

ROUGHSTOCK: Cress wins saddle bronc in Round-Up debut

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much it means to win in this arena.

“Indescribable,” he said. “It never gets old winning this. This is so cool. This has always been the rodeo I want to win again. It’s starting to kind of come down to the end of my career here and it’s getting a little more emotional.”

With age but mostly injury playing a factor in Peebles’ year, he didn’t start riding until the end of spring and he didn’t start qualifying until July. He describes it as one of the worst years in his career.

“I was getting pretty down about it but this dang sure lifted my chin right up,” Peebles said.

Winning at the Round-Up takes luck, skill, and for Peebles some home-state support.

“It’s pretty neat to win this in my home state,” he said. “It’s a dang near a backyard rodeo for me. I know quite a few people in them stands and it’s a pretty good honor to win the Pendleton rodeo in front of every body.”

Bareback riding
First round: 1. Jake Vold, 85 points on Wayne Vold Rodeo’s Dancing Queen, \$6,053; 2. David Peebles, 84, \$4,841; 3. Shane O’Connell, 83, \$3,430; 4. Orin Larsen, 82.5, \$2,220; 5. J.R. Vezain, 81.5, \$1,412; 6. Tim O’Connell, 80.5, \$1,009; 7. (tie) Caleb Bennett and Justin Miller, 80, \$706 each. **Finals:** 1. Steven Peebles, 89.5 points on Wayne Vold Rodeo’s Mucho Dine-ro, \$1,650; 2. Orin Larsen, 83.5, \$1,250; 3. Devan Reilly, 83, \$900; 4. J.R. Vezain, 82.5, \$600; 5. Jake Vold, 82, \$350; 6. Shane O’Connell, 81, \$250. **Average:** 1. Steven Peebles, 168.5 points on two head, \$6,053; 2. Jake Vold, 167, \$4,641; 3. Orin Larsen, 166, \$3,430; 4. (tie) J.R. Vezain and Shane O’Connell, 164, \$1,816 each; 6. David Peebles, 163.5, \$1,009; 7. Devan Reilly, 162, \$807; 8. (tie) Ty Breuer and Clayton Biglow, 160, \$303 each.

SADDLE BRONC
The Pendleton Round-Up and Cheyenne Frontier Days



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Brody Cress, of Hillsdale, Wyoming, rode Stampede Warrior Saturday at the Pendleton Round-Up for a score of 85 and a three-day total of 168 to win the saddle bronc event.

are widely known in the rodeo world as being two of the biggest and best-paying rodeos on the circuit.

And now in 2017, bronc rider Brody Cress has walked away from each place as the winner. The 21-year-old from Hillsdale, Wyoming, won the 107th Pendleton Round-Up on Saturday afternoon with 168 points on two rides, edging out CoBurn Bradshaw who had 167.5 points, to earn the victory lap in his very first trip to Pendleton.

Cress matched up with Stampede Warrior from the Calgary Stampede pen and scored 85 points to earn the victory. Coincidentally, Cress

rode the same horse just last week at the Washington State Fair Pro Rodeo in Puyallup, Washington for 89 points and a second place finish, so he felt confident going into Saturday’s ride.

“Stampede Warrior, that’s my favorite horse of all time ... I was very excited to have her again,” an excited Cress said afterwards. “You feel more comfortable, but with those great horses you never know what they’re going to do. She was a little harder to ride today than in Puyallup, she had a few more moves but I just stayed focused.”

A win at the Round-Up is just another addition to



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Ruger Piva, of Challis, Idaho, rides Perculator on Saturday at the Pendleton Round-Up to win the bull riding championship.

what has been a career-year for Cress. Last season, Cress finished 98th in the world standings with just over \$5,000 in earnings, and this year he currently sits inside the top 10 and is heading towards his first trip to the NFR with more than \$90,000 in earnings this season. Between placing in the long and short round as well as the overall winner, Cress left Pendleton with a \$8,891 check.

And after winning Pendleton in his first trip, Cress said he’ll be back for years to come.

“There’s so much history behind this rodeo. Having the element of the grass, it makes it really wild and western,”

he said. “And it’s awesome to be able to win this.”

