

# RODEO

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Eventual barrel racing champ Callahan Crossley of Hermiston had the ride of the week Thursday night — 17.11 seconds. That's just 12 one-hundredths of a second off of Julie Williams' 16.99 recorded 30 years ago in 1986.

Barrel man and all-around entertainer John Harrison kept the audience in stitches with his banter with announcer Jody Carper. An accomplished trick rider, Harrison wowed the crowd with his saddle antics.

Timed events saw stock that gave every cowboy a run for their money. A number of steers slipped straight through the hands of bulldoggers, and snaky calves and steers led to a number of empty loops for both tie-down and team ropers.

Barrel racing saw only one contestant knocking down a barrel, while the always popular mutton busting and wild cow milking events gave a few youngsters and amateurs a chance to shine.

The mini-bull riding gave several youth the opportunity to show off their skills while two bullfighters showed their mettle, braving an enraged young man who had become entangled in his rigging.

The overall performances energized the crowd to a point of constant roaring after a number of stellar performances spread across the events, particularly with the announcement of Kolbaba's triumph in the bull riding after that final event ended. Kolba-



Ellen Morris Bishop

**A youngster holds on for dear life during the mutton busting competition on Wednesday night.**

ba won more than \$2,000 for his eight-second stint.

Team roper and Crane, Ore., cowboy Ryan Opie won the coveted Harley Tucker Rodeo Award for his sterling performances in a series of four rodeos — The Eastern Oregon Livestock Show, the Elgin Stampede, the St. Paul Rodeo and Chief Joseph Days.

CJD Princess Taylor Grote and her horse took a tumble in the arena during pre-rodeo activities on Friday night. The horse stumbled and fell while taking a corner at high speed, and Grote was thrown forward off her ride. Both

Grote and her horse bounced right back up and reports indicate both are fine.

### Friday: DeMoss posts 83 on 'wild' night

Just when we thought that the Chief Joseph Days Rodeo was settling into a routine, they went and rolled out a brand new event — Wild Cow Milking. It's a combination of team roping, bulldogging and getting lunch at Dairy Queen. It all starts at the east end of the arena. A cow, replete with horns, charges out of the chute. A roper gallops after her and throws a hoolihan over her head. Or, in the case of most teams Friday night, secures just one horn in the loop. Then the bulldogger (known officially as the "mugger") sprints into the arena and literally takes the cow by the horns. When she is pretty much secured, the roper leaps from his horse and dashes to the rear of the cow with a "milk bottle" in hand. It's his job to milk the cow and collect milk in the bottle. Then the milker/roper sprints to the judge who checks to be sure there is actual milk in there, and the time is recorded.

Wild Cow Milking was first officially introduced to rodeo crowds in the early 1900s and photographed at Cheyenne Frontier Days in 1924.

The winning time — by Wyatt Warnock's team — was 27.7 seconds.

In what might have been the most stirring ride of the night, Cody DeMoss, currently ranked 24th in world standings, put his stamp on number one in overall CJD saddle-bronc standings with a score of 83 points — two points shy of the arena record. The number two spot of the night belonged to 18-year-old Cameron Messier of Herald, Calif., with a thrilling and en-

ergetic ride that netted a score of 74.

In bull riding, Chase Dougherty of Woodburn, Ore., posted a 75 and Allen Helmuth of Redmond, Ore., had a 72. They were the only two bull riders to stay aboard for eight seconds on Friday.

Clint Nyegaard won tie-down roping with a time of 10.4 seconds in a run that saw him take up almost half of the arena to catch the calf. A quick and sure tie secured the win, though. Fellow Texan Cimarron Boardman claimed second with a time of 12.4 seconds.

### Thursday: Rough night for rough stock riders

Hometown bull-rider Derek Kolbaba's lead in the bull riding scores stood up to a heroic three-ride assault by stunt man, actor and all-around cowboy Dylan Vick.

Vick was the last bull-rider. His first draw bucked badly, turning his ride into more of a run straight down the arena. Vick stayed with him, but scored only 40 points. The judges offered him a re-ride. Five minutes later, Vick headed out of the chute on a new bull, but this ride, though short of eight seconds was nullified because the bull knelt and did not break cleanly from the chute. Vick accepted the offer of a new bull, and a few minutes later with his bull rope secured, rode out of the chute again. But not for eight seconds. So, on night two, Kolbaba's high score of 78 remained the number to beat in the bulls.

