

ROUND-UP: Kimzey claims second-straight title in bull riding

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McGinn, 15.9, \$722; 4. Troy Tillard, 19.6, \$532; 5. Worm Shipley, 23.5, \$342; 6. Will McBride, 27.1, \$190.
Aggregate payout — 1. Ryan Rochlitz, 42.4 seconds on three head, \$5,685; 2. Jess Tierney, 476, \$4,944; 3. Troy Tillard, 52.7, \$4,202; 4. Will McBride, 57.9, \$3,461; 5. Howdy McGinn, 58.2, \$2,719; 6. Worm Shipley, 66.8, \$1,977; 7. Brent Lewis, 23.6 on two head, \$1,236; 8. Guy Allen, 26.1, \$494.

BULL RIDING

When the reigning world champion and the hottest rider in the sport draws a bull that averages 82.17 points per ride for the Pendleton Round-Up short-go, a betting man knows exactly where to place his money.

There’s never a sure thing in rodeo, but that no-brainer wager would have paid off Saturday when 22-year-old sensation Sage Steele Kimzey of Strong City, Oklahoma covered Burch Rodeo’s Wolf of Wall Street for 86.5 points to win the short-go and the aggregate title at the 106th Round-Up.

Kimzey totaled 169.5 points on two bulls, half a point lower than he finished with during his win at the 105th Round-Up.

“The victory laps at each of these big rodeos are just incredible, and it’s something that the feeling will never get old and it can never be replaced by anything else,” he said. “It’s something that I really cherish and I really love, getting to come out here and ride at these big rodeos and keep winning.”

Kimzey was the first rider to record a score in the short-go, and 10 of the 12 finalists left with nothing more than they came into the round with.

Bull riding
First go payouts — 1. (tie) Garrett Smith, on Flying Diamond Rodeo’s Dam Straight, and Chase Robbins, on Sankey Pro Rodeo & Robinson Bulls’ Delco, 86 points, \$4,469 each; 3. Brady Portenier, 85.5, \$2,867; 4. (tie) Jeffrey Ramagos, Roscoe Jarboe and Dakota Louis, 84.5, \$1,293 each; 7. Sage Steele Kimzey, 83, \$675; 8. Clayton Savage, 82, \$506.
Short-go payouts — 1. Sage Steele Kimzey, 86.5 points on Burch Rodeo’s Wolf Of Wall Street, \$1,650; 2. Ednei Caminhas, 81.5, \$1,250; Trevor Reiste, NS; Christopher Byrd, NS; Cody Miller, NS; Clayton Savage, NS; Dakota Louis, NS; Roscoe Jarboe, NS; Jeffrey Ramagos, NS; Brady Portenier, NS; Garrett Smith, NS.
Aggregate payouts — 1. 1. Sage Steele Kimzey, 169.5 points on two head, \$5,059; 2. Ednei Caminhas, 161/2, \$3,879; 3. (tie) Garrett Smith and Chase Robbins, 86 on one head, \$2,361 each; 5. Brady Portenier, 85.5/1, \$1,180; 6. (tie) Roscoe Jarboe, Dakota Louis and Jeffrey Ramagos, 84.5/1, \$675 each.

BARREL RACING

It’s been a whirlwind week in what has turned into a dream season for Texas barrel racer Stevi Hillman, who carried her lead in barrel racing wire-to-wire to win the 106th Pendleton Round-Up.

It’s also been a season of firsts for the Weatherford, Texas barrel racer, who took her first ride across the expansive pattern during Monday’s slack and will appear in her first Wrangler National Finals Rodeo at season’s end.

“This is a dream come true. Just amazing,” said Hillman, who teamed with a mare on loan named Martini for 29.72 second in the finals and 59.4 on two. “I’m on my 5-year-old this year, amazing. I just can’t even describe how this feels.

“It’s been a blessing. It’s been an amazing year.”

