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## The right day to be a Wright

Stetson Wright wins the saddle bronc, bulls and all-round title at Pendleton Round-Up

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PENDLETON — One of the hottest young talents in rodeo gave the fans at the 111th Pendleton Round-Up a thrill this past week.

Stetson Wright, 22, of Milford, Utah, won the saddle bronc and bull riding events on Saturday, Sept. 18, then topped things off with the all-around title.

“Anything that I win that my dad has won means a lot to me,” Wright said. “I’m a lucky guy. Everything is going my way.”

In the saddle bronc, with his brothers Rusty and Ryder cheering from behind the chutes, Wright turned in a score of 91.5 on Lunatic from Hell. Combined with his 91-point ride from his first ride, Wright posted an arena record total of 182.5 points. The 91.5 score also was an arena record.

“I talked to Rusty and Ryder and they said she was good on grass,” Wright said of his horse. “It was pretty neat to hear all the cheers when I got off.”

It was the first Pendleton title for Wright, whose dad Cody won the event here in 2010, and the victory lap was pretty sweet.

“I’ve always dreamed of it,” he said. “It was fun. My adrenalin was pumping like crazy. I’m having the time of my life.”

With the win, Wright overtook his brother Ryder for the lead in the world standings by \$4,102.

The Wrights, who came five



Stetson Wright, of Milford, Utah, rides Royal Playboy to a bull riding championship on Saturday Sept. 18, 2021, at the Pendleton Round-Up with a two-day total of 176 points.

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strong in the saddle bronc, saw Rusty finish third and Ryder fifth.

Wright is the only one in the family of bronc riders to also compete in the bulls.

He rode Royal Playboy for 89 points in the finals, and finished with a total of 176 points on two rides for the title. He was only one

of two men to post a qualifying ride in the finals.

It’s the third time Wright has been on that bull. The first time, he got bucked off. The second was the night of Sept. 14 in the Xtreme Bulls Tour Finale, where he had a score of 92.

“I love him a lot,” Wright

said. “I got even with him last time. I’d love to have that bull everyday.”

In addition to saddles, hats, boots, buckles and other prizes, Wright won \$13,122 in the saddle bronc and \$10,404 in the bulls.

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### ON THE SLATE

Tuesday, Sept. 21

#### Prep volleyball

The Dalles at Pendleton, 6:30 p.m.  
Eisenhower at Hermiston, 7 p.m.  
Pilot Rock at Stanfield, 6 p.m.  
Ontario at McLoughlin, 6:30 p.m.  
Irrigon at Umatilla, 5 p.m.  
Riverside at Columbia White Salmon, 6:30 p.m.

Griswold at Nixyaawii, 5 p.m.

Condon at Echo, 5 p.m.

Ione/Arlington at Bickleton, 5 p.m.

#### Prep girls soccer

Chiawana at Hermiston, 7 p.m.  
McLoughlin at Umatilla, 3 p.m.

#### Prep boys soccer

McLoughlin at Umatilla, 6 p.m.

#### Prep slowpitch softball

Sunnyside at Hermiston (2), 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 22

#### Prep cross-country

Hermiston at MCC meet in Walla Walla, 4 p.m.

#### College volleyball

Blue Mountain at North Idaho, 6 p.m.

#### College men’s soccer

Treasure Valley at Blue Mountain, 4:15 p.m.

#### College women’s soccer

Treasure Valley at Blue Mountain, 2 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 23

#### Prep football

Irrigon at Grant Union, 7 p.m.

#### Prep volleyball

Pilot Rock at Heppner, 5 p.m.  
Crook County at Pendleton, 6:30 p.m.  
Walla Walla at Hermiston, 7 p.m.

Weston-McEwen at Union, 5 p.m.

Stanfield at Enterprise, 5 p.m.

La Grande at Irrigon, 5 p.m.

Umatilla at Riverside, 6 p.m.

Nixyaawii at Cove, 6 p.m.

Mitchell/Sprat at Ione/Arlington, 5 p.m.

#### Prep girls soccer

Walla Walla at Hermiston, 7 p.m.

Redmond at Pendleton, 4:30 p.m.

#### Prep boys soccer

Pendleton at Redmond, 4:30 p.m.

#### Prep slowpitch softball

Hermiston at Eisenhower (2), 4 p.m.

#### Cross-country

Heppner, Griswold, McLoughlin, Pilot Rock, Riverside, Umatilla at Stanfield Fun Country, TBD

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