Thursday night's go-round was won by A.J. Hamre with a score of 66 — the only contestant to rack up points.

In saddle broncs, two-time PRCA world champion Taos Muncy of Corona, N.M., prevailed with a score of 77.5, beating Ben Londo (74.5), Clay Stremler (66) and Max Filippini (66). Ethan Talbott of Walla Walla — nephew of Dave Talbott of Joseph — stayed aboard a big sorrel horse named Chief Joseph for only a few seconds. Talbott, a former bull rider, said he switched to saddle bronc because "I'd hurt my back riding bulls. Saddle Bronc was supposed to be easier."

The highlight of Thursday's mutton busting event was a collision with a young rider that knocked rodeo co-chairman Terry Jones to the ground. No one was injured, but Jones took some ribbing for the fall.

On a night when several barrel racers put in good times, Callahan Crossley eclipsed Wednesday evening's high score with a run of 17.11 seconds — not too far from Julie Williams' 1986 arena record run of 16.99 seconds.

Thursday was Tough Enough to Wear Pink Night. To help raise funds for local breast cancer screening, a pair of CJD chaps was auctioned. Amanda Fredrickson's winning bid of \$1,100 will go a long way toward providing that support.

### Wednesday: Kolbaba thrills hometown

The action opened with the bareback riding, which saw winners Zach Brown and Richmond Champion rack up 83 points, nearly the high-point rides for rough stock the entire evening.

High-point honors went to a mutton-busting young man who scored a whopping 92

points riding his sheep from the west to the east end of the arena and halfway back before getting turfed.

Some steer wrestlers fell victim to fast cattle, while winner Trevor Knowles downed his steer in 3.7 seconds to tie the arena record.

Cowboy Justin Berg won the saddle bronc with a ride of 73.50.

But it was hometown hero Kolbaba, great-grandson of local rodeo icon Harley Tucker, who stole the show with a magnificent ride.

The stands had already given Kolbaba a rousing ovation when he was introduced in the pre-rodeo ceremonies. After the gate opened, the noise grew from wild applause to screams and roars as it became apparent Kolbaba would cover the bull. He scored 78 points on the ride and was the only rider to cover a bull.

Although the rodeo was over at that point, the entire audience stayed for Kolbaba's horseback victory lap around the arena, during which he received a standing ovation from many of the fans and more earth-shattering applause.

### Final Results

**BAREBACK RIDING — ARENA RECORD: 87, BOBBY MOTE (2008)**  
83, Zack Brown, Red Bluff, Calif., \$1,646.50  
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82, Mason Clements, Santaquin, Utah, \$1,021.96  
76.5, Nick Gutzwiller, Edwall, Wash., \$681.31  
74.5, Jessy Davis, Power, Mont., \$397.43  
73.5, Cody Kiser, Carson City, Nev., \$141.94  
73.5, Chase Erickson, Helena, Mont., \$141.94

**SADDLE BRONC RIDING — ARENA RECORD: 85, JOE SLAGOWSKI (1998)**  
83, Cody DeMoss, Heflin, La., \$2,425.20  
79.5, Joe Harper, Paradise Valley, Nev., \$1,859.32  
77.5, Taos Muncy, Corona, N.M., \$1,374.28  
74.5, Ben Londo, San Luis Obispo, Calif., \$889.24  
74, Cameron Messier, Herald, Calif., \$565.88  
73.5, Justin Robert Berg, Camrose, Alberta, \$323.36  
73.5, Cooper DeWitt, Rio Rico, Ariz., \$323.36  
73.5, Dustin Wade Moody, Visalia, Calif., \$323.36

**BULL RIDING — ARENA RECORD: 90, RICHARD STAPLEMAN (1992) AND ROSS COLEMAN (2001)**  
Go-Round 1  
78, Derek Kolbaba, Walla Walla, \$2,058.60  
75.5, Chase Dougherty, Woodburn, Ore., \$1,578.26  
74.5, Aaron Russell Williams, Norco, Calif., \$1,166.54  
72, Allen Helmuth, Redmond, Ore., \$754.82  
66, A.J. Hamre, Los Molinos, Calif., \$480.34

