

PENDLETON ROUND-UP



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Trevor Brazile of Decatur, Texas, and Patrick Smith of Lipan, Texas, mark a 4.9-second time in team roping on Wednesday at the Pendleton Round-Up.

Showing the ropes

Veterans put on a clinic at Day 1 of Round-Up

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PENDLETON — With his shot at a second Pendleton Round-Up title off the table after a no-time in slack but a performance paycheck still on the line, team roper Patrick Smith set a target in his mind.

“I said we’ve got to get 4.9 (seconds),” Smith said.

It was a lofty goal, even for the veteran roper and his legendary partner Trevor Brazile who were co-champions at the Round-Up in 2015. The arena record, also set in 2015 by David Key and Travis

Woodard, is 4.6 seconds, and the Smith/Brazile tandem have had more than their share of hang-ups this season.

But Smith proved prescient and the pair quickly dispatched their steer, hitting his 4.9-second mark on the nose.

While they won’t return in the event Saturday, it was a moral victory.

“It’s just been slow,” Smith said of the season. “We’ve had horse health issues, and issues of our own. We missed some in June and July when you need to be hitting on all cylinders.”

“It’s been one of these years, but everyone deals with stuff,” Brazile said. “We’ve had more good years than bad.”

Smith said it was the last Round-Up for

his horse, Amigo, who is 19 and has had two knee surgeries.

“He’ll live out the rest of his life in a pasture, getting fed apples from children,” Smith said. “He’s been so good to me.”

Rhen Richard and Quinn Kesler came in second with a 5.6-second time while Dustin Bird and Kyle Lockett placed third at 6.3 seconds.

Calf roping

Louisiana cowboy Shane Hanchey had some stiff competition going into his ride during the Pendleton Round-Up’s first day — the event’s penultimate competitor had just watched the “king of cowboys” Trevor Brazile ride, as well as the PRCA’s

No. 2 Rookie of the Year Ty Harris set the standard for the day at 9.5 seconds.

When Hanchey raced through the barrier, he tied that time. Combined with his slack record earlier in the day of 10.7 seconds, he claimed the top spot on the leaderboard with a total time of 20.2 seconds.

“This was probably the best performance of my career so far,” said Hanchey, 28. “This is my favorite rodeo. I love the grass, the committee, and the tradition.”

Hanchey is currently the No. 3 tie-down roper in the world standings, and he even won the event during last year’s Round-Up. He’ll move forward to com-

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Isaac Diaz of Desdemona, Texas, rides Broken Bulb for 83.5 points in saddle bronc riding on Wednesday at the Pendleton Round-Up.



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Ty Breuer, of Mandan, North Dakota, rides American Thumper for an 82-point bareback ride Wednesday at the Pendleton Round-Up.

Sports shorts



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Brad Goodrich typically gets a few phone calls from tie-down and steer ropers this time of year.

With the Pendleton Round-Up performed on a grass arena, Goodrich’s horse Goldilocks is a natural, and guys want to make sure they make the short list of riders.

Reigning world all-around champion Tuf Cooper was set to ride Goldilocks

Round-Up takes a little horse trading

this week, but an injury put the mare out of action.

“I had six or seven guys ask to ride her,” said Goodrich, a 2018 Pendleton Round-Up Hall of Fame inductee who hails from Stanfield. “But she is hurt. I had to ask to ride someone else’s horse.”

Goodrich was able to secure a ride on one of Kass Kayser’s horses. The Ellensburg cowboy also team roped with Goodrich, which, like the tie-down roping, did not go as planned.

“I didn’t do any good,” Goodrich

said. “It’s the first time in 20 years I have missed here.”

In the meantime, Cooper was able to borrow a horse from Shane Hanchey. Cooper is second in the first round of tie-down at 8.9 seconds.

Goodrich, who has made six trips to the NFR, is part of the 2018 Pendleton Round-Up Hall of Fame class.

He was the all-around and tie-down champion in 2004, and the tie-down champ in 2008. He has made the short-go finals 25 of 30 years.