Saddle bronc riding
First round: 1. Hardy Braden, 85 points on Sankey Pro Rodeo & Robinson Bulls’ Sheridan Wyo’s Tango, \$4,989; 2. Ryder Wright, 84.5, \$3,825; 3. Brody Cress, 83, \$2,827; 4. Sterling Crawley, 82.5, \$1,829; 5. (tie) Dylan Henson and Isaac Diaz, 82, \$998 each; 7. (tie) Clay Elliott and CoBurn Bradshaw, 81.5, \$582 each. **Finals:** 1. CoBurn Bradshaw, 86 points on Korkow Rodeos’ Kitty Whistle, \$1,650; 2. (tie) Clay Elliott and Brody Cress, 85, \$1,075 each; 4. Heith DeMoss, 84.5, \$600; 5. (tie) Zeke Thurston and Hardy Braden, 82, \$300 each. **Average:** 1. Brody Cress, 168 points on two head, \$4,989; 2. CoBurn Bradshaw, 167.5, \$3,825; 3. Hardy Braden, 167, \$2,827; 4. Clay Elliott, 166.5, \$1,829; 5. Heith DeMoss, 164.5, \$1,164; 6. Zeke Thurston, 162.5, \$831; 7. Bradley Harter, 160, \$665; 8. Cort Scheer, 159, \$499.

BULL RIDING
It was a high scoring affair for the bull riders in the Round-Up finals. All of the riders who stayed on their bull for the full eight seconds received scores above 82,

and three of those were a 86.5 — the best score of the day.

Back-to-back rides from Dakota Louis and Ty Wallace were the first two to get the Saturday high score from the judges, but after each entered with an 81 and 81.5, respectively, they were by no means comfortably in the lead.

The final rider to score an 86.5 was Challis, Idaho, native Ruger Piva and it was just enough to bump him up the leader board and earn him the 2017 Round-Up bull riding title.

“It’s a lot of luck I would say more than anything,” he said after his win. “I got a little nervous when I saw the bull I drew today, it sure worked out for me.”

Although Piva has lived and mostly competed in the northwest, it was his first trip to Pendleton. He was competing with favorites like hometown boy Cody Ford of Hermiston and Joe Frost of Randlett, Utah. So when it was his turn to climb atop Sankey Pro Rodeo & Robinson Bulls’ Perculator, there were one of two outcomes. The first, was to stay calm and trust his instincts and the other was to get too excited and risk messing up. Piva is glad he didn’t do the latter.

First round: 1. Joe Frost, 84.5 points on Korkow Rodeos’ Fire Dog, \$4,975; 2. Steve Woolsey, 84, \$3,814; 3. (tie) Ruger Piva, Nic Lica, Chase Robbins, Riley Blankenship and Elliot Jacoby, 82.5, \$1,459 each; 8. Ty Wallace, 81.5, \$497. **Finals:** 1. (tie) Ruger Piva, on Sankey Pro Rodeo & Robinson Bulls’ Perculator, Ty Wallace, on Burch Rodeo’s Scarface, and Dakota Louis, on Wayne Vold Rodeo’s Mish Mash, 86.5 points, \$1,267 each; 4. Steve Woolsey, 84, \$600; 5. Chase Robbins, 83, \$350; 6. Cody Ford, 82, \$250. **Average:** 1. Ruger Piva, 169 points on two head, \$4,975; 2. (tie) Steve Woolsey and Ty Wallace, 168, \$3,316 each; 4. Dakota Louis, 167.5, \$1,824; 5. Chase Robbins, 165.5, \$1,161; 6. Cody Ford, 162, \$829; 7. Joe Frost, 84.5 on one head, \$663; 8. (tie) Elliot Jacoby, Nic Lica and Riley Blankenship, 82.5, \$166 each.

TIMED EVENTS: Kimmie Wall wins second Round-Up barrel racing title

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\$644; 5. Timmy Sparing, 6.1, \$414; 6. Josh Peek, 6.8, \$230. **Average:** 1. Clayton Hass, 19.8 seconds on three head, \$5,773; 2. J.D. Struxness, 19.9, \$5,020; 3. Cameron Morman, 20.3, \$4,267; 4. Levi Rudd, 20.9, \$3,514; 5. Timmy Sparing, 21.3, \$2,761; 6. Josh Peek, 21.9, \$2,008; 7. Blaine Jones, 29.4, \$1,255; 8. Colin Wolfe, 37.7, \$502.

BARREL RACING
The final event of the 107th Pendleton Round-Up had one of the most familiar names in barrel racing. Kimmie Wall had asserted her dominance early in the week, and entered the short go with a 0.14 second lead over the rest of the field. Wall has always enjoyed making the trip to Round-Up arena, and in 2015, it paid off with a championship. This year it did the same but this time it was just a little bit sweeter.

