

# ROPES: Local cowgirls have strong showing in barrel racing on Wednesday

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pete for the top spot again this Saturday, but he says he's more eager than nervous.

This year alone, he's won rodeos in Wyoming, Colorado, Texas, Washington, Canada, and his home state.

"I'm looking forward to Saturday," he said. "I'm just gonna focus on myself and my calf."

## Saddle bronc

Isaac Diaz and Broken Bulb have made good teammates in the past. In two previous pairings at the Magic Valley Stampede in Filer, Idaho, Diaz said he scored a pair of 80s.

But the rider from Desdemona, Texas, and the bronc from Sankey Rodeo had their best outing yet on Wednesday, putting an 83.5 score on the board and setting Diaz up with a good shot at money again on Saturday.

The win was a big deal for Diaz, who faced off against a packed field of PRCA contenders, including brothers Ryder and Rusty Wright who are second and fourth, respectively, in the world standings.

Diaz is wedged between the two at No. 3, and is optimistic about his first chance at a Round-Up title.

"It's not just about the Wrights," he said "Every guy out there is capable of making the long round."

Ryder Wright and Joey Sonnier III each put up scores of 81.5, and Tyrell J. Smith scored an 80.5.



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Kristine Knauf of Chilton, Wisconsin, races towards the finish line for a 29.54-second time in barrel racing Wednesday at the Pendleton Round-Up.

## Bull riding

Wednesday's bull riding event was off to a slow start. The first several riders couldn't hang on long enough and received no time, and Hollywood stuntman-turned-cowboy Dylan Vick Hice was the first to place, setting the record with a score of 80.0.

But that wasn't enough to deter 20-year-old Koby Radley as he mounted his bull.

"I knew I had a good shot going in today," said the Louisiana rider. "I drew a really good bull, and this is my favorite rodeo of the year."

Radley earned an average score of 85.5 to win the day's main event, edging out Gumby Wren (83.5) and Jordan Hansen (82.5).



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Stan Branco, of Chowchilla, California, steer wrestles Wednesday at the Pendleton Round-Up.

Radley is currently No. 18 in the bull riding world standings — just a few thousand dollars shy of the

top 15. He has yet to win a world championship title.

As soon as he won Wednesday's event, he called his dad, a rancher back home in Montpelier.

"He was really excited when I told him," he said. "My goal for Saturday is to keep it simple: Just stay on, and don't overthink it."

## Bareback

Ty Breuer made a good case for a trip to the National Finals Rodeo with a Day 1 win at the Round-Up, scoring an 82 on American Thumper of Outlaw Buckers.

Breuer is No. 12 in the world standings and edged out Nate S. McFadden (81) and Jake Sterno (80.5) for the win.

Kaycee Feild, a four-time world champion and seventh in the world standings, was beset with bad luck. After scoring 60, he took a re-ride and couldn't do much better, posting a 69.

"I was behind from the get-go," he said.

## Steer wrestling

It was a competition full of penalties and no-times during Wednesday's bull-dogging event. Stetson Jorgeson, Tanner Milan and Sean Stantucci all failed to conquer their steers, and Andy Weldon added a ten-second penalty to his 9.0-second time for breaking the barrier.

This left the doors wide open for Rigby, Idaho, native Dirk Tavenner to claim victory for the day, taking his steer down in

11.1 seconds.

Tavenner is relatively new to the pro rodeo scene — he hasn't won a world title yet, and has only won three rodeos so far this year: the Nile Pro Rodeo in Billings, Mont., the Sanders County Fair in Plains, Mont., and California's Ramona Rodeo. He's currently ranked as the No. 24 steer wrestler in the world.

## Barrel racing

Several local cowgirls took to the Pendleton Round-Up Arena to compete for Wednesday's top barrel racing spot.

Stanfield's Sandra Eng opened the event, clocking in at 35.09 seconds. Hepner's Susan Gibbs finished in 29.78 seconds, and Echo's Bobbie Correa finished with a 30.39-second time.

Although some came close, none of the main event riders could beat out Walla Walla native Kacey Gartner's slack time of 28.75 seconds. Gartner is No. 119 in the Women's Pro Rodeo Association world standings but set the high mark on Pendleton's unique grass arena.

## Steer roping

Vin Fisher Jr. and Cody Lee were the only two cowboys to punch times on Wednesday, with Fisher clocking in at 13 seconds and Lee at 22.5 seconds.

