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Biglow bests arena record, picks up title at Farm-City

Washington cowboy Jason Minor wins the all-round crown

By ANNIE FOWLER and NICK ROSENBERGER

HERMISTON — Clayton Biglow was high-fiving his buddies behind the chutes after scoring a 92 on the back of Xplosive Skies in the bareback event Saturday, Aug. 14, on the final night of the Farm-City Pro Rodeo.

His score was not only the best of the week, but he set an arena record, surpassing the 89 set by himself in 2019, Andy Martinez (2006) and Austin Foss (2017).

"I've been on her once and it didn't go so well," Biglow said. "This was redemption."

Biglow picked up a nice check of \$6,239 for winning the title.

The 25-year-old has a certain love for the FCPR. It was the first big rodeo he rode in.

"I'll always come back," said the California cowboy, who won the 2019 FCPR bareback title. "I really like Hermiston."

Biglow, who has made five trips to the National Finals Rodeo, will be headed to Las Vegas for his sixth. He is sitting fourth in the world standings with six weeks left



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Bareback rider Clayton Biglow, of Clements, California, rides Xplosive Skies to win the night with a score of 92 points Saturday, Aug. 14, 2021, during the Farm-City Pro Rodeo in Hermiston.

in the regular season.

"I'm excited," he said. "You always want to finish strong."

Jason Minor of Ellensburg, Washington, who competed in team roping and tie-down roping, won the all-around title. Minor, who competed Aug. 13, was not

on hand to pick up his saddle and other trinkets.

Steer wrestling

Curtis Cassidy had the hot run of the night, taking down his steer in 3.6 seconds. It's the second-best time in the second go-round.

"It's not the steer you want, but it's the one you win money on," Cassidy said. "I don't know what the payout is, but it will be decent."

Cassidy shared second place in the second round, good for \$1,703.

The Canadian cowboy needs to put a little more money in his PRCA account if he wants to make a return trip to the NFR. He is sitting 18th in the world standings, about \$6,000 behind Cody Devers, who sits 15th.

"It all helps," Cassidy said. "You just have to pick away every week and hope the draw gods are with you. We are going full throttle until Pendleton."

J.D. Struxness won the average with a time of 7 seconds on two runs, which paid out \$3,456.

Saddle bronc riding

It's hard to fathom that a score of 87.5 points will only get you a share of sixth place and \$869, but that's where Riggin Smith ended up after turning in the top ride of the night on the back of Tiger Warrior.

"We were talking that this rodeo might have been the most even of all the rodeos in the saddle bronc," Smith said.

Ben Anderson put up an arena-record score of 90.5 on Aug. 13, and that held up for the title and \$6,514.

Smith may not have won, but he was excited to match wits with Tiger Warrior.

"I have dreamed of being on that horse for a long time," the 2020 Saddle Bronc Rookie of the Year said. "This is one of those horses you watch on TV. I've always kinda felt that horse separates the boys from the men."

Tie-down roping

Pacen Marez is a Columbia River Circuit cowboy that doesn't stray too far from his home in Prosser, Washington.

Hermiston is a short jaunt compared to most, and Marez made the most of his night, turning in a time of 8.8 to share the top time in the performance with Texas cowboy John Douch. The 8.8 second-runs tied for sixth in the second go-round and paid out \$836.

Marez also had a time of 17.9 seconds on two runs, putting him third in at the average for a payday of \$3,280.

"I just came with the expectation to be here and let the chips fall where they may," Marez said. "This is my first time here. I'm just a circuit guy. I don't go out and go on the road. I work full time five days a week."

Barrel racing

It looked like the times would all stay in the high 17 seconds for the barrel racing until Brittany Tonozzi, from Lampasas, Texas, blasted out of the gate and sped around the barrels for a time of

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Mac-Hi names 4 athletes, 2 teams to Hall of Fame

By ROY ELIA
Walla Walla Union-Bulletin

MILTON-FREEWATER — Four individuals and two teams will be inducted into the McLoughlin High School Hall of Fame during the school's induction ceremony Saturday, Aug. 21, at 6 p.m. in Mac-Hi's Jack Williams Auditorium, 120 S. Main St.