“We’ve had a few more struggles this year,” Wall said. “Foxy has not been as healthy this year as she has been in years past. So for her to come back and win any rodeo, but the Pendleton Round-Up and make two runs on the green mile. It just shows how much heart she has.”

Foxy, the nine-year-old horse Wall raised and trained, made her fourth appearance in the finals. Wall and Foxy were up against a fast group of cowgirls. Eight entered with sub-29 second times to date. But whether it was final jitters or a long week on the green mile, only two riders clocked times within the 28 second mark.

Barrel Racing
First round: 1. Kimmie Wall, 28.54 seconds, \$4,850; 2. Teri Bangart, 28.68, \$4,157; 3. Sydni Blanchard, 28.81, \$3,464; 4. Jackie Ganter, 28.91, \$3,002; 5. (tie) Ericka Nelson and Italy Sheehan, 28.95, \$2,079 each; 7. Courtney Frazier, 28.96, \$1,386; 8. Jody Tucker, 28.97, \$924; 9. (tie) Ari-Anna Flynn and Nicole Laurence, 29.08, \$577 each. **Finals:** 1. Kimmie Wall, 28.78 seconds, \$2,053; 2. Teri Bangart, 28.80, \$1,540; 3. Jackie Ganter, 28.93, \$1,026; 4. Tobi Richardson, 29.02, \$513. **Average:** 1. Kimmie Wall, 57.32 seconds on two head, \$4,850; 2. Teri Bangart, 57.48, \$4,157; 3. (tie) Jackie Ganter and Sydni Blanchard, 57.84, \$3,233 each; 5. Ericka Nelson, 58.05, \$2,310; 6. Tobi Richardson, 58.11, \$1,848; 7. Italy Sheehan, 58.18, \$1,386; 8. Nicole Laurence, 58.25, \$924; 9. Cheyenne Allan, 58.51, \$693; 10. Jody Tucker, 63.25, \$462.

TEAM ROPING
For most of the summer rodeo season, cowboy Trevor McCain has been at home in Terrebonne helping his wife take care of newborn twin babies.

But while he was home, he kept his eye on the rodeo circuit, especially in his event in team roping. One day in late summer, he sent a text message to Melba, Idaho, roper Steven Duby to ask if Duby would need a partner by the time the Round-Up rolled around. And then the last day of registration,



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Steven Duby of Fortuna, California, and Trevor McCain of Terrebonne win team roping with a 5.9-second time Saturday at the Pendeton Round-Up.



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Shane Hanchey, of Sulpher, Louisiana, turns in an 8.4-second run on Saturday at the Pendleton Round-Up for a three-day total of 27.8 seconds to win calf roping.

McCain received a call from Duby telling him that they would run the Round-Up together.

“We’d roped at a couple jackpot team roping (events) but that’s it,” McCain said of the pairs’ prior experience together.

The last-minute pairing paid off for the both of them, as they roped in a blazing fast 5.9 seconds in the short round on Saturday and an overall time of 22.7 seconds on three head to win the 107th Round-Up.

“It’s sure a treat to win,” McCain said. “I’ve always wanted to win this since I was a little kid.”

For Duby, he was nearly speechless that the two of them pulled off the victory, earning a total of \$7,833 for the rodeo.

“I love it here, I love the grass. I wish we could run more here every year,” he said. “I didn’t think we were going to make it back (for Saturday), then we didn’t draw a very good steer, thought it was going to go different than it did. I still can’t believe that it worked out like that.”

Duby and McCain were the second team of the 12 total to run on Saturday, going in with the second-slowest time of 16.8 seconds on two — 3.1 seconds behind first place. The pair was happy with their time on Saturday,

but didn’t think it would last as the 10 remaining teams featured a lot of talent.

“It was tough watching, because a lot of my friends were right there that went and I wanted them to do good but I wanted to win too,” Duby said.

But they watched as team after team struggled with steers, from two headers not able to make the initial catch or heelers having trouble with the back of the steer. The last team to go was Jake Stanley (Hermiston) and Brent Falon (Yakima, Washington) who needed a time faster than nine seconds to win the title.

Stanley got the head caught early, but the steer slipped after the catch which slowed down Falon’s ability to rope, resulting in a 12.9 second time.

