

Barrel Racer at Top of Money Board at San Antonio Stock Show Rodeo

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For the San Antonio Stock Show Rodeo

SAN ANTONIO, Texas ---Sydni Blanchard has made more victory laps around the AT&T Center arena than any other contestant at the 2010 edition of the San Antonio Stock Show Rodeo.

The former Rookie of the Year barrel racer has won three out of four rounds of competition and is doing it aboard her new horse Pure Victory Dash. They have the fastest time of the rodeo so far at 13.75 seconds and are second in money earnings behind the reigning world champion barrel racer Brittany Pozzi from Victoria, Texas.

Pozzi competed in the first bracket here, was second in the first two rounds, tied for the win in the third and won the fourth round out right. Her total money so far stands at \$7,000. Blanchard was one spot out of the money in the first round, but with winning the second through fourth, she has total earnings of \$6,223.

Both will be back here for the semi-finals and if they keep doing what they have been, there could be a barrel racing shoot-out at the final performance between these two talented horsewomen.

Eric Swenson, from Denison, Texas, was the high money winner in bareback riding, thanks to his win in the fourth round. Swenson, a former Wrangler National Finals Rodeo qualifier won \$2074 for his 81-point effort on Cervi Championship Rodeo's Little Fletch. His total cash so far is \$4,667.

Heith DeMoss knows what it's like to make a victory lap in the AT&T Center and his enthusiasm is unlimited. He won the saddle bronc riding title here last year earning a total of \$16,344. He won the fourth round with an 82-point ride on Flying Five Rodeo's Cat Ballou giving him enough cash to advance to the semi-finals.

Ty Atchison, who happens to be traveling with DeMoss is the high money winner in saddle bronc riding. The Jackson, Mo., cowboy earned \$4,667. Taos Muncy who won the 2007 championship here enroute to the world title is tied for second place with his traveling partner Isaac Diaz from Stephenville, Texas.

The third group of contestants will make their first appearance here on Friday night beginning at 7 p.m.

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SAN ANTONIO, Texas --- The following are results from the San Antonio Stock Show Rodeo, Thursday, Feb.11, 2010.

Eighth Performance --

Bareback Riding: 1, Eric Swenson, Denison, Texas, 81 points on Cervi Championship Rodeo's Little Fletch, \$2,074. 2, Jared Smith, Williston, Fla., 80, \$1,556. 3, Caleb Benne t, Santaquin, Utah, 77, \$1,037. 4, Kelly Timberman, Mills, Wyo., 76, \$519.

Steer Wrestling: 1, Shawn Greenfield, Lakeview, Ore., 3.8 seconds, \$2,074. 2, Todd Suhn, Hermosa, S.D., \$1,556. 3, Beau Franzen, Sidney, Mont., 4.8, \$1,037. 4, Sean Mulligan, Coleman, Okla., 5.0, \$519.

Team Roping: 1, JoJo Lemond, Andrews, Texas, and Randon Adams, Logandale, Nev., 4,0 seconds, \$2,074 (tied the arena record) 2 (tie), Travis Tryan, Billings, Mont., and Michael Jones, Stephenville, Texas; and Brady Tryan, Huntley, Mont., and Broc Cresta, Santa Rosa, Calif.; and Jay and Austin Adams, Logandale, Nev., 5.5 seconds, \$1,037 each.

Tie-down Roping: 1 (tie), Shank Edwards, Roswell, N.M., and Cade Swor, Crafton, Texas, 7.4 seconds, \$1,815 each. 3, Ace Slone, Cuero, Texas, 8.4, \$1,037. 4, Cory Solomon, Prairie View, Texas, 8.6, \$519.

Saddle Bronc Riding: 1, Heith DeMoss, Heflin, La., 82 points on Flying Five Rodeo's Cat Ballou, \$2,074. 2, Ty Atchison, Jackson, Mo., 81, \$1,556. 3, Isaac Diaz, Stephenville, Texas, 75, \$1,037. 4, Jesse Wright, Milford, Utah, 75, \$519.

Women's Barrel Race: 1, Sydni Blanchard, Albuquerque, N.M., 14.05, \$2,074. 2, Mary Burger, Pauls Valley, Okla., 14.09, \$1,556. 3 (tie), Christina Richman, Glendora, Calif., and Brenda Mays, Terrebone, Ore., 14.18, \$778.

Bull Riding: 1, Steve Woolsey, Payson, Utah, 84 points on Cervi Championship Rodeo's Johnny Gold. 2, Clint Craig, Mena, Ark., 82, \$1,556. 3, Jordan Hooten, Daingerfield, Texas, 76, \$1,037. 4, Bandy Murphy, Morgan Mill, Texas, 68, \$519.

Total Money ---

Bareback Riding: 1, Eric Swenson, Denison, Texas, \$4,667. 2, Caleb Bennett, Santaquin, Utah, \$4,408. 3, Ryan Stutes, Sulphur, La., \$2,593. 4, Evan Jayne, Marseille, France, \$2,333. 5, Craig Wisehart, Stephenville, Texas, \$2,074.

Steer Wrestling: 1 (tie), Olin Hannum, West Haven, Utah, and Dane Hanna, Starkville, Miss., \$3,111. 3, Shawn Greenfield, Lakeview, Ore., \$2,852. 4, Beau Franzen, Sidney, Mont., \$2,593. 5, Brad McGildchrist, Wheatland, Calif., \$2,074.

Tie-Down Roping: 1, Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas, \$4,148. 2, Cade Swor, Crafton, Texas, \$2,333. 3, Justin Macha, Needville, Texas, \$2,074. 4, Shank Edwards, Roswell, N.M., \$1,815. 5, Cimarron Boardman, Stephenville, Texas, \$1,556.

Team Roping: 1, Brandon Beers, Powell Butte, Ore., and Ryan Motes, Weatherford, Texas, \$3,630. 2, JoJo LeMond, Andrews, Texas, and Randon Adams, Logandale, NEv., \$2,603. 3, Jay and Austin Adams, Logandale, Neb., \$2,593. 4 (tie), Travis Tryan, Billings, Mont., and Michael Jones, Stephenville, Texas; and Brady Tryan, Huntley, Mont., and Broc Cresta, Santa Rosa, Calif., \$2,593.

Saddle Bronc Riding: 1, Ty Atchison, Jackson, Mo., \$4,556. 2 (tie), Taos Muncy, Corona, N.M., and Isaac Diaz, Stephenville, Texas, \$4,148. 4, Heith DeMoss, Heflin, La., \$2,852. 5, Curtis Garton, Kaitaia, New Zealand, \$1,815.

Women's Barrel Race: 1, Sydni Blanchard, Albuquerque, N.M., \$6,223. 2, Lisa Lockhart, Oelrichs, S.D., \$3,111. 3, Britany Fleck, Mandan, N.D., \$2,593. 4, Mary Burger, Pauls Valley, Okla., \$2,074. 5, Brenda Mays, Terrebonne, Ore., \$1,815.

Bull Riding: 1, Steve Woolsey, Payson, Utah, \$4,926. 2, Clint Craig, Mena, Ark., \$3,889. 3, Jordan Hooten, Daingerfield, Texas, \$2,333. 4 (tie) Beau Schroeder, China, Texas, and Howdy Cloud, Kountze, Texas, \$2,074.