The event, free and open to the public, will shine its spotlight on the 1991 and 1992 Class 3A state champion wrestling teams, educator Elsie Williams, community volunteers Beverley McRae and Sheree LaRue-Wright, and a local businessman — the late Gilbert Tomlinson.

A reception will follow the ceremony at Mac-Hi. Donations will be accepted and those attending may be required to wear masks due to possible COVID-19 restrictions, according to event organizers.

1991 Wrestling

Five members of the state championship team — Jon Thomas (106 pounds), Bart Ewing (115), Max Zerba (130), Matt Millar (148), and Ryan Kralman (168) — placed fifth or better at the state wrestling championships. Millar and Ewing were runners-up, Thomas and Zerba both placed fourth, and Kralman took fifth. Four — Thomas, Ewing, Zerba, and Kralman — claimed district titles while Millar finished second at that meet.

Remaining roster spots were occupied by Jim Miller (106), the late Tobin Zerba (141), L.G. Bullock (157), Travis Burwell (168), Scott Aalbers (178), Dennis Mooney (178), Roy Clark (191), and Joe Chappell (191).

Mac-Hi outpointed Phoenix 105.5-95 at the top of the state tournament's team table. St Helens was third.

The Pioneers amassed 363 points in their run to the top of the district-tournament ladder. Mac-Hi was led by OSAA Coach of the Year Jerry Ewing.

1992 Wrestling

This championship team — which racked up an all-time, state tournament-best 162 points — had one wrestler walk away with an individual crown and two others who brought home seconds. Max Zerba posted a 4-0 record on his path to achieving supremacy in the 136-pound weight

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Saddle bronc rider Riggin Smith, of Winterset, Iowa, rode Tiger Warrior to a score of time of 87.5 to win the go-round Saturday, Aug. 14, 2021, during the Farm-City Pro Rodeo in Hermiston.

SPORTS SHORT

U.S. forward Carli Lloyd retiring after decorated career

By ANNE M. PETERSON
Associated Press

U.S. forward Carli Lloyd is retiring after a decorated career that included a pair of World Cup titles and two Olympic gold medals, as well as a bronze medal at the Tokyo Games.

The two-time FIFA World Player of the Year known for her dramatic hat trick in the 2015 World Cup final will play four as-yet unannounced friendly matches this fall with the U.S., and finish out the season with her club team, Gotham FC. She hinted for more than a year that she was nearing the end of her career and made it official Monday.

"Through all the goals, the trophies, the medals and the cham-

pionships won, what I am most proud of is that I've been able to stay unapologetically me," said Lloyd, whose international career has spanned some 16 years. "My journey has been hard, but I can honestly say I've stayed true to myself, to my teammates, my coaches, the media and the fans throughout my entire career and that is what I am most proud of. Everyone sees the moments of glory, but I have cherished the work behind the scenes and the adversity that I've had to overcome to get to those glorious moments."

The 39-year-old Lloyd scored a pair of goals in the United States' 4-3 victory over Australia in the bronze medal game in Japan earlier this month. She became the first Amer-

ican to score in four Olympics, and her 10 total goals in the event set a new record among U.S. players.

She ranks second on the national team's all-time list with 312 appearances, and fourth with 128 goals.

Lloyd is probably best known for her three goals, all in the space of 16 minutes, to lead the United States to a 5-2 victory over Japan in the 2015 World Cup final. Her third goal in that match was a blistering strike from midfield.

At the 2008 Beijing Olympics, Lloyd scored in overtime in a 1-0 victory over Brazil in the final. Four years later, she scored both goals in the gold-medal match against Japan at Wembley Stadium, becoming the only player to score winning goals in consecutive Olympic finals.



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United States' Carli Lloyd celebrates scoring her side's fourth goal against Australia Aug. 5, 2021, in the women's bronze medal soccer match at the 2020 Summer Olympics in Kashi-ma, Japan.