

# FARM-CITY: 2016 world champions Tyson Durfey, Zeke Thurston earn top scores on Saturday night

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which came from Korkow Rodeo, Kesler Rodeo, and Corey and Lange's throughout the week. "These are some of the best bulls I've ever seen in my life up this way and it's kind of intimidating, but it's also kind of nice."

Piva said that he had watched Anchor Man in person once before, which gave him a little more confidence heading into his ride.

"I've seen him once with a buddy that rode him and I think it gave me an upper hand," he said. "I knew he was going to come out of (the chute) and ride out the whistle and go the other way, so that's how I kind of kept up with him."

The ride earned him a \$100 bonus and bottle of Chute 8 Whiskey for the top score of the night, but it was also good enough for a second place finish overall and a \$4,008 payday to make the trip worthwhile.

"I love it here in Oregon," he said. "The bulls buck good, a lot of good money to be won, and shoot you know I love my whiskey."

Also on hand for the finale of the 30th Farm-City Pro Rodeo were a pair of 2016 world champions in roper Tyson Durfey and bronc rider Zeke Thurston. Both cowboys have followed up their championships with another great season so far and gave the Hermiston fans something to cheer for with top scores of the night in their respective events.

For Durfey, he tied his calf in 7.7 seconds to win the night and the second round. A no time recorded in slack on Saturday afternoon prevented Durfey from winning any average money, but he still managed a \$1,737 payday for his run.

"That's definitely the best run I've had here in Hermiston," he said. "I had a good calf ... they actually won the first go round on that calf so I knew he was going to be good."



Staff photo by Kathy Aney  
**Tyson Durfey, of Weatherford, Texas, ropes his calf in 7.7 seconds to win Saturday's tie-down roping event at the Farm-City Pro Rodeo.**

"But all the credit to my horse, Nikko, he was on point tonight. He really worked sharp, scored good, ran hard and allowed me to win."

And for Thurston, he rode Stampede Warrior from the Calgary Stampede pen for 83.5 points for the \$100 bonus. It was a rematch for the pair, which Thurston rode earlier in the year for a lower score.

"It was a really nice horse and I wish I could get on 100 like that a year," he said. "It's fun to have."

Thurston's ride also boosted him to a tie for third for the rodeo with Brody Cress, earning a \$2,461 check on his way out of town.

"You want to win money everywhere, but I really enjoy it here and all the Northwest rodeos," he said. "There's a reason we keep coming back, because they treat us well and they're all great rodeos."

Another world champion on hand was four-time bareback champ Kaycee Feild. The 2017 season has been a rough one for Feild, as a late start with injury and some bad luck currently has him way down in the standings at No. 33 nearly \$28,000

behind the final qualifying spot to the NFR.

However Feild's luck has been turning around in recent weeks and it continued on Saturday as he scored an 85.5 to tie him with fellow Utah cowboy Mason Clements for the top ride of the night.

Feild took on Calgary Stampede's Reckless Margie which was a match-up he had been waiting on for a while.

"That horse was a lot of fun," he said. "If you stub your toe, he'll buck you off but if you ride him right, eight seconds isn't long enough."

The ride also boosted Feild and Clements to a three-way tie for third place in the rodeo along with Luke Creasy, for a \$2,152 payday each.

"My main goal is to be a world champion, but I have to get to Las Vegas first," said Feild. "I have to start taking chops out of the tree before I can tip it over, and this tonight was a good whack at it."

And in terms of NFR qualifications, the night was key for Clements as well as he currently sits in that 15th an final qualification spot with six weeks left to go.

"I just couldn't be happier

to have that horse and to go out there and do my job and him do his, it adds up really well," Clements said. "It's what I'm needing to keep being consistent to make it to the finals and this is a big step to keep me going and I feel great."

In team roping, the 13th and final pair of brothers Joshua and Jonathan Torres of Ocala, Florida scored 5.3 seconds to take the night's top time. They drove in on Saturday afternoon from Colville, Utah and a fourth place finish and victory lap around the arena made the trip worthwhile.

