

Warm Springs rodeo highlights

A rodeo fan is a fan in rain or shine as this was the case here for the Warm Springs Treaty Day's rodeo June 26-27. What started out to be a good day for a rodeo ended rainy and wet. "Why complain!" If it were clear it would have been too hot, or it could have been clear windy and dusty. When it is cloudy it is usually rainy and snowing and cold, but no matter what the weather is like every rodeo fan enjoys a good rodeo.

Like any other rodeo all the events went right on schedule featuring all the top Indian cowboys from the Western States All-Indian Rodeo Association, each vying for top honors in their special events and also trying to get some of the prize money. Each dollar earned is equal to one point in the standings at the end of the year and the cowboy who ends up with the most points in his event, (bareback, saddle bronc, etc.) is declared the W.S.I.R.A. champion and he has earned

the right to compete in the Indian Nationals Finals rodeo which is usually held in Albuquerque, New Mexico each year in November.

The rainy conditions hampered both the contestants and livestock in both the riding and roping events. The muddy conditions didn't do much good for the girls barrel racers also, the runs were slick causing one girl to fall but the accident was not serious. With the ground conditions as they were there were still some very good times turned in by the barrel racers.

When all the points were totaled up in each event showed the winners, in the bareback first place was split by Dave Best of Omak, Washington and Vince Garcia of Ft. Klamath, Oregon, as each as rider scored 75 points; Leland Tom of Warm Springs third and Jerry Sam, Omak, Washington, fourth.

Chief, Jason and Troy Smith teamed up and won the

wildhorse race event and were presented wind breaker jackets along with their winnings.

In the bull riding there was only one qualified ride turned in by Terry Parrish of Ft. Klamath, Oregon, giving him the championship buckle and all of the ground money, because the rules say that ground money will be split among the qualified rides and he was the only one.

The girls barrel race was won Cathy Williams of Fallon, Nevada with the time of 18.82, Sammy Allen, Warm Springs was second, Lorraine Garcia Ft. Klamath, third and fourth was split by Shana Johnson and Alfredine Smith both of Warm Springs as each had identical times.

Byron Cheney of Prineville

won the steer wrestling with the time of 15.44 second was Cort Herrera of White Swan, they were the only two to qualify.

The calf roping was won by Jerry Sam of Ft. Bidwell, California who had a time of 19.22, Cort Herrera second and the ground split for third.

In the cow milking Carroll Palmer from Wapato, Washington first, Roger Fiander also of Wapato second, Tinker Kirk, Beatty, Oregon third and Kenny Allen Warm Springs fourth.

In the team roping Roger Fiander of Wapato and Jr. Adams of Yakima, Washington first; 2nd Wes Williams Sr. and Wes Williams Jr. of Schurz, Nevada; 3rd Fred and Cort Herrera of White Swan; 4th Danny Scott Warm

Springs and Byron Cheney Prineville; 5th Fred and Rick Hooper of Wapato; 6th Oliver Louis, Vernon British Columbia and Dave Best Omak, Washington.

The saddle bronc riding considered the classic of rodeo events was won by Oliver Louis of Vernon B.C.; 2nd Joe Scott, Warm Springs; 3rd Terry Squiemphen, Warm Springs 4th Jerry Sam, Omak, Washington.

Oliver Louis was named the All-Around champion for this year placing in both the rough stock and the timed events. In order for a cowboy to win the all-around championship he must place in both events. There were gold and silver belt buckles given to the winner of each event.

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