With a steady drizzle moistening the grass just enough to cause some riders problems, Hillman secured her title on the final stretch as her split time between the third barrel and the finish of 7.72 seconds was the fastest in the round.

Pamela Capper of Cheney, Washington had the short-go’s top time at 29.69 and finished third in the aggregate with 59.7 on two. Defending Round-Up champion Kimmie Wall placed third with 59.5 on two.

Barrel racing
First round payouts — 1. Stevi Hillman, 29.64 seconds, \$4,915; 2. Kimmie Wall, 29.77, \$4,213; 3. Teri Bangart, 29.85, \$3,511; 4. Pamela Capper, 30.02, \$3,043; 5. Jana Bean, 30.28, \$2,341; 6. Darby Fox, 30.29, \$1,873; 7. Carmel Wright, 30.31, \$1,404; 8. Sydni Blanchard, 30.33, \$936; 9. Cayla Melby, 30.39, \$702; 10. Paige Willis, 30.45, \$468.
Short-go payouts — 1. Pamela Capper, 29.69 seconds, \$2,081; 2. Stevi Hillman, 29.72, \$1,560; 3. Kimmie Wall, 29.77, \$1,040; 4. Carmel Wright, 29.94, \$520.
Aggregate payouts — 1. Stevi Hillman, 59.6 seconds on two head, \$4,915; 2. Kimmie Wall, 59.54, \$4,213; 3. Pamela Capper, 59.71, \$3,511; 4. Carmel Wright, 60.25, \$3,043; 5. Teri Bangart, 60.68, \$2,341; 6. Cayla Melby, 60.79, \$1,873; 7. Sydni Blanchard, 61.00, \$1,404; 8. Jana Bean, 61.41, \$936; 9. Darby Fox, 62.09, \$702; 10. Paige Willis, 64.33, \$468.

SADDLE BRONC

For years, bronc rider Jesse Wright heard the stories his brothers Cody, Jake, and Spencer had told about the victory lap at the Pendleton Round-Up.

So on Saturday at the 106th Pendleton Round-Up,



BEGINNING AT TOP AND MOVING CLOCKWISE: Ryan Reed and Dalton Pearce finish a championship team roping run Saturday at the Pendleton Round-Up. Stevi Hillman, from Weatherford, Texas has all smiles after winning the barrel racing. Nick Guy of Sparta, Wis., marks a 5.4-second time in steer wrestling. Tim O’Connell, of Zwingle, Iowa, score a championship 84-point ride in bareback. Tie-down roper Chase Williams, of Stephenville, Texas, ropes his calf in 9.4 seconds to nail down the championship. Jessie Wright turns in an 85.5-point championship ride in saddle bronc.

Jesse went out and won one himself.

The 27-year-old Wright scored an 85.5 point ride on Burch Rodeo’s Lunatic From Hell to give him a two-ride total of 170.5 points — edging out Cody DeMoss’ 170 point total for the Round-Up saddle bronc title. Wright said that victory lap was everything he thought it would be.

“It’s just awesome, man,” he said after the ride. “It’s pretty dam cool getting to open up that horse around here with everyone cheering for you.”

Wright’s brother Jake, the 2013 Round-Up champion, had set the bar one ride prior to Jesse on Saturday, riding Outlaw Buckers’ Lunatic Party for Saturday’s top score of 86 points to bring his two-ride total to 168. But Jesse said he knew he had a great horse and a good shot to top that.

“I just got on that horse a couple weeks ago in Rapid City (South Dakota) and I had missed him out ... but that horse is so awesome he just kind of set me up for an awesome score and an awesome ride.”