Team roping
First round: 1. Clayton Hass/John Robertson, 5.8 seconds, \$4,294 each; 2. Tyler Milligan/Shank Edwards, 5.7, \$3,734; 3. Riley Minor/Brady Minor, 6.1, \$3,174; 4. Austin Stafford/Dayton Stafford, 6.2, \$2,613; 5. Jesse Northrop/Kurtis Barry, 6.3, \$2,053; 6. David Temple/Tee Jay Brown, 6.4, \$1,493; 7. Justin Farber/Garrett Busby, 6.7, \$933; 8. (tie) Rhett Anderson/Brady Ramone, Bryce Palmer/Bo Patzke and Logan Olson/Kyle Lockett, 6.8, \$124 each. **Second round:** 1. Jason Stewart/Bucky Campbell, 5.4 seconds, \$4,294 each; 2. Blake Teixeira/Monty Joe Petska, 5.5, \$3,734; 3. Erich Rogers/Cory Petska, 5.6, \$3,174; 4. (tie) Chad Masters/Travis Graves and Brandon Beers/Cesar de la Cruz, 5.7, \$2,333 each; 6. Jake Stanley/Brent Falon, 5.8, \$1,493; 7. Chris McKoen/Jason Duby, 6.0, \$933; 8. Shay Carroll/Nano Garza, 6.3, \$373. **Finals:** 1. Steven Duby/Trevor McCain, 5.9 seconds, \$1,443 each; 2. Jesse Northrop/Kurtis Barry, 8.5, \$1,194; 3. Chad Masters/Travis Graves, 9.1, \$945; 4. Brett Sheehan/Jared Parke, 11.6, \$697; 5. Riley Minor/Brady Minor, 12.8, \$448; 6. Jake Stanley/Brent Falon, 12.9, \$249. **Average:** 1. Steven Duby/Trevor McCain, 22.7 seconds on three head, \$6,440 each; 2. Chad Masters/Travis



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Kimmie Wall and her horse work their way through the barrel racing course on Saturday at the Pendleton Round-Up. Their 28.78-second run and 57.32-second aggregate time was enough to nail down the title.

Graves, 23.3, \$5,600; 3. Jesse Northrop/Kurtis Barry, 23.7, \$4,760; 4. (tie) Riley Minor/Brady Minor and Jake Stanley/Brent Falon, 26.6, \$3,500 each; 6. Brett Sheehan/Jared Parke, 26.8, \$2,240; 7. Corey Fitze/Adam Fitze, 29.9, \$1,400; 8. Dale Benevides/Buck McCay, 31.4, \$560.

CALF ROPING
After Shane Hanchey took his victory lap for the first time at Round-Up arena on Saturday, his voice cracked as he shared what winning the calf roping championship meant to him.

“It’s hard not to get a little cracked up and emotional just because it’s one of the rodeos that I have really wanted to win my whole career,” he said. “The atmosphere, the committee, the rodeo — it’s just a great deal. I have been fortunate enough to win a lot of rodeos in my young career, and I’m so excited I get to add this Pendleton saddle to the trophy room.”

Hanchey was the last man up on Saturday, as he entered with the best average, 19.4 seconds. By the time he got Si, his 11-year-old horse, into the box, Brad Goodrich and Matt Shiozawa shared first place. Their shared average of 32.1 gave Hanchey 12.7 seconds to work with. He only needed 8.4 of them to seal the deal.

His work on the grass infield was impressive, but he wouldn’t tell you that.

“I really got to give [Si] the credit — all I did was rope the calf and get him down and tie him,” Hanchey said. “My horse, you know he’s the best horse here. I think it’s pretty obvious I won it by however much. He just makes stuff happen for

me.”

They had been riding and roping in the Northwest recently, and the change of scenery from his southern roots wasn’t doing him any favors.

“The Northwest the last few weeks hasn’t been that great,” Hanchey said, “but winning Pendleton will trump that any day of the week.”

The time from his 8.4 go to the victory lap that was so long his hand got tired from pumping his hat, Hanchey is more than pleased with how the 2017 season has shaped up.

“It’s probably been the best start to finish of my career,” he said.

Now, for the first time since May, he gets to travel back home for some of his mom’s cooking and Louisiana hospitality — all of which he will do as a first time Pendleton Round-Up Champion.