"That's the easiest to be last, so you know what you have to beat," Jonathan said afterward. "We knew we had to be at 5.3 or better to get fourth so we just had to go execute our run and if it works, it works and it did just like we practice."

Elsewhere in barrel racing, it was Forth Worth, Texas' Tillar Murray that took the top time with 17.39 seconds, earning her a 11th place finish overall and a \$685 payout.

And in steer wrestling, Buffalo, South Dakota's Chason Floyd scored a 3.6 second time on his steer to win the night. With his 3.9



Staff photo by Kathy Aney  
**Ruger Piva, of Challis, Idaho, rides Anchor Man for 86.5 points Saturday at the Farm-City Pro Rodeo to win the night and earn a second place finish.**



Staff photo by Kathy Aney  
**Mary Shae Hays, of Hermiston, rounds a barrel Saturday night during the Farm-City Pro Rodeo at the brand new Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center.**

second time from slack as well, Floyd wrapped up the average win for the rodeo and a total payout of \$4,670.

The other event winners for the 30th Farm-City Pro Rodeo.

- Bareback: Austin Foss (Terrebone, Oregon), 89 points, \$5,534.

- Tie-down roping: Tyler Milligan (Pawhuska, Oklahoma) 16.9 seconds on two, \$5,854.

- Saddle bronc: Jake Wright (Milford, Utah), 88.5 points, \$5,273.

- Team roping: Hayes Smith (Central Point,

Oregon) and Justin Davis (Cottonwood, California), 9.6 seconds on two, \$5,529 each.

- Barrel racing: Kimmie Wall (Roosevelt, Utah), 17.20 seconds, \$4,568.

- Bull riding: Toby Collins (Stephenville, Texas), 87 points, \$5,169.

- All-Around: Clayton Hass (Weatherford, Texas), \$1,760.

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executive board which will not happen until Sept. 11 at its scheduled meeting.

In the mid-late 2000s, Pilot Rock was a perennial playoff team, qualifying each year from 2005-2009 and compiling a .767 winning percentage from 2006-2009. But in the seven years since, Pilot Rock has won just 10 games and lost 49, including back-to-back winless seasons.

"Football is a numbers game and when it gets down with not enough kids to practice right every day, it's hard to be successful," Staniak said.

Staniak says that the school district has actually had an eye on possibly dropping to the 1A ranks for the last few years as the enrollment crept closer and closer to the bottom of the 2A threshold. According to the OSAA, Pilot Rock has 97 kids counting towards their classification spot, which is just three kids



Staff photo by Kathy Aney  
**In this 2016 file photo, Pilot Rock's Chris Weinke (12) tries to bust past a pair of Umatilla defenders during a game in Umatilla.**

above the 1A/2A cutoff.

"We've tried to hold this off as long as possible," Staniak said, "But we could see the writing on the wall."

Pilot Rock is in the midst of compiling an independent football schedule, and already has six regular season games on top of a jamboree lined up. As of

now its schedule listed on OSAA.org has road games at Union (Sept. 15), Enterprise (Sept. 29), Sherman (Oct. 12) and Dufur (Oct. 20) and a home game with Arlington (Oct. 27).

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# BENNETT: "I just want to see people have the equality that they deserve"

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use my platform to be able to continue to speak over injustice," Bennett said.

"First of all, I want people to understand I love the military. My father was in the military. I love hot dogs like any other American. I love football like any other American, but I don't love segregation," he added. "I don't love riots. I don't love oppression. I don't love gender slander. I just want to see people have the equality that they deserve, and I want to be able to use this platform to continuously push the message of that, you know, and keep journeying out and keep finding out how unselfish can we be as a society."

Bennett was at least the third prominent NFL player to protest during the anthem in the first full week of preseason games. Oakland Raiders running back

Marshawn Lynch, a former teammate of Bennett's in Seattle, also sat. Los Angeles Rams defensive end Robert Quinn raised his right fist, continuing his approach from last season following then-San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick's decision to kneel during the anthem.

Kaepernick is a free agent, and the fallout from his protest has not abated, even as he remains unsigned.

Bennett is willing to deal with similar consequences.