The nine other steer either escaped the rope or refused to be tripped.

Trevor Brazile leads the aggregate with 27.3 seconds after two rounds of slack.

## SCOREBOARD

### Correction

Hermiston's scores during their Tuesday night game against Davis High School were printed incorrectly.  
The Lady Bulldogs won in four: 25-17, 21-25, 25-15, and 25-15.

### Local slate

#### PREP VOLLEYBALL

Thursday  
Stanfield at Union, 5 p.m.  
Weston-McEwen at Pilot Rock, 5 p.m.  
Ione at Dufur, 5 p.m.  
Echo at Sherman, 5 p.m.  
Riverside at Umatilla, 6 p.m.  
Kennewick at Hermiston, 7 p.m.

#### PREP BOYS SOCCER

Thursday  
Westside Christian at Umatilla, 4 p.m.  
Friday  
Riverside at Riverdale, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday  
Ontario at Mac-Hi, noon  
Irrigon at Four Rivers, 3 p.m.

#### PREP GIRLS SOCCER

Thursday  
Kennewick at Hermiston, 7 p.m.  
Saturday  
Riverdale at Riverside, 1 p.m.  
Ontario at Mac-Hi, 2 p.m.  
Shadle Park at Hermiston, 2 p.m.

#### PREP CROSS COUNTRY

Saturday  
Hermiston, Beaverton, Glencoe, Oregon City, Scappoose, Veronia, Woodburn at Oregon City XC Invitational, noon

#### PREP FOOTBALL

Friday  
Kennewick at Hermiston, 7 p.m.  
Pendleton at Putnam, 7 p.m.  
Baker at Mac-Hi, 7 p.m.  
Irrigon at Liberty, Spangle (WA), 7 p.m.  
Umatilla at Stanfield, 7 p.m.  
Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii at Ione, 7 p.m.  
Arlington/Condon at Sherman, 7 p.m.  
Saturday  
Riverside at Seton Catholic (WA), 1 p.m.

### Rodeo

#### Pendleton Round-Up Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 12

##### BARREL RACING

Contestant Name	Time
Chandra Eng	35.09
Mary Ann Munkers	35.24
Brenda Mays	29.3
Joy McDaniel	35.56
Susan Gibbs	29.78
Kristine Knauf	29.54
Lexi Cryderman	30.75
Shelli Thall	30.25
Bobbie Correa	30.39

##### STEER ROPING

Contestant Name	Time
Vin Fisher Jr.	13
Cody Lee	22.5

##### STEER WRESTLING

Contestant Name	Time
Brendan Lave	14.6
Andy Weldon	9
Dirk Tavenner	11.1

#### CALF ROPING

Contestant Name	Time
Dane Kissack	15
Ty Harris	9.5
Cade Swor	22.1
J.C. Malone	13.5
Raulie Hurtado Jr	16.8
Joey Dickens	17.6
Jacob Paul	22.4
Trevor Brazile	15
Shane Hanchev	9.5
Blane Cox	11.3

#### TEAM ROPING

Contestant Name	Time
Brady Black/Tim Black	25.7
Aaron Tsingine/Trey Yates	16.6
Rhen Richard/Quinn Kesler	5.6
Dustin Bird/Kyle Lockett	6.3
Trevor Brazile/Patrick Smith	4.9
Kelly Barker/Dalton Pearce	11
Dillon Holyfield/Robert Murphy	6

#### BULL RIDING

Contestant Name	Score
Cole Melancon	78
Jordan Hansen	82.5
Caleb McMillan	73
Dylan Hice Vick	80
Gumby Wren	83.5
Koby Radley	85.5
Lon Dantley	78
McCoy Moody	70
Dakota Louis	77.5

### Baseball

National League				
East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	82	64	.562	—
Philadelphia	74	71	.510	7½
Washington	74	72	.507	8
New York	66	78	.458	15
Miami	57	87	.396	24

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	84	61	.579	—
Milwaukee	84	63	.571	1
St. Louis	81	65	.555	3½
Pittsburgh	72	73	.497	12
Cincinnati	63	84	.429	22

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	80	65	.552	—
Los Angeles	79	67	.541	1½
Arizona	77	69	.527	3½
San Francisco	68	79	.463	13
San Diego	59	88	.401	22

Tuesday's Games  
Washington 3, Philadelphia 1, 1st game  
Cincinnati 3, L.A. Dodgers 1  
Miami 5, N.Y. Mets 3  
Washington 7, Philadelphia 6, 2nd game, 10 innings