Saddle bronc riding
First round payouts — 1. Cody DeMoss,

87.5 points on Korkow Rodeos’ Duck Butter, \$4,961; 2. Jesse Wright, 85, \$3,803; 3. (tie) Luke Butterfield, Clay Stremier, Clay Elliott and Jake Wright, 82, \$1,654 each; 7. Jacobs Crawley, 81.5, \$661; 8. (tie) Zeke Thurston and Ryder Wright, 81, \$248 each.
Short-go payouts — 1. Jake Wright, 86 points on Outlawbuckers Rodeo’s Lunatic Party, \$1,650; 2. Jesse Wright, 85.5, \$1,250; 3. (tie) Zeke Thurston, Ryder Wright and Jacobs Crawley, 83.5, \$617 each; 6. Chet Johnson, 83, \$250.
Aggregate payouts — 1. Jesse Wright, 170.5 points on two head, \$4,961; 2. Cody DeMoss, 170, \$3,803; 3. Jake Wright, 168, \$2,811; 4. Jacobs Crawley, 165, \$1,819; 5. (tie) Ryder Wright and Zeke Thurston, 164.5, \$992 each; 7. Chet Johnson, 163, \$661; 8. Luke Butterfield, 160.5, \$496.

STEER WRESTLING

Nick Guy entered the Round-Up with plans to continue hitting the rodeo trail hard until the end of the season as he chases down a berth in the national finals. But then the Wisconsin-born steer wrestler who now resides in Colorado turned in three of the fastest times of the week to place in every round as well as win the aggregate title, and figures he’s due for a break.

“I was actually supposed to go to Albuquerque, New Mexico (Sunday) afternoon, but I think I’m going to turn out and head straight to Denver,” he said. “Pasadena, Texas is next weekend, but I told myself if I won this deal

I was probably just going to turn out and hang out at home. I haven’t been home for a long time, and we’ve got a new house and I’m ready to enjoy it. ... I finally got my own trophy room now, so I can start filling it up. I’m excited.”

He turned his steer in 5.4 seconds for the quickest time in Saturday’s short-go, giving him the win with 15.9 seconds on three.

“It’d been a long 30 days and I just couldn’t win anything,” he said, “and I just let it be in God’s hands and just, you know, had fun and did what I did. It worked out and I’m glad to be the champ.”

Steer wrestling
First round payouts — 1. Newt Novich, 5.0 seconds, \$4,050; 2. (tie) J.D. Struxness, Riley Krassin and Dakota Eldridge, 5.5, \$2,994 each; 5. Jesse Brown, 5.6, \$1,937; 6. Nick Guy, 5.7, \$1,409; 7. Olin Hannum, 5.8, \$881; 8. Trevor Knowles, 5.9, \$352.
Second round payouts — 1. Nick Guy, 4.8 seconds, \$4,050; 2. Brandon Christensen, 5.2, \$3,522; 3. Andy Weldon, 5.3, \$2,994; 4. Chance Gartner, 5.5, \$2,465; 5. Timmy Sparring, 5.6, \$1,937; 6. Justin Sharfer, 5.7, \$1,409; 7. Jace Melvin, 5.8, \$881; 8. (tie) Olin Hannum and Jason Thomas, 5.9, \$176 each.
Short-go payouts — 1. Nick Guy, 5.4 seconds, \$1,494; 2. (tie) Timmy Sparring and Dakota Eldridge, 5.5, \$1,107 each; 4. Billy Bugenig, 6.0, \$721; 5. Riley Krassin, 6.9, \$464; 6. Olin Hannum, 7.8, \$258.
Aggregate payouts — 1. Nick Guy, 15.9 seconds on three head, \$6,076; 2. Dakota Eldridge, 17.5, \$5,283; 3. Timmy Sparring, 18.7, \$4,491; 4. Olin Hannum, 19.5, \$3,698; 5. Riley Krassin, 19.9, \$2,906; 6. Billy Bugenig, 20.0, \$2,113; 7. J.D. Struxness, 26.4,

\$1,321; 8. Chance Gartner, 27.8, \$528.

BAREBACK

Jim Dandy started his bucking career with a saddle on his back, but for the last four years the flaxen chestnut gelding has been going au naturel.

Tim O’Connell drew the consistent steed to close Saturday’s short-go, and scored 84 points to give him 172 on two and his second championship at the world famous rodeo.

