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FARM-CITY RODEO, FOURTH PERFORMANCE

# Brooks rides to victory

Chase Brooks rides to win in saddle bronc to close out Farm-City Pro Rodeo

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**H**ERMISTON — Unlike some cowboys, Montana bronc rider Chase Brooks didn't bother to check in to see which horse he drew at the Farm-City Pro Rodeo on Saturday prior to making the trip in to Hermiston.

When Brooks did show up and saw he would ride Yesterdays Delivery from the Calgary Stampede pen, he didn't have any first-hand knowledge of the horse. However, Brooks quickly gathered info from his fellow riders that had seen it perform that it was a "crazy good" horse, which got Brooks pumped up.

When it was finally Brooks' turn to ride, Yesterdays Delivery leaped out of the chute and made a hard right turn towards the west end of the arena, bucking hard and doing everything it could to get Brooks off of its back. But Brooks hung on for an exceptional ride and was rewarded by the judges with 87.5 points that earned him the Farm-City saddle bronc championship.

"That horse bucked like hell," Brooks said with a big smile, "and she was electric. She kind of surprised me that first jump, she tail whipped me and I was kind of like 'Oh, I'm going to really have to catch up.' I had a feeling it was going to be quite a good (score) because I had to bust my butt to stay on her."

"But this is a cool rodeo and I'm glad to stay on one for the first time."

Brooks' score was just enough to overtake Kolby Wanchuk (85.5) for the title and earn a \$5,330 payout. That check is a huge boost for Brooks, a 24-year-old from Deer Lodge, Montana, in his goal of a National Finals Rodeo berth, as it helped him move up one spot in the RAM World Standings and now has a \$10,000 cushion to go with it.

"This gives me a little bit of a cushion, but not enough," he said. "I just gotta keep busting my butt and keep going and hopefully the end of the season plays out right. But it's been a damn good year and I can't complain no matter what."

**Bull riding**

On Saturday night at the Farm-City Pro Rodeo, traveling partners and bull riders Jordan Spears and Chase Dougherty not only shared a ride into Hermiston, but the duo shared the same score as well as a victory lap around the arena after both bull riders scored 83.5-point rides to win the performance and secure fourth place fin-

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Chase Brooks of Deer Lodge, Montana, rides Yesterdays Delivery for 87.5 points in saddle bronc riding on Saturday at the Farm-City Pro Rodeo in Hermiston.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

# Mariners' ninth inning rally comes up short in Oakland

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OAKLAND, Calif. — Jed Lowrie drove in four runs to back Sean Manaea and the Oakland Athletics held off a late Seattle rally to beat the Mariners 7-6 on Monday night in a matchup of AL West contenders.

Manaea (11-8) pitched into the eighth and bounced back from a season-low 2 2/3 innings against the Dodgers

his last time out.

Second-place Oakland moved 2 1/2 games ahead of the Mariners, who had momentum coming off a four-game sweep at first-place and defending World Series champion Houston. Seattle had won six of eight. The idle Astros had their lead trimmed to two games over the A's.

Jean Segura and Nelson Cruz hit consecutive RBI singles with two outs in the eighth, and the Mariners —

who like the A's have a knack for late-inning rallies — nearly pulled off a comeback. Seattle loaded the bases with none out in the ninth on three walks by Jeury's Familia before Blake Treinen relieved and allowed a run on a wild pitch and Mitch Haniger's two-run single before closing it out for his 31st save. Cruz struck out swinging to end it with runners on first and second.

Matt Chapman hit a two-run double in the sixth, his

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third double of the game. That matched the Oakland record that he last accomplished on June 12 against Houston.

Manaea gave up two runs and five hits in 7 2/3 innings as the A's won for the fourth time in five games and moved

a season-high 23 games above .500 (71-48). The left-hander faced the minimum through three despite allowing a baserunner in each of the initial two innings — getting a caught stealing in the first and double play in the second.

Seattle lefty Marco Gonzales (12-8) allowed four runs and eight hits over five innings, struck out four and walked three. Gonzales lost his third straight start after winning five in a row from

June 29-July 29.

**CANO'S RETURN**

Seattle's Robinson Cano is scheduled to return Tuesday from his 80-game suspension for violating baseball's drug agreement.

The All-Star second baseman was suspended May 15 after he tested positive for Furosemide, a diuretic that can be used to mask performance-enhancing drugs. He tuned up with Class A Everett and Triple-A Tacoma.

**Sports shorts**

## Cleveland's Martin recovering from serious infection

CINCINNATI (AP) — Cleveland outfielder Leonys Martin is recovering from a bacterial infection that team president Chris Antonetti described as "life-threatening."

Martin is in stable condition at the Cleveland Clinic.

Doctors determined Martin had a bacterial infection that entered his bloodstream and created toxins that damaged his internal organs, compromising their function.

## Harvick wins NASCAR-high 7th victory of year

BROOKLYN, Mich. (AP) — Kevin Harvick broke a tie atop NASCAR's Big 3 with a dominant performance, easily winning at Michigan International Speedway for his Cup-high seventh victory of the season.

His No. 4 Ford finished 3-plus seconds ahead of Brad Keselowski's No. 2 Ford on Sunday.

Kyle Busch, who started the day with the points lead, finished

third in his No. 18 Toyota — more than 4 seconds behind Harvick.

Busch has won six races this year and Martin Truex Jr. has finished in first four times. The rest of the field has combined to win just six of 23 races.

Harvick won each of three stages and led 108 laps, more than four times more than anyone else on the 2-mile oval.



**THIS DATE IN SPORTS**

1936 — In Berlin, the United States wins the first Olympic basketball gold medal with a 19-8 win over Canada. The game is played outdoors on a dirt court in a driving rain. Joe Fortenberry leads the U.S. with seven points. James Naismith, the inventor of the game, presents the medals.

1977 — The New York Cosmos, led by Pele, plays before a record crowd of 77,961 at the Meadowlands in East Rutherford, N.J., the most to see a soccer game in the United

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