



County youths lead pack as Junior Rodeo season nears end

Robinson, Beamer score wins at 1978 Morrow County Rodeo

Good weather and good riders prevailed last weekend to make the 1978 Morrow County Rodeo a success.

A total of 208 rodeo performers took part in the weekend WRA-sanctioned contest, in hopes of winning some of the \$6,414 in prize money.

Kyle Robinson and Neil Beamer took the top two places in the race for all-around cowboy honors at the Morrow County Rodeo.

Robinson scored 508.83 points—including WRA wins—to reach first place, with Beamer logging 245.57 to finish second.

Robinson, a Sand Hollow area cowboy, won a cash award from the Orville Cutsforth family and a revolving trophy for his all-around efforts.

Tim Daly captured the Morrow County amateur calf roping title this year, winning the coveted Severe Brothers engraved saddle donated by Kinzua Corp. Donnie Papineau finished second in that event, followed by Dave Daly.

The Morrow County Team roping event was almost a carbon copy of last year's contest, with Neil Beamer and Kyle Robinson taking first, Bob Mahoney and Royce Fulleton winning second, and Cornett Green and Lee Anso-tegui capturing third—the same finishing order as in 1977.

Cow riding top honors went to Lee Rice, followed in second place by his brother, Lawrence, and Mike Currin in third.

Ron Currin Sr. won the wild cow milking contest, with Max Hellberg placing second and Dick Rice third.

Morrow County's open calf roping event was won by Neil Beamer with Ron Currin Sr. placing second.

In the junior division barrel race, Anita Palmer took first place honors, followed in second by Trisha Mahoney. The senior division crown was captured by Janice Healy, with sister Maureen finishing second and Dawn Peterson taking third.

Mike Currin won the break-away roping event, with Jana Steagall, top-rated cowgirl in the Western States Junior Rodeo circuit, placing second. Three local riders—Neil Beamer, Kyle Robinson and

Janice Healy—also placed in the money in the WRA sanctioned rodeo events on Saturday and Sunday.

Anita Palmer won the kids' race at the rodeo grounds Friday night, followed by Kris Pettyjohn in second and Tammy Holtz in third.

On Saturday, the cow pony race was won by Katrina Ray, with Debra Palmer second and Roy Camargo third. The cow pony race on Sunday was won by Roy Camargo, with Cheri Hansen in second and Fred Berry in third.

Saturday's cowgirl race was won by Katrina Ray, with Debra Palmer second and Cheri Hansen third. On Sunday, the event was won by Miss Palmer, with Cheri Hansen second and Cammie Papineau third.

The Elgin Stampede's bested the Umatilla Sageriders in pony express races on Saturday and Sunday, but the Sageriders outdid the Elgin team in the baton relay race on both days.

In the WRA open show, Gary Bruhn finished with first place money in the saddle bronc event, with Jim Parvin placing second and Bill Blue and Brad Holsington splitting third and fourth place money.

Sid Britt won the bareback bronc competition, followed by Sam Hull in second and Hiram Mulrony in third. Splitting fourth, fifth and sixth places were Joe Talburt, Tim Roesser and Bruce Davenport.

In bull riding, Keith Garber and Gary Bruhn split earnings for first and second place. Clifford Webley was third,

Ron Vantier fourth, and Leonard Black and Bill Carlson split fifth and sixth.

Larry Patterson won the calf roping event, followed by Mike Beers in second place, Morrow Countian Kyle Robinson third, Jerry Gentry in fourth, Darrell Bussey in fifth, and Balm Fork cowboy Neil Beamer in sixth.

The steer wrestling event was won by Mile Fuller, with Greg Bruhn second, Coby Combs third, Kyle Robinson fourth, Ted Wilson fifth and Jim Whitesides sixth.

Larry Patterson and Jim Probert took top honors in the WRA team roping, followed by Bob Weaver and Curly Krishner second; David Inman and Tom Camarillo, third; Keith Krishner, fourth; Coby Combs and Tom Melville, fifth; and

Les Patterson and Bobby Joe Nickolson in sixth.

Heppner High School rodeo standout Janice Healy took first place in the barrel race, with Gail Matsumura finishing second, Kim Nogle third and Kim Cutsforth fourth.

The barrel racing win marked the third year in a row that Janice has won top honors in that event at the Morrow county Rodeo.

Rocky Steagall wrestles a calf with the piggish string hanging ready from his mouth.

In the second photo an unidentified rider hangs loose in the Saddle Bronc event during last weekend's rodeo.

As the Western States Junior Rodeo Assn. season moves into its final week, three Morrow County rodeo standouts are in contention for all-around honors.

Jana Steagall is currently rated first in the senior division all-around race, with Trisha Mahoney standing second in the junior division, followed by Brett Sherer in third.

A total of 17 Morrow County cowboys and cowgirls have qualified to compete in the coming weekend's Western States Junior Rodeo Assn. Finals, to be held in LaGrande. Trisha Mahoney, Tara Mahoney, Brett Sherer, Cliff Dougherty, and Jana Steagall have each qualified for the finals in five events. Janice Healy has qualified for four events, with Cindy Dougherty and Maureen Healy each qualifying for three. Lawrence Rice, Rocky Steagall and Brad Huwe all qualified for two events, with Ron Currin, Wayne Huwe, Lee Rice, Anita Palmer, Mike Currin and Marty Britt all qualifying for one event.

The Western States Junior

Rodeo Assn. is made up of more than 500 youthful performers from Oregon, Idaho, California, Washington and Nevada.

During the season's final rodeo of the regular season last weekend in John Day, junior division winners included Brett Sherer, first in steer dobbing and fifth with Cliff Dougherty in team roping; Cliff Dougherty, second in barrel racing and tied for second in calf riding; Trisha Mahoney, fourth in team roping, fifth in barrels, sixth in poles; Tara Mahoney, third in steer dobbing.

Senior division point winners from Morrow County included Janice Healy, first in barrels and fifth in breakaway roping; Maureen Healy, second in barrel racing and fourth in steer dobbing; and Kathleen VanSchoiack, sixth in pole heading.

Action at the Sept. 1-3 finals in LaGrande will determine the all-around winners and top performers, in each, of the junior rodeo events. Four saddles will be awarded the top-rated performers.

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Sept. 12 will mark the opening day for Heppner High School's volleyball season, when the Mustangs will face Wasco County in a home game.

All games will start at 5 p.m.

Here is the volleyball schedule for the remainder of the year:

Sept. 14—Wahtonka—home
Sept. 19—Condon—away
Sept. 21—Riverside—away
Sept. 23—Heppner Invitational Tournament

Jr. High grid practice set at lone

Football practice for lone Junior High School will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Sept. 5.

Coach Jerry Martin requests that all players complete physical exams prior to the practice session.

The season's opening game for the lone Junior High squad will be Sept. 21.

Sept. 26—Sherman—home
Sept. 28—lone—away
Oct. 5—Wasco—away
Oct. 10—Wahtonka—away

Oct. 12—Condon—home
Oct. 17—Riverside—home
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Oct. 24—lone—home

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