“That’s a horse that’s been in the NFR, I mean he’s been around a long time, he used to be a saddle bronc horse,” O’Connell said of the Burch Rodeo buckner after winning his second Round-Up title. “They switched him up to us and I’m sure happy they did. He was fantastic, really started out, and I just put the brakes on him, tried to shorten him up — fantastic horse and I was awfully tickled, awfully blessed.”

The Zwingle, Iowa rider shared his first Round-Up title with Caleb Bennett in 2014.

Former Pendleton resident RC Landingham had the highest of the round with 85.5 on Korkow Rodeo’s Onion Ring, who actually bucked

O’Connell on his last time out at the Kitsap Stampede in Bremerton, Washington.

Bareback riding
First round payouts — 1. Tim O’Connell, 88 points on Sankey Pro Rodeo & Robinson Bulls’ Sozo, \$5,666; 2. (tie) Richmond Champion and R.C. Landingham, 83.5, \$3,777 each; 4. Blake Smith, 83, \$2,077; 5. Tyler Scales, 82, \$1,322; 6. (tie) Caleb Bennett and J.R. Vezain, 81.5, \$850 each; 8. Jessie Davis, 80.5, \$567.
Short-go payouts — 1. R.C. Landingham, 85.5 points on Korkow Rodeos’ Onion Ring, \$1,650; 2. J.R. Vezain, 85, \$1,250; 3. Tim O’Connell, 84, \$900; 4. Blake Smith, 83.5, \$600; 5. Caleb Bennett, 82.5, \$350; 6. Richmond Champion, 79.5, \$250.
Aggregate payouts — 1. Tim O’Connell, 172 points on two head, \$5,666; 2. R.C. Landingham, 169, \$4,344; 3. (tie) J.R. Vezain and Blake Smith, 166.5, \$2,644 each; 5. Caleb Bennett, 164, \$1,322; 6. Richmond Champion, 163, \$944; 7. Tyler Scales, 157, \$755; 8. Jessie Davis, 154.5, \$567.

TEAM ROPING

For the first part of 2016, Ryan Reed did not have much time spent in rodeoing.

The Wittman, Arizona resident was spending time shoeing horses at his home, until a buddy of his, Dalton Pearce of San Luis Opisbo, California said he wanted to make a run at the Resistol Rookie title in team roping. So the pair teamed up and started together at the Reno Rodeo in Nevada in mid-June and soon success followed.

By September, Reed had worked his way to 29th in the world standings as a header, and Pearce had already climbed the rookie leaderboard and sat at the top as a heeler. On Saturday the duo claimed their biggest win of the year by winning the team roping title with a time of 19.5 on three head.

“I’ve been dreaming about winning a rodeo like this my whole life,” Reed said. “It feels awesome.”

Reed and Pearce were the second-to-last team to rope on Saturday and had about as good a run as they could have hoped for, stopping the clock at 6.8 seconds to put them easily into first.

Hermiston native Jake Stanley and Benton City, Washington native Bucky Campbell needed at least a 7.2 to win, but finished with a 9.8 to place them fourth.

