

Ferley's Consistency Pays Off at San Antonio Rodeo

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For the San Antonio Stock Show Rodeo

SAN ANTONIO, Texas --- In any rodeo, consistently doing well adds up to high scores, fast times and pay checks. That's true here in San Antonio even though the format is not that of a traditional event.

Most rodeos pay the lion's share of the prize money based on a contestant's performance over several rounds. Their scores and times are added together for an over-all total where championships and paychecks are awarded. The San Antonio Stock Show Rodeo wanted to give more contestants opportunities so changed their format and continue to tweak it to make it better for the contestants.

Chad Ferley from Oelrichs, S.D., is just one contestant benefitting from the new format. Ferley won the third round in the third bracket on Saturday night. He also had two second place finishes in the previous rounds and is the high money winner in the bracket so far with \$5,185. He will hope to add to that on Sunday afternoon with his fourth round competition. However, even if he bucks off, he already has won enough money to advance to the semi-finals.

"I ride for first every time I nod my head," Ferley said. "Hopefully I'll get another check tomorrow. But since our success here is based on money, it's good that I can already make my plans to come back for the semi-finals."

Wes Stevenson, from Lubbock, Texas, is the leader in the bareback riding with \$4,148. One of Stevenson's traveling partners, Tom McFarland is also looking good for the semi-finals here. McFarland has total earnings of \$3,111 after winning round one and placing in round three. Stevenson has been the most consistent bareback rider in this bracket placing in all three rounds. Dusty LaValley, from Crooked Creek, Alberta is second with \$3,371.

Ted Bert from Modesto, Calif., was one happy bull rider on Saturday night. Bert's name was beside Hot Diggity Damn, a bull owned by Cervi and Guidry Rodeo Company that has a reputation for being rider friendly and getting high marks. The bull lived up to his reputation and Bert did his part. When the judges totaled their markings, Bert was high atop the leader board with 91 points. He and Ardie Maier from Timber Lake, S.D., are tied for first place in the money standings with \$3,630 each. With the majority of bull riders hitting the dirt in this bracket, both are looking good for the semi-finals.

There are two performances at the San Antonio Stock Show Rodeo on Sunday, at 1 and 7:30 p.m. The matinee performance will see the third bracket competing in the fourth preliminary round. The fourth group of contestants will make their first appearance here on Sunday evening.

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SAN ANTONIO, Texas --- The following are results from the San Antonio Stock Show Rodeo, Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010.

10th Performance --

Bareback Riding: 1 (tie), Wes Stevenson, Lubbock, Texas, on Big Bend Rodeo's Lanky Doodle and Heath Ford, Waller, Texas, on Cervi Championship Rodeo's Little Bo Peep, 84 points, \$1,815 each. 3, Bud Munns, Snowville, Utah, 81, \$1,037. 4 (tie), Cimmaron Gerke, Brighton, Colo., and Russ Hallaby, Airdrie, Alberta, 79, \$259.

Steer Wrestling: 1, Lee Graves, Calgary, Alberta, 3.5 seconds, \$2,074. 2 (tie), Ethan Thouvenall, Fallbrook, Calif., and Blake Knowles, Heppner, Ore., 3.9, \$1,296. 4, Darrell Petry, Beaumont, Texas, 4.0, \$519.

Tie-down Roping: 1, Blake huckabee, Shreveport, La., 8.5 seconds, \$2,074. 2, Hunter Herrin, Apache, Okla., 9.0, \$1,556. 3, Ryan Jarrett, Commanche, Okla., 9.2, \$1,037. 4, Trevor Theil, Greeley, Colo., 10.0, \$519.

Team Roping: 1, Steve Purcella, Hereford, Texas, and Jhett Johnson, Casper, Wyo., 5.0 seconds, \$2,074. 2, Britt Williams, Hammond, Mont., and Bobby Harris, Highmore, S.D., 5.1, \$1,556. 3, Derrick Begay, Seba Dalkai, Ariz., and Cesar de la Cruz, Tucson, Ariz., 5.9, \$1,037. 4, Charly Crawford, Prineville, Ore., and Russell Cardoza, Farmington, Calif., 6.7, \$519.

Saddle Bronc Riding: 1, Mike Outhier, Utopia, Texas, 82 points on Flying Five Rodeo's Blue Blazes, \$2,074. 2, Chad Ferley, Oelrichs, S.D., 79, \$1,556. 3 (tie), Jesse James Kirby, Dodge City, Kan.; Jeff Willert, Belvidere, S.D.; and Justin Arnold, Santa Margarita, Calif., 73, \$519.

Women's Barrel Race: 1, Annesa Self, Valley View, Texas, 14.09 seconds, \$2,074. 2, Shelley Morgan, Canton, Texas, 14.10, \$1,556. 3, Tana Poppino, Big Cabin, Okla., 14.14, \$1,037. 4, Sammi Bessert, Loma, Colo., 14.19, \$519.

Bull Riding: (two qualified rides) 1, Ardie Maier, Timber Lake, S.D., 70 points on Cervi Championship Rodeo's Brindle Brock, \$2,074. 2, Ted Bert, Modesto, Calif., 64, \$1,556.