**BARREL RACING — ARENA RECORD: 16.99, JULIE WILLIAMS (1986)**  
17.11, Callahan Crossley, Hermiston, \$2,017.42  
17.37, Jessie Telford, Caldwell, Idaho, \$1,729.22  
17.44, Wendy Wilson, Pendleton, \$1,441.02  
17.49, Rachel Stoller, Molalla, Ore., \$1,248.88  
17.51, Rainy Pratt, Ellensburg, Wash., \$960.68  
17.52, Jennifer Kalafatic, Caldwell, Idaho, \$768.54  
17.55, Katy Kafka, Burns, Ore., \$576.40  
17.56, Danyelle Williams, Vale, Ore., \$384.27  
17.57, Teri Bangart, Olympia, Wash., \$288.20  
17.70, Kimberly Sanford, Iona, Idaho, \$192.13

**TEAM ROPING — ARENA RECORD: 4.4, MATT FUNK AND BUCKY CAMPBELL (2008)**  
Go-Round 1  
5.4, Garrett Rogers (Baker City) and Jake Minor (Ellensburg), \$1,230.59  
6.5, Case Hirdes and Jeffrey Larson (Turlock, Calif.), \$1,018.42

6.6, Blake Hirdes (Turlock, Calif.) and Joseph Shawnejo (Oakdale, Calif.), \$806.25  
7.0, Cole Sherwood and Steve Sherwood (San Tan Valley, Ariz.), \$594.08  
7.2, Clayton Hansen and Chase Hansen (Homedale, Idaho), \$381.91  
7.3, Ryan Opie (Crane, Ore.) and Dayton Stafford (Prineville, Ore.), \$212.17  
Go-Round 2  
4.9, Jake Stanley (Hermiston) and Bucky Campbell (Benton City, Wash.), \$1,230.59  
5.3, Ryan Fornstrom (Eagle, Idaho) and Matt Azevedo (Nampa, Idaho), \$1,018.42  
5.7, Cole Sherwood and Steve Sherwood (San Tan Valley, Ariz.), \$806.25  
5.9, Shane Erickson (Terrebonne, Ore.) and Andy Carlson (Hermiston), \$594.08  
6.1, Taylor White (Prosser, Wash.) and Jason Minor (Ellensburg, Wash.), \$381.91  
6.2, Jesse Northrop (Fields, Ore.) and Kurtis Barry (Wilder, Idaho), \$212.17  
Aggregate  
12.7, Cole Sherwood and Steve Sherwood (San Tan Valley, Ariz.), \$1,845.89  
13.7, Blake Hirdes (Turlock, Calif.) and Joseph Shawnejo (Oakdale, Calif.), \$1,527.63  
14.6, David Temple (New Plymouth, Idaho) and Tio Simmons (Wallowa), \$1,209.37  
15.0, Jesse Northrop (Fields, Ore.) and Kurtis Barry (Wilder, Idaho), \$891.12  
15.9, Jake Stanley (Hermiston) and Bucky Campbell (Benton City, Wash.), \$572.86  
17.2, Case Hirdes and Jeffrey Larson (Turlock, Calif.), \$318.25

