

## Stroh Wins Again

By Susan Kanode

For the San Antonio Stock Show Rodeo

SAN ANTONIO, Texas ---No one was more surprised than Shaun Stroh when his 79-point ride in saddle bronc riding held onto the top spot at the San Antonio Stock Show Rodeo on Wednesday night.

Stroh was the first saddle bronc rider to leave the chute. He was on the horse named Alley Inn from Kesler Rodeo and his first concern was making it to the end of the eight-second ride. When he did that and heard rodeo announcers Randy Corley and Hadley Barrett talk about 79 points, he thought he might get a check.

Stroh was able to benefit from other's misfortune as four of the 12 riders bucked off. Then, the remainder of the field all had scores below his 79. This was the second of four rounds that Stroh won outright. He also tied for first in two rounds. Stroh is at the top of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys World standings. The biggest part of his \$16,753 in earnings came from winning the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo which just ended on Feb. 7

"It's unbelievable," Stroh said. "Winning Fort Worth was huge, then to come here and do this well is just awesome."

With his success here so far, he will add another \$7,778 and still has the semi-finals and finals to compete in. Stroh was the high money winner of all the contestants in the fourth bracket. The top five money earners in each event advance to the semi-finals. The semi-finals starts Thursday night and concludes Friday. During those two performances, 10 contestants in each event will compete. They will be adding up their earnings to see who are among the top six to advance to Saturday night's finals.

The semi-finals will pay four places. Stroh will be at the top of the earnings standings and even if he doesn't get a check in the semi-finals will probably have enough to advance to the finals. However, he is hoping to add to his total and would like nothing more than to win the final round and the \$12,445 that goes with it.

"San Antonio has always been pretty good to me," he said. "It's been amazing to come here and have the success I've had. To come here and win two and split to is phenomenal."

Benette Barrington, from Lubbock, Texas had her winning streak tweaked by 2008 world champion Lindsay Sears. Sears, from Nanton, Alberta won the fourth round of the barrel racing aboard her great horse Martha with a 13.98-second run. That added to Sears' previous earnings to move her into fourth place and advance her to the finals. Barrington placed fourth in the round and leads the standings with \$6,741 in earnings.

Marcus Michaelis from Caldwell, Idaho had won the first three rounds of bull riding, but Andrews Rodeo's Desperado kept him from winning his fourth. Michaelis still earned \$6,223 and will be among the favorites to advance to the finals.

The first performance of the semi-finals will start in the AT&T Center on Thursday night at 7 p.m.

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SAN ANTONIO, Texas --- The following are results from the San Antonio Stock Show Rodeo, Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2010.

### Sixteenth Performance --

Bareback Riding: 1 (tie) , Joe Gunderson, Agar, S.D., on Classic Pro Rodeo's Vitalix Daisy, and Micky Downare, Hartsel, Colo., on Andrews Rodeo's Phantom, 81 points, \$1,815 each. 2, Scott Montague, Rapid City, S.D., 76, \$1,037. 4 (tie), Danny Webb, Cottonwood, Calif., and Luke Creasy, Brownfield, Alberta, \$259.

Steer Wrestling: 1, Luke Branquinho, Los Alamos, Calif., 3.3 seconds, \$2,074. 2, Clayton Morrison, Cavalier, N.D., 3.7, \$1556. 3 (tie), Joey Bell, Jr., Athens, Texas, and Nick Guy, Sparta, Wis., 4.1., \$778.

Tie-down Roping: 1, Ryan Watkins, Dublin, Texas, 7.5 seconds, \$2,074. 2, Shane Hanchey, Sulphur, La., 7.8, \$1,556. 3, Timber Moore, Stephenville, Texas, and Matt Shiozawa, Chubbuck, Idaho, 8.4 seconds, \$778 each.

Team Roping: 1, Jake Stanley, Hermiston, Ore., and Justin Davis, Cottonwood, Calif., 4.8, \$2,074. 2, Colby Siddoway, Hooper, Utah and Matt Zancanella, Aurora, S.D., 5.4, \$1556. 3, Kelsey Parchman, Cumberland City, Tenn., and Richard Durham, Morgan Mill, Texas; 5.4, \$1,037. 4, Cody Graham, Everton, Mo., and Gabe Gwaltney, Carthage, Mo., 5.8, \$519.