Team roping
First round payouts — 1. Aaron Macy/ Evan Arnold, 5.0 seconds, \$4,347 each; 2. Bryce Palmer/Monty Joe Petska, \$3,780; 3. Blake Teixeira/C.J. DeForest Jr., 5.6, \$3,213; 4. Ryan Reed/Dalton Pearce, 5.9, \$2,646; 5. Blaine Vick/York Gill, 6.1, \$2,079; 6. David Temple/Tee Jay Brown, 6.2, \$1,512; 7. Jake Cooper/Tyler McKnight, 6.3, \$945; 8. (tie) Joel Bach/Kory Koontz and Shane Erickson/Andy Carlson, 6.5, \$189 each.
Second round payouts — 1. (tie) Austin Stafford/Dalton Pearce and Cody Snow/Dugan Kelly, 5.3 seconds, \$4,050 each; 3. (tie) Jake Stanley/Bucky Campbell and Ralph Williams/Thomas Smith, 5.5, \$2,930 each; 5. Jeff Flenniken/Tommie Flenniken Jr., 5.7, \$2,079; 6. (tie) Chant DeForest/ Bronc Boehnlein, Spencer Mitchell/Justin Davis and Taylor White/Jason Minor, 6.0, \$945 each.
Short-go payouts — 1. (tie) David Temple/Tee Jay Brown and Ryan Reed/ Dalton Pearce, 6.8 seconds, \$1,352 each; 3. Garrett Rogers/Jake Minor, 7.2, \$969; 4. Bryce Palmer/Monty Joe Petska, 8.3, \$714; 5. Jake Stanley/Bucky Campbell, 9.6, \$459; 6. Cody Snow/Dugan Kelly, 11.9, \$255.
Aggregate payouts — 1. Ryan Reed/ Dalton Pearce, 19.5 seconds on three head, \$6,521 each; 2. Garrett Rogers/Jake Minor, 20.9, \$5,670; 3. David Temple/Tee Jay Brown, 21.2, \$4,820; 4. Jake Stanley/ Bucky Campbell, 21.8, \$3,969; 5. Bryce Palmer/Monty Joe Petska, 22.5, \$3,119; 6. Coleman Proctor/Billie Jack Saebens, 25.5, \$2,268; 7. Cody Snow/Dugan Kelly, 26.3, \$1,418; 8. Jordan Tye/Ryan Powell, 26.6, \$567.

TIE-DOWN ROPING

There are several ways cowboys can gain an unfair competitive advantage in rodeo, but none that would be considered within the rules.

Chase Williams couldn’t help but feel like he’d found a rare exception after winning the tie-down roping title with a 9.4-second run in Saturday’s short-go to give him 28.3 on three head.

With most of the calves in the pen looking for freedom by veering left out of the chute on the east end of the arena, Williams’ draw just had to be different.

“He was a really good one,” said the Stephenville, Texas roper. “He come to the right, so it’s almost like cheating. Everything goes left or straight, but this makes it so much faster. I was so happy when he came right.”

Brad Goodrich of Hermiston had a 9.5 in the short-go and was second in the aggregate with 29-flat on three.

Tie-down roping
First round payouts — 1. Shank Edwards, 8.4 seconds, \$4,111; 2. Blane Cox, 8.6, \$3,575; 3. Ty Hively, 9.2, \$3,039; 4. Paul Davis/Tierney, 9.8, \$2,033; 5. J.C. Malone, 9.0, \$1,966; 6. Chase Williams, 9.1, \$1,430; 7. (tie) Riley Pruitt, Jake Pratt and Shane Hanchev, 9.2, \$417 each.
Second round payouts — 1. Brad Goodrich, 9.4 seconds, \$4,111; 2. Chase Williams, 9.8, \$3,575; 3. (tie) Jesse Clark and Sterling Smith, 9.9, \$2,771 each; 5. Shane Erickson, 10.0, \$1,966; 6. Adam Gray, 10.1, \$1,430; 7. (tie) Tyler Prcin and Austin Barstow, 10.4, \$626 each.
Short-go payouts — 1. Blane Cox, 9.0 seconds, \$1,320; 2. (tie) Chase Williams and Blair Burk, 9.4, \$978 each; 4. Brad Goodrich, 9.5, \$637; 5. J.C. Malone, 10.3, \$410; 6. Ty Holly, 10.5, \$228.
Aggregate payouts — 1. Chase Williams, 28.3 seconds on three head, \$6,167; 2. Brad Goodrich, 29.0, \$5,363; 3. Ty Holly, 30.2, \$4,146; 4. Blane Cox, 30.8, \$3,754; 5. (tie) J.C. Malone and Blair Burk, 31.0, \$2,547 each; 7. Shane Erickson, 31.5, \$1,341; 8. Matt Shiozawa, 31.8, \$536.