### STEER WRESTLING — ARENA RECORD: 3.7, NIK HAMM (2011) AND TREVOR KNOWLES (2016)

Go-Round 1  
3.9, Dakota Eldridge, Elko, Nev., \$1,090.40  
4.3, Colin Wolfe, Wenatchee, Wash., \$902.40  
4.6, Clayton Morrison, Heppner, \$714.40  
4.8, Brandon Mackenzie, Quincy, Calif., \$432.40  
4.8, Andy Weldon, Greenleaf, Idaho, \$432.40  
4.9, Trevor Knowles, Mount Vernon, Ore., \$188.00  
Go-Round 2  
3.7, Trevor Knowles, Mount Vernon, Ore., \$1,090.40  
4.0, Sterling Lambert, Fallon, Nev., \$902.40  
4.2, Blaine Jones, Templeton, Calif., \$620.40  
4.2, Nik Hamm, Battle Ground, Wash., \$620.40  
4.3, Dakota Eldridge, Elko, Nev., \$338.40  
4.5, Blake Knowles, Heppner, \$47  
4.5, Shawn Greenfield, Lakeview, Ore., \$47  
4.5, Ringo Robinson, Caldwell, Idaho, \$47  
4.5, Justin Kimsey, Kennewick, Wash., \$47  
Aggregate  
8.2, Dakota Eldridge, Elko, Nev., \$1,635.60  
8.6, Trevor Knowles, Mount Vernon, Ore., \$1,353.60  
9.5, Blake Knowles, Heppner, \$930.60  
9.5, Sterling Lambert, Fallon, Nev., \$930.60  
9.6, Blaine Jones, Templeton, Calif., \$507.60  
10.3, Brandon Mackenzie, Quincy, Calif., \$141.00  
10.3, Justin Kimsey, Kennewick, Wash., \$141.00

### TIE DOWN ROPING — ARENA RECORD: 8.0, CLINT COOPER (2010) AND J.C. MALONE (2016)

Go-Round 1  
8.0, J.C. Malone, Hooper, Utah, \$1,199.44  
8.4, Justin Parke, Gooding, Idaho, \$992.64  
8.6, Marshall Leonard, Lodi, Calif., \$785.84  
9.2, Michael Pederson, Hermiston, \$579.04  
9.5, Justin Brinkerhoff, Corinne, Utah, \$289.52  
9.5, Brad Goodrich, Hermiston, \$289.52  
Go-Round 2  
8.1, Cody Collins, Galt, Calif., \$1,199.44  
8.6, Jason Minor, Ellensburg, Wash., \$992.64  
9.0, Randall Carlisle, Athens, La., \$785.84  
9.4, J.C. Malone, Hooper, Utah, \$579.04  
9.5, Coy Surret, Buhl, Idaho, \$289.52  
9.5, Seth Hopper, Stanfield, Ore., \$289.52  
Aggregate  
17.4, J.C. Malone, Hooper, Utah, \$1,799.16  
19.4, Roger Nonella, Redmond, Ore., \$1,488.96  
20.0, Justin Brinkerhoff, Corinne, Utah, \$1,178.76  
20.2, Jared Parke, Gooding, Idaho, \$868.56  
20.6, Coy Surret, Buhl, Idaho, \$558.36  
21.0, Seth Hopper, Stanfield, Ore., \$310.20

### STEER ROPING — ARENA RECORD: 9.8, GUY ALLEN (2000)

Go-Round 1  
14.3, Doug Bean, La Grande, \$698.28  
14.8, Dave Clark, Terrebonne, Ore., \$523.71  
15.1, Steve Hum, White Salmon, Wash., \$349.14  
16.2, Tygh Campbell, Athena, Ore., \$174.57  
Go-Round 2  
11.8, Dan Fisher, Andrews, Texas, \$698.28  
13.5, Roger Branch, Perkins, Okla., \$523.71  
13.7, Ky Rosenberg, Pendleton, \$349.14  
14.0, Corey Ross, Liberty Hill, Texas, \$174.57  
Aggregate  
30.5, Corey Ross, Liberty Hill, Texas, \$1,047.42  
30.8, Doug Bean, La Grande, \$785.57  
31.9, Dan Fisher, Andrews, Texas, \$523.71  
33.9, Roger Branch, Perkins, Okla., \$261.85

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See you all next year!

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**ATHLETE OF THE WEEK**

Wash. smoked all corners in the bullriding event during the Chief Joseph Days rodeo last week.

Riding only on the rodeo's opening night of July 27, Kolbaba rode his bull to a 78 score, the only bull rider to even stay aboard his bull. The subsequent three nights of bullriding saw no one offering a serious challenge to Kolbaba's ride, the highest attained score being a 75.5 effort.

As a result, Kolbaba took home a buckle and more than \$2000 in prize money. Kolbaba, 20, is currently ranked no. 10 in the world. Last year he was the youngest person to ride at the PBR world finals.

**DEREK KOLBABA**

This week's athlete of the week is Professional Bull Riders rodeo cowboy Derek Kolbaba. The Wallowa County native who now resides in Walla Walla,

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