Calf roping
First round: 1. J.C. Malone, 8.5 seconds, \$3,597; 2. Tuf Cooper, 8.7, \$3,128; 3. Hunter Herrin, 9.6, \$2,659; 4. Shane Hanchey, 9.9, \$2,190; 5. (tie) Chad Finley and Jake Pratt, 10.3, \$1,486 each; 7. Justin Smith, 10.6, \$782; 8. Jordan Ketscher, 10.7, \$313. **Second round:** 1. Alvin Bouchard, 9.3 seconds, \$3,597; 2. Shane Hanchey, 9.5, \$3,128; 3. Dakota Eldridge, 9.6, \$2,659; 4. Trevor Brazile, 9.7, \$2,190; 5. Matt Shiozawa, 10.0, \$1,720; 6. Jason Schaffer, 10.4, \$1,251; 7. (tie) Taylor Santos and Brad Goodrich, 10.7, \$547 each. **Finals:** 1. Shane Hanchey, 8.4 seconds, \$972; 2. Brad Goodrich, 9.1, \$804; 3. Matt Shiozawa, 9.2, \$637; 4. Morgan Grant, 9.7, \$469; 5. Roger Nonella, 10.7, \$302; 6. (tie) Taylor Santos and Jared Parke, 12.2, \$84 each. **Average:** 1. Shane Hanchey, 27.8 seconds on three head, \$5,398; 2. (tie) Brad Goodrich and Matt Shiozawa, 32.1, \$4,340 each; 4. Morgan Grant, 34.4, \$3,285; 5. Ace Slope, 35.6, \$2,581; 6. Roger Nonella, 35.7, \$1,877; 7. Jared Parke, 36.4, \$1,173; 8. Taylor Santos, 37.2, \$469.

STEER ROPING
It was a tough week at the

Pendleton Round-Up for the steer ropers.

Just nine cowboys were able to score two qualified times to make the finals on Saturday, with four more being added with the top times on one head. The final round on Saturday was another tough round for the cowboys, as just four of the 13 recorded a time.

When all was said and done, Will Gasperson (Decatur, Texas) came out on top after winning the final round with 15.8 seconds and the average with 49.0 seconds on three to win the rodeo.

For the day alone, Gasperson earned \$6,741 plus another \$2,294 for placing fourth in the first round to bring his total earnings for the week to more than \$9,000.

Trevor Brazile (Decatur, Texas) and Shay Good (Midland, Texas) were set up well in the steer roping, as Brazile came into Saturday with an average of 26.7 on two head and the fastest time of the week with 12.7 seconds in the second round, while Good was second in average with 27.1 seconds. They were the final two competitors to go on Saturday, needing a time faster than 22.7 seconds for Good and 22.3 seconds for Brazile to win the title.

However Good failed to catch his steer with the rope, while Brazile roped it but the steer stayed too close to Brazile and his horse to be able to trip it, resulting in no times for both cowboys.

The only other cowboys to record times on Saturday were Todd Dickson (Madras) scored 17.6 seconds to finish second in the average with 54.3 seconds, Scott Stickley (Whitesboro, Texas) had 20.6 seconds to finish third in average with 60.0 and Kim Ziegelgruber had 21.2 seconds to finish sixth in the average with 34.0 on two head.

Steer Roping
First round: 1. Tuf Cooper, 13.1 seconds, \$3,769; 2. Shay Good, 13.8, \$3,277; 3. Trevor Brazile, 14.0, \$2,786; 4. Will Gasperson, 14.8, \$2,294; 5. Tim Tillard, 15.4, \$1,802; 6. Dave Sedar, 15.6, \$1,311; 7. Roger Brazile, 15.8, \$819; 8. Shorty Garten, 15.9, \$328. **Second round:** 1. Trevor Brazile, 12.7 seconds, \$3,769; 2. Kim Ziegelgruber, 12.8, \$3,277; 3. (tie) Jason Stewart and Quay Howard, 13.1, \$2,540 each; 5. Shay Good, 13.3, \$1,802; 6. Cody Lee, 13.5, \$1,311; 7. Bill Benson, 14.5, \$819; 8. Russell Cardoza, 16.2, \$328. **Finals:** 1. Will Gasperson, 15.8 seconds, \$1,088; 2. Todd Dickson, 17.6 seconds, \$900; 3. Scott Stickley, 20.6, \$713; 4. Kim Ziegelgruber, 21.2, \$525; no other qualified runs. **Average:** 1. Will Gasperson, 49.0 seconds on three head, \$5,653; 2. Todd Dickson, 54.3, \$4,916; 3. Scott Stickley, 60.0, \$4,178; 4. Trevor Brazile, 26.7 on two head, \$3,441; 5. Shay Good, 27.1, \$2,704; 6. Kim Ziegelgruber, 34.0, \$1,966; 7. Chris Glover, 35.1, \$1,229; 8. Gabe Richardson, 38.5, \$492.