"Of course, I'm going to face backlash," he said. "This is bigger than me. This is bigger than anything that we have. This is about people. This is about bringing opportunities to people, giving people equality. This is bigger than a sport."

Bennett said he had spoken with several other NFL players about possible protests, but had not talked

with Lynch yet. While he acknowledged the possibility of more widespread and organized protests, Bennett wanted to express himself.

"I think everybody has a time where they feel like they need to be who they are and stand up for what they believe in," Bennett said.

Seahawks coach Pete Carroll did not have a response to Bennett's actions, saying he became aware of it only after the game.

Bennett said the aim of his protest is to make people uncomfortable. In the process, he hopes to spur greater communication, understanding and involvement across racial, gender and socio-economic lines.

"Everyone is in their comfort zone right now," Bennett said. "Get out there and become uncomfortable. Go out there and see what it's like out there in society right now."

## SCOREBOARD

Baseball				
MLB				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Boston	67	51	.568	—
New York	62	55	.530	4½
Baltimore	59	60	.496	8½
Tampa Bay	59	61	.492	9
Toronto	57	61	.483	10
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	64	52	.552	—
Minnesota	59	57	.509	5
Kansas City	60	58	.508	5
Detroit	53	65	.449	12
Chicago	45	70	.391	18½
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Houston	72	46	.610	—
Los Angeles	61	58	.513	11½
Seattle	59	61	.492	14
Texas	57	60	.487	14½
Oakland	52	67	.437	20½
Monday's Games				
Cleveland 7, Boston 3				
N.Y. Yankees 4, N.Y. Mets 2				
Toronto 2, Tampa Bay 1				
Texas 6, Detroit 2				
Arizona 2, Houston 0				
Kansas City 6, Oakland 2				
Baltimore 11, Seattle 3				
Tuesday's Games				
Houston (Peacock 10-1) at Arizona (Banda 1-2), 12:40 p.m.				
L.A. Angels (Skaggs 1-2) at Washington (Gonzalez 10-5), 4:05 p.m.				
Chicago White Sox (Gonzalez 6-10) at L.A. Dodgers (Wood 14-1), 7:10 p.m.				
NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Washington	70	46	.603	—
Miami	57	60	.487	13½
New York	53	63	.457	17
Atlanta	52	64	.448	18
Philadelphia	43	73	.371	27
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Chicago	62	55	.530	—
St. Louis	61	57	.517	1½
Milwaukee	61	59	.508	2½
Pittsburgh	58	60	.492	4½
Cincinnati	49	70	.412	14
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Los Angeles	83	34	.709	—
Arizona	66	52	.559	17½
Colorado	66	52	.559	17½
San Diego	52	66	.441	31½
San Francisco	47	73	.392	37½
Monday's Games				
N.Y. Yankees 4, N.Y. Mets 2				
Miami 8, San Francisco 3				
Chicago Cubs 15, Cincinnati 5				
Colorado 3, Atlanta 0				
Arizona 2, Houston 0				
San Diego 7, Philadelphia 4				
Colon 4-9), 5:10 p.m.				

Tuesday's Games				
Houston (Peacock 10-1) at Arizona (Banda 1-2), 12:40 p.m.				
L.A. Angels (Skaggs 1-2) at Washington (Gonzalez 10-5), 4:05 p.m.				
N.Y. Mets (deGrom 13-5) at N.Y. Yankees (Gray 6-7), 4:05 p.m.				
San Francisco (Burngarner 2-5) at Miami (Strally 7-9), 4:10 p.m.				
St. Louis (Leake 7-10) at Boston (Porcello 6-14), 4:10 p.m.				
Pittsburgh (Nova 10-9) at Milwaukee (Woodruff 1-1), 4:40 p.m.				
Cincinnati (Castillo 2-5) at Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 4-4), 5:05 p.m.				
Atlanta (Newcomb 1-7) at Colorado (Freeland 11-7), 5:40 p.m.				
Chicago White Sox (Gonzalez 6-10) at L.A. Dodgers (Wood 14-1), 7:10 p.m.				
Philadelphia (Leiter Jr. 1-2) at San Diego (Larnet 6-4), 7:10 p.m.				
Wild Card				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Colorado	66	52	.559	—
Arizona	66	52	.559	—
St. Louis	61	57	.517	5
Milwaukee	61	59	.508	6
Pittsburgh	58	60	.492	8
Miami	57	60	.487	8½
MLB				
Northwest League				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Tri-City	11	8	.579	—
N Vancouver	10	8	.556	½
Everett	10	9	.526	1
Spokane	10	9	.526	1
South Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Boise	9	10	.474	—
H Eugene	9	10	.474	—
Hillsboro	9	10	.474	—
Salem-Keizer	7	11	.389	1½
x-first-half champions				
Monday's Games				
Everett 9, Boise 8				
Spokane 2, Eugene 1				
Tri-City 10, Hillsboro 1				
Salem-Keizer at Vancouver, late finish				