Saddle Bronc Riding: 1, Shaun Stroh, Dickinson, N.D., 79 points on Kesler Rodeo's Alley Inn, \$2,074. 3, Dustin Flundra, Pincher Creek, Alberta, 77, \$1,556. 3 (tie), Jesse Bail, Camp Crook, S.D., and Jesse Kruse, Great Falls, Mont., 75, \$778 each.

Women's Barrel Race: 1, Lindsay Sears, Nanton, Alberta, 13.98 seconds, \$2,074. 2, Layna Kight, Willspoint, Texas, 14.04, \$1,556. 3, Sue Smith, Blackfoot, Idaho, 14.07, \$1,037. 4, Benette Barrington, Lubbock, Texas, 14.16, \$519.

Bull Riding: (two qualified rides) 1 (tie), Jake Wade, Alamo, Nev., on Classic Pro Rodeo's Hide N Seek and Fred Boettcher, Rice Lake, Wis., on Classic Pro Rodeo's Multichem Bob, 79 points and \$1,815.

#### **Total Money Bracket Four ---**

Bareback Riding: 1, Scott Montague, Rapid City, S.D., \$4,926. 2, Micky Downare, Hartsel, Colo., \$4,667. 3, Joe Gunderson, Agar, S.D., \$3,889. 4, Logan Hodson, Telkwa, British Columbia, \$2,333. 5, Monte Downare, Hartsel, Colo., \$2,074.

Steer Wrestling: 1, Luke Branquinho, Los Alamos, Calif., \$5,704. 2, Clayton Morrison, Cavalier, N.D., \$3,630. 3 (tie), Nick Guy, Sparta, Wis., and Wade Sumpter, Fowler, Colo., \$3,111. 5, Joey Bell, Jr., Athens, Texas, \$1,296.

Tie-Down Roping: 1, Ryan Watkins, Dublin, Texas, \$3,889. 2, Shane Hanchey, Sulphur, La., \$3,630. 3, Cody Ohl, Hico, Texas, \$3,111. 4, Adam Gray, Seymour, Texas, \$2,852. 5, Timber Moore, Aubrey, Texas, \$2,333.

Team Roping: 1, Caleb Mitchell, Sealy, Texas, and Justin Copp, Justin, Texas, \$4,926. 2, Colby Siddoway, Hooper, Utah and Matt Zancanella, Aurora, S.D., \$3,630. 3, Garrett Tonozzi, Fruita, Colo., and Kinney Harriell, Marshall, Texas, \$3,111. 4, Cody Graham, Everton, Mo., and Gabe Gwaltney, Carthage, Mo., \$2,074. 5, Kelsey Parchman, Cumberland City, Tenn., and Richard Durham, Morgan Mill, Texas, \$2,333.

Saddle Bronc Riding: 1, Shaun Stroh, Dickinson, N.D., \$7,778. 2, Dustin Flundra, Pincher Creek, Alberta, \$4,148. 3, Rod Hay, Wildwood, Alberta, \$2,333. 4, Billy Etbauer, Edmond, Okla., \$1,815. 5, Jesse Bail, Camp Crook, S.D., \$1,556.

Women's Barrel Race: 1, Benette Barrington, Lubbock, Texas, \$7,778. 2, Tammy Whyte, Eau Claire, Wis., \$3,371. 3 (tie) Layna Kight, Willspoint, Texas, and Lindsay Sears, Nanton, Alberta, \$2,593. .

Bull Riding: 1, Marcus Michaelis, Caldwell, Idaho, \$6,223. 2, Shawn Hogg, Odessa, Texas, \$3,111. 3, Douglas Duncan, Alvin, Texas, \$2,074. 4 (tie), Fred Boettcher, Rice Lake, Wis., and Jake Wade, Alamo, Nev., \$1,815.