Chicago Cubs 3, Milwaukee 0  
St. Louis 11, Pittsburgh 5  
Arizona 6, Colorado 3  
San Diego 2, Seattle 1  
Atlanta 4, San Francisco 1

Wednesday's Games  
Miami at N.Y. Mets, p.p.d.  
L.A. Dodgers 8, Cincinnati 1  
Pittsburgh 4, St. Louis 3  
Atlanta 2, San Francisco 1  
N.Y. Mets 13, Miami 0  
San Diego 5, Seattle 4  
Washington 5, Philadelphia 1  
Milwaukee 5, Chicago Cubs 1  
Colorado 5, Arizona 4

Thursday's Games  
Arizona (Buchholz 7-2) at Colorado (Freeland 14-7), 12:10 p.m.  
Miami (Alcantara 2-0) at N.Y. Mets (Matz 5-11), 12:10 p.m., 1st game  
Chicago Cubs (Montgomery 4-5) at Washington (Ross 0-0), 1:05 p.m.  
Miami (TBD) at N.Y. Mets (TBD), 4:10 p.m., 2nd game  
L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 7-5) at St. Louis

(Gomber 5-0), 4:15 p.m.

Friday's Games  
Miami at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.  
N.Y. Mets at Boston, 7:10 p.m.  
Washington at Atlanta, 7:35 p.m.  
Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs, 8:05 p.m.  
Arizona at Houston, 8:10 p.m.  
Pittsburgh at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.  
L.A. Dodgers at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.  
Texas at San Diego, 10:10 p.m.  
Colorado at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

American League  
East Division  
z-Boston 100, 46 .685 —  
New York 90, 56 .616 10  
Tampa Bay 80, 65 .552 19½  
Toronto 65, 80 .448 34½  
Baltimore 41, 104 .283 58½

Central Division  
Cleveland 82, 64 .562 —  
Minnesota 67, 78 .462 14½  
Detroit 59, 87 .404 23  
Chicago 57, 89 .390 25  
Kansas City 49, 96 .338 32½

West Division  
Houston 92, 54 .630 —  
Oakland 89, 57 .610 3  
Seattle 79, 66 .545 12½  
Los Angeles 73, 73 .500 19  
Texas 62, 84 .425 30

z-clinched playoff berth  
Tuesday's Games  
Houston 5, Detroit 4  
Oakland 3, Baltimore 2  
Boston 7, Toronto 2  
Cleveland 2, Tampa Bay 0  
Minnesota 10, N.Y. Yankees 5  
Kansas City 6, Chicago White Sox 3  
L.A. Angels 1, Texas 0  
San Diego 2, Seattle 1

Wednesday's Games  
Houston 5, Detroit 4  
Tampa Bay 3, Cleveland 1

San Diego 5, Seattle 4  
Oakland 10, Baltimore 0  
Boston 1, Toronto 0  
Minnesota 3, N.Y. Yankees 1  
Chicago White Sox 4, Kansas City 2, 12

innings  
L.A. Angels 8, Texas 1  
Thursday's Games  
Oakland (Anderson 3-4) at Baltimore (Bundy 7-14), 4:05 p.m.  
Toronto (Gaviglio 3-8) at Boston (Rodriguez 12-4), 4:10 p.m.  
Minnesota (Gonsalves 0-2) at Kansas City (Fillmyer 2-1), 5:15 p.m.  
Seattle (Leake 9-9) at L.A. Angels (Shoemaker 2-0), 7:07 p.m.

Friday's Games  
Chicago White Sox at Baltimore, 4:05 p.m.  
Toronto at N.Y. Yankees, 4:05 p.m.  
Detroit at Cleveland, 4:10 p.m.  
N.Y. Mets at Boston, 4:10 p.m.  
Oakland at Tampa Bay, 4:10 p.m.  
Arizona at Houston, 5:10 p.m.  
Minnesota at Kansas City, 5:15 p.m.  
Seattle at L.A. Angels, 7:07 p.m.  
Texas at San Diego, 7:10 p.m.

Basketball  
WNBA Playoff Giances

Finals  
Seattle 3, Washington 0  
Friday, Sept. 7: Seattle 89, Washington 76  
Sunday, Sept. 9: Seattle 75, Washington 73  
Wednesday, Sept. 12: Seattle 98, Washington 82

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