11th Performance --

Bareback Riding: 1, Dusty LaValley, Crooked Creek, Alberta, 85 points on Cervi Championship Rodeo's Orphan Child, \$2,074. 2 (tie), Wes Stevenson, Lubbock, Texas; Tom McFarland, Wickenburg, Ariz.; and Dustin Mulrony, Pomeroy, Wash., 79, \$1,037 each.

Steer Wrestling: 1 (tie), Blake Knowles, Heppner, Ore.; Dean Gorsuch, Gering, Neb.; and Cody Cassidy, Donald, Alberta; 3.6 seconds, \$1,556 each. 4, Jason Miller, Lance Creek, Wyo., 3.8, \$519.

Tie-down Roping: 1, Sterling Smith, Stephenville, Texas, 7.5, \$2,074. 2, Scott Kormos, Teague, Texas, 7.8, \$1,556. 3, Blake Huckabee, Shreveport, La., 8.2, \$1,037. 4, Bubba Paschal, Laporte, Texas, and Ryan Jarrett, Comanche, Okla., 8.4, \$259.

Team Roping: 1 (tie), Charly Crawford, Prineville, Ore., and Russell Cardoza, Farmington, Calif.; and Tommy Edens, Gatesville, Texas, and Justin Hendrick, Rosenberg, Texas; 6.2, \$1,815 each. 3, Turtle Powell, Stephenville, Texas and Cory Petska, Lexington, Okla., 6.7, \$1,037. 4, Cody Tew, Harlowton, Mont., and Mickey Gomez, Holland, Texas, 6.9, \$519.

Saddle Bronc Riding: 1, Chad Ferley, Oelrichs, S.D., 80 points on Flying Five Rodeo's Multichem, \$2,074. 2, Scott Miller, Hemet, Calif., 76, \$1,556. 3, Mike Outhier, Utopia, Texas, 75, \$1,037. 4, Kyle Daines, Innisfail, Alberta, 64, \$519.

Women's Barrel Race: 1, Cassie Moseley, Farwell, Texas, 13.93, \$2,074. 2, Jeanne Anderson, White City, Kan., 14.06, \$1,556. 3, Annesa Self, Valley View, Texas, 14.09, \$1,037. 4 (tie), Nellie Williams, Cottonwood, Calif., and Stephanie Fryar, Big Spring, Texas, 14.18, \$259.

Bull Riding: (three qualified rides) 1, Ted Bert, Modesto, Calif., 91 points on Hot Diggity Damn, \$2,074. 2, Clayton Savage, Casper, Wyo., 85, \$1,556. 3, Tate Stratton, Stanley, N.M., 83, \$1,037.

Total Money --

Bareback Riding: 1, Wes Stevenson, Lubbock, Texas, \$4,148. 2, Dusty LaValley, Crooked Creek, Alberta, \$3,371. 3, Tom McFarland, Wickenburg, ARiz., \$3,111. 4, Heath Ford, Waller, Texas, \$1,815.

Steer Wrestling: 1, Blake Knowles, Heppner, Ore., \$3,889. 2, Cody Cassidy, Donalds, Alberta, \$3,111. 3 (tie), Tanner Milan, Cochrane, Alberta, and Lee Graves, Calgary, Alberta, \$2,074.

Tie-Down Roping: 1, Blake Huckabee, Shreveport, La., \$3,111. 2, Ryan Jarrett, Comanche, Okla., \$2,852. 3, Bubba Paschal, Laporte, Texas, \$2,333. 4, Sterling Smith, Stephenville, Texas, \$2,074.

Team Roping: 1, Britt Williams, Hammond, Mont., and Michael Fortenberry, Groveton, Texas, \$3,630. 2, Derrick Begay, Seba Dalkai, Ariz., and Cesar de la Cruz, Tucson, Ariz., \$2,593. 3 (tie), Tommy Edens, Gatesville, Texas, and Justin Hendrick, Rosenberg, Texas; and Charly Crawford, Prineville, Ore., and Russell Cardoza, Farmington, Calif.; \$2,333 each.

Saddle Bronc Riding: 1, Chad Ferely, Oelrichs, S.D., \$5,185. 2, Mike outhier, Utopia, Texas, \$3,111. 3 (tie), Chet Johnson, Gillette, Wyo.; Cort Scheer, Elsmere, Neb.; and Scott Miller, Hemet, Calif.; \$1,556.

Women's Barrel Race: 1, Annesa Self, Valley View, Texas, \$4,667. 2, Shelly Morgan, Canton, Texas, \$2,593. 3, Nellie Williams, Cottonwood, Calif., and Cassie Moseley, Farwell, Texas, \$2,333 each.

Bull Riding: 1 (tie), Ardie Maier, Timber Lake, S.D., and Ted Bert, Modesto, Calif., \$3,630 each. 3, Dylan Werner, Bushnell, Fla., \$2,074. 4, Clayton Savage, Casper, Wyo., \$1,556.