Tuesday's Games					
Everett at Boise, 6:15 p.m.					
Salem-Keizer at Vancouver, 7:05 p.m.					
Spokane at Eugene, 7:05 p.m.					
Hillsboro at Tri-City, 7:15 p.m.					
LITTLE LEAGUE					
Little League World Series					
At South Williamsport, Pa.					
Double Elimination					
Thursday's Games					
Game 1: Maracaibo (Venezuela) vs. Tamaulipas (Mexico), 10 a.m.					
Game 2: Jackson (N.J.) vs. Fairfield (Conn.), 12 p.m.					
Game 3: White Rock (British Columbia) vs. Emilia (Italy), 2 p.m.					
Game 4: Lufkin (Texas) vs. Grosse Pointe (Mich.), 4 p.m.					
Friday's Games					
Game 5: Tokyo vs. Sydney, 11 a.m.					
Game 6: Walla Walla (Wash.) vs. Rancho Santa Margarita (Calif.), 1 p.m.					
Game 7: Pontezuela (Dominican Republic) vs. Seoul, 3 p.m.					
Game 8: Sioux Falls (S.D.) vs. Greenville (N.C.), 5 p.m.					
Soccer					
MLS					
EASTERN CONFERENCE					
W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto FC	13	8	47	46	24
New York City FC	13	7	43	45	33
Chicago	12	6	51	41	28
New York	12	9	48	37	30
Atlanta United FC	10	7	35	42	29
Columbus	11	12	35	37	40
Montreal	8	6	30	35	37
Orlando City	8	8	30	25	36
Philadelphia	8	11	29	32	31
New England	8	10	29	38	38
D.C. United	5	16	4	19	45
WESTERN CONFERENCE					
W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Houston	10	7	37	42	32
Sporting K.C.	9	5	37	29	19
Seattle	10	7	37	37	31

FC Dallas					
W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
FC Dallas	9	5	8	35	33
Portland	9	9	7	34	43
San Jose	9	10	5	32	26
Real Salt Lake	9	12	5	32	48
Vancouver	9	9	4	31	32
Los Angeles	6	12	5	23	42
Minnesota United	6	13	4	22	29
Colorado	6	12	4	22	31
NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.					
Saturday's Games					
Justin Thomas 73-66-69-68—278 -9					
Francesco Molinari 73-64-74-67—278 -6					
Sepp Stricker 70-67-71-70—278 -6					
Louis Oosthuizen 70-67-71-70—278 -6					
Patrick Reed 69-73-69-67—278 -6					
Rickie Fowler 69-73-67-67—279 -5					
Hideki Matsuyama 70-64-73-72—279 -5					
Graham Delaney 70-73-68-69—280 -4					
Kevin Kisner 67-67-72-74—280 -4					
Jason Day 70-66-77-70—283 -1					
Matt Kuchar 71-74-70-68—283 -1					
Jordan L. Smith 70-75-70-68—283 -1					
Others					
Dustin Johnson 70-74-73-67—284 E					
Brooks Koepka 68-73-74-69—284 E					
Rory McIlroy 72-72-73-68—285 +1					
Jordan Spieth 72-73-71-70—286 +2					
Keegan Bradley 74-70-73-70—287 +3					
PGA TOUR					
PGA Championship					
Sunday					
At Quail Hollow Club					
Charlotte, N.C.					