

Billy Etbauer Counts his Blessings in San Antonio

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For the San Antonio Stock Show Rodeo

SAN ANTONIO, Texas ---Billy Etbauer knows all about winning. The veteran rodeo competitor has been to 21 Wrangler National Finals Rodeo and may well be headed to his 22nd.

Etbauer tied for first in the third round of saddle bronc riding in the third bracket at the San Antonio Stock Show Rodeo with an 87-point ride on Calgary Stampede's legendary horse, Fearless Warrior. Etbauer shared the win with Shaun Stroh from Dickinson, N.D.

That 87 earned him \$1815 and a spot in the semi-finals where he competed on Thursday night. He bettered his score and won enough money to qualify for Saturday night's finals with a 90-point effort on Kesler Rodeo's horse named Sandcastle.

"I was just glad to make the whistle," Etbauer said. "I had a horse that bucked good, I was just glad to be there when the whistle blew."

Etbauer earned \$2,074 for that ride giving him a total of \$3,889. The top six from the semi-finals advance to the finals and he finished in fifth place.

Luke Branquinho continued his winning streak here. The Los Alamos, Calif., resident won the semi-finals with a 3.5 second run. This is his third straight win and third check for \$2,074. He also placed second in the first round in his bracket. His total earnings of \$7,778 are the highest of any contestant here so far.

Ryan Jarrett, the 2005 all-around champion cowboy in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association won the tie-down roping on Thursday night advancing him to the finals. Coming into the performance he had won \$2,593 so had to get a check to have a chance at being in the top six. Jarrett not only won a check, he won the first place check and qualified for the finals in third place.

The second performance of the semi-finals will be Friday night starting at 7:30.

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SAN ANTONIO, Texas --- The following are results from the San Antonio Stock Show Rodeo, Thursday, Feb. 18, 2010.

Seventeenth Performance, Semi-Finals 1 --

Bareback Riding: 1 (tie) , Evan Jayne, Marseille, France on Calgary Stampede's London Mist, Mickey Downare, Hartsel, Colo., on Calgary Stampede's French Wake and Matt Bright, Azle, Texas, on Calgary Stampede's Loganberry, \$1,556 each. 4, Wes Stevenson, Lubbock, Texas, 82, \$519.

Steer Wrestling: 1, Luke Branquinho, Los Alamos, Calif., 3.5 seconds, \$2,074. 2, Cody Cassidy, Donald, Alberta, 3.8, \$1,556. 3, Dean Gorsuch, Gering, Neb., 4.1, \$1,037. 4, Stockton Graves, Newkirk, Okla., 4.2, \$519.

Tie-down Roping: 1, Ryan Jarrett, Summerville, Ga., 7.4 seconds, \$2,074. 2, Houston Hutto, Del Rio, Texas, 7.6, \$1,556. 3, Cade Swore, Crafton, Texas, 7.7, \$1,037. 4 (tie), Jake Hannum, Ogden, Utah, and Shane Hanchey, Sulphur, La., 7.9, \$259.

Team Roping: 1, Colby Siddoway, Hooper, Utah, and Matt Zancanella, Aurora, S.D., 4.9 seconds, \$2,074. 2 (tie), Cody Graham, Everton, Mo., and Gabe Gwaltney, Carthage, Mo.; and Keven Daniel, Franklin, Tenn., and Brad Culpepper, Ashburn, Ga., 5.2, \$1,296. 4, JoJo Lemond, Andrews, Texas, and Randon Adams, Logandale, Nev., 5.5, \$519.

Saddle Bronc Riding: 1, Billy Etbauer, 90 points on Kelsler Championship Rodeo's Sandcastle. 2, Taos Muncy, Corona, N.M., 87, \$1,556. 3, Jeff Willert, Belvidere, S.D., 82, \$1,037. 4, Chet Johnson, Gillette, Wyo., 81, \$519.

