 2007 he won \$19,497. Then in 2008, he earned \$8,183 before breaking his leg in April that kept him from getting on bucking horses for most of the rest of the year.

He returned to the arena in 2009 and won two out of three rounds and placed in the third. After getting on his third bucking horse here, he had another accident, this time aboard a saddle horse at a ranch in Utopia, Texas. That prevented him from getting on in the semi-final round or winning any more money.

This year, Muncy is riding well here again and has won the first of four rounds of competition. In the first round he was 86 points, then followed that up with an 84-point effort on Flying Five Rodeo's Blue Break. He has won \$4,148 here so far this year. Added to all of his previous success, his checks from San Antonio add up to \$36,235 in just four years of competition. And, he is far from being done here in 2010.

"I love San Antonio," Muncy said. "I'm just so glad to be healthy here. I feel like I'm riding good and have been able to make the best of some great horses."

Another New Mexico resident did well at the sixth performance is former Women's Professional Rodeo Association rookie of the year Sydni Blanchard from Albuquerque. Blanchard made the fastest run of the rodeo so far in the barrel race. She stopped the clock in 13.75 seconds and won \$2,074.

All of these contestants will make their third of four appearances here on Wednesday beginning at 7 p.m. At the conclusion of Thursday night's rodeo, the top five in each event will qualify for the semi-finals.

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SAN ANTONIO, Texas --- The following are results from the San Antonio Stock Show Rodeo, Tuesday, Feb.9, 2010.

Sixth Performance --

Bareback Riding: 1, Caleb Bennett, Santaquin, Utah, 82 points on Harry Vold Rodeo's Dusty Dan, \$2,074. 2 (tie), Ryan Stutes, Sulphur, La., and Eric Swenson, Dennison, Texas, 81, \$1,296 each. 4 (tie), Steven Peebles, Redmond, Ore., and Evan Jayne, Marseilles, France, 80, \$259.

Steer Wrestling: 1, Brad McGilchrist, Wheatland, Calif., 4.6, \$2,074. 2, Justin Davis, Bartonville, Texas, 4.9, \$1,556. 3, Olin Hannum, West Haven, Utah, 5.3, \$1,037. 4, Cole Edge, Durant, Okla., 5.6, \$519.

Team Roping: 1, Luke Brown, Stephenville, Texas, and Martin Lucero, Stephenville, Texas, 5.4, \$2,074. 2, Justin Yost, Hico, Texas, and Kyle Crick, Lipan, Texas, 5.7, \$1,556. 3, Jake Weddle, St. Joe, Ark., and Monty Joe Petska, Turlock, Calif., 5.8, \$1,037. 4, Brady Tryan, Huntley, Mont., and Broc Cresta, Santa Rosa, Calif., 6.2, \$519.

Tie-down Roping: 1, Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas, 7.0 seconds, \$2,074. 2 (tie), Nate Baldwin, Blackfoot, Idaho, and Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo., 7.6, \$1,296. 4, Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, 8.0, \$519.

Saddle Bronc Riding: 1, Taos Muncy, Corona, N.M., 84 points on Flying Five Rodeo's Blue Break, \$2,074. 2, Isaac Diaz, Stephenville, Texas, 83, \$1,556. 3, Curtis Garton, Kaitaia, New Zealand, 79, \$1,037. 4 (tie), Rusty Allen, Eagle Mountain, Utah, and Cody Wright, Milford, Utah, 77, \$259.

Women's Barrel Race: 1, Sydni Blanchard, Albuquerque, N.M., 13.75, \$2,074. 2, Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz., 14.11, \$1,556. 3, Brenda Mays, Terrebone, Ore., 14.23, \$1,037. 4, Mary Burger, Pauls Valley, Okla., 14.28, \$519.

Bull Riding: 1, Beau Schroeder, China, Texas, 83 points on Flying Five Rodeo's Spin & Win, \$2,074. 2, Bandy Murphy, Morgan Mill, Texas, 79, \$1,556. 3, Steve Woolsey, Payson, Utah, 77, \$1,037. 4, Jarrod Craig, Hillsboro, Wis., 69, \$519.

Total Money ---

Bareback Riding: 1, Caleb Bennett, Santaquin, Utah, \$3,371. 2, Ryan Stutes, Sulphur, La., \$2,593. 3, Craig Wisheart, Stephenville, Texas, \$2,074. 4, Eric Swenson, Denison, Texas, \$1,296.

Steer Wrestling: 1, Olin Hannum, West Haven, Utah, \$3,111. 2, Brad McGilchrist, Wehatland, Calif., \$2,074. 3 (tie), Beau Franzen, Sidney, Mont., and Justin Davis, Bartonville, Texas, \$1,556.

Tie-Down Roping: 1 (tie), Justin Macha, Needville, Texas, and Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas, \$2,074 each. 3 (tie), Blair Burk, Durant, Okla., and Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, \$1,556.

Team Roping: 1 (tie), Nick Sartain, Yukon, Okla., and Kollin VonAhn, Durant, Okla.; and Luke Brown, Stephenville, Texas, and Martin Lucero, Stephenville, Texas; \$2,074. 3 (tie), Brandon Beers, Powell Butte, Ore., and Ryan Motes, Weatherford, Texas; and Justin Yost, Hico, Texas, and Kyle Crick, Lipan, Texas, \$1,556.

Saddle Bronc Riding: 1, Taos Muncy, Corona, N.M., \$4,148. 2 (tie), Alex Wright, Hagerman, Idaho, and Isaac Diaz, Stephenville, Texas, \$1,556. 4 (tie), Ty Atchison, Jacksossn, Mo., and Curtis Garton, Kaitaia, New Zealand, \$1,037.

Women's Barrel Race: 1 (tie), Britany Fleck, Mandan, N.D., and Sydni Blanchard, Albuquerque, N.M., \$2,074 each. 3, Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz., \$1,556. 4 (tie), Lisa Lockhart, Oelrichs, S.D., and Haley Thorne, Midlothian, Texas, \$1,296.

Bull Riding: 1, Steve Woolsey, Payson, Utah, \$2,593. 2 (tie), Clint Craig, Mena, Ark., and Beau Schroeder, China, Texas, \$2,074. 4, Bandy Murphy, Morgan Mill, Texas, \$1,556.