Women's Barrel Race: 1, Layna Kight, Willspoint, Texas, 13.92, seconds, \$2,074. 2, Stephanie Fryar, Big Spring, Texas, 14.0, \$1,556. 3, Lisa Lockhart, Oelrichs, S.D., 14.05, \$1,037. 4, Shelly Morgan, Canton, Texas, 14.17, \$519. Kountze, Texas, 83, \$1,556.

Bull Riding: (two qualified rides) 1 Souli Shanklin, Rock Springs, Texas, 87, \$2,074. 2, Howdy Cloud, Kountze, Texas, 83, \$1,556.

Total Money Semi-Finals 1---

Bareback Riding: 1, Matt Bright, Azle, Texas, \$6,741. 2, Mickey Downare, Hartsel, Colo., \$5,963. 3, Wes Stevenson, Lubbock, Texas, \$5,185. 4, Caleb Bennett, Santquin, Utah, \$4,408. 5, Evan Jayne, Marseille, France, \$3,889. 6, Dusty LaValley, Crooked Creek, Alberta, \$3,371.

Steer Wrestling: 1, Luke Branquinho, Los Alamos, Calif., \$7,778. 2, Cody Cassidy, Donald, Alberta, \$5,185. 3, Dean Gorsuch, Gering, Neb., \$4,408. 4, Blake Knowles, Heppner, Ore., \$3,889. 5 (tie) Stockton Graves, Newkirk, Okla., and Nick Guy, Sparta, Wis., \$3,111 each.

Tie-Down Roping: 1, Houston Hutto, Del Rio, Texas, \$6,741. 2, Blake Huckabee, Shreveport, La., \$5,185. 3, Ryan Jarrett, Comanche, Okla., \$4,926. 4, Shane Hanchey, Sulphur, La., \$3,889. 5, Cade Swor, Crafton, Texas, \$3,371. 6, Jake Hannum, Ogden, Utah, \$2,852.

Team Roping: 1, Kevin Daniel, Franklin, Tenn., and Brad Culpepper, Ashburn, Ga., \$6,482. 2, Colby Siddoway, Hooper, Utah and Matt Zancanella, Aurora, S.D., \$5,704. 3 (tie), Cody Graham, Everton, Mo., and Gabe Gwaltney, Carthage, Mo.; and Tommy Edens, Gatesville, Texas, and Justin Hendrick, Rosenberg, Texas, \$3,889 each. 5 (tie), Steve Purcella, Hereford, Texas, and Jhett Johnson, Casper, Wyo.; and JoJo Lemond, Andrews, Texas, and Randon Adams, Logandale, Nev., \$3,111 each.

Saddle Bronc Riding: 1, Taos Muncy, Corona, N.M., \$5,704. 2 (tie), Chad Ferley, Oelrichs, S.D., and J.J. Elshere, Quinn, S.D., \$5,185 each. 4, Dustin Flundra, Pincher Creek, Alberta, \$4,148. 5, Billy Etbauer, Edmond, Okla., \$3,889. 6, Jeff Willert, Belvidere, S.D., \$3,630.

Women's Barrel Race: 1, Danyelle Campbell, Beaumont, Calif., \$5,704. 2 (tie), Layna Kight, Willspoint, Texas, and Annesa Self, Valley View, Texas, \$4,667. 4, Lisa Lockhart, Oelrichs, S.D., \$4,148. 5, Stephanie Fryar, Big Spring, Texas, \$3,630. 6, Tammy Whyte, Eau Claire, Wis., \$3,371.

Bull Riding: 1, Souli Shanklin, Rocksprings, Texas, \$700. 2, Ted Bert, Modesto, Calif., \$4,148. 3, Howdy Cloud, Kountze, Texas, \$3,630. 4, Tyler Willis, Wheatland, Wyo., \$3,30. 5, Shawn Hogg, Odessa, Texas, \$3,111. 6, Clayton Savage, Casper, Wyo., \$2,593.