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Tyson Durfey, of Weatherford, Texas, ropes his calf in 7.7 seconds in Saturday's tie-down roping event at the Farm-City Pro Rodeo.

RODEO

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The ride also boosted Feild and Clements to a three-way tie for third place in the rodeo along with Luke Creasy, for a \$2,152 payday each.

“My main goal is to be a world champion, but I have to get to Las Vegas first,” said Feild. “I have to start taking chops out of the tree before I can tip it over, and this tonight was a good whack at it.”

And in terms of NFR qualifications, the night was key for Clements as well as he currently sits in that 15th and final qualification spot with six weeks left to go.

“I just couldn’t be happier to have that horse and to go out there and do my job and him do his, it adds up really well,” Clements said. “It’s what I’m needing to keep being consistent to make it to the finals and this is a big step to keep me going and I feel great.”

In team roping, the 13th and final pair of brothers Joshua and Jonathan Torres of Ocala, Florida scored 5.3 seconds to take the night’s top time. They drove in on Saturday afternoon from Colville, Utah and a fourth place finish and victory lap around the arena made the trip worthwhile.

“That’s the easiest to be last, so you know what you have to beat,” Jonathan said afterward. “We knew we had to be at 5.3 or better to get fourth so we just had to go execute our run and if it works, it works and it did just like we practice.”

It was a tough week for the bull riders at the Farm-City Pro Rodeo with only five qualified rides through the first three nights, and it didn’t get any easier on Satur-



Ruger Piva, of Challis, Idaho, rides Anchor Man for 86.5 points Saturday at the Farm-City Pro Rodeo.

day. Only one of the eight competitors for the final night of the rodeo was able to tame his bull, and that was Challis, Idaho, cowboy Ruger Piva, who rode Corey and Lange’s Anchor Man for 86.5 points.

“Any time you come to Oregon and try to ride bulls, it’s a step up,” Piva said of the stock, which came from Korkow Rodeo, Kessler Rodeo, and Corey and Lange’s throughout the week. “These are some of the best bulls I’ve ever

seen in my life up this way and it’s kind of intimidating, but it’s also kind of nice.”

Piva said that he had watched Anchor Man in person once before, which gave him a little more confidence heading into his ride.

“I’ve seen him once with a buddy that rode him and I think it gave me an upper hand,” he said. “I knew he was going to come out of (the chute) and ride out the whistle and go the other way, so that’s how I kind of kept

up with him.”

The ride earned him a \$100 bonus and bottle of Chute Eight Whiskey for the top score of the night, but it was also good enough for a second place finish overall and a \$4,008 payday to make the trip worthwhile.

“I love it here in Oregon,” he said. “The bulls buck good, a lot of good money to be won, and shoot you know I love my whiskey.”

In barrel racing, it was Fort Worth, Texas’ Tillar Murray that took the top time with 17.39 seconds, earning her an 11th place finish overall and a \$685 payout.

And in steer wrestling, Buffalo, South Dakota’s Chason Floyd scored a 3.6-second time on his steer to win the night. With his 3.9-second time from slack as well, Floyd wrapped up the average win for the rodeo and a total payout of \$4,670.

The event winners for the 30th Farm-City Pro Rodeo.

- Bareback: Austin Foss (Terrebone, Oregon), 89 points, \$5,534.
- Tie-down roping: Tyler Milligan (Pawhuska, Oklahoma) 16.9 seconds on two, \$5,854.
- Steer wrestling: Chason Floyd (Buffalo, South Dakota) 7.5 seconds on two, \$4,670.
- Saddle bronc: Jake Wright (Milford, Utah), 88.5 points, \$5,273.
- Team roping: Hayes Smith (Central Point, Oregon) and Justin Davis (Cottonwood, California), 9.6 seconds on two, \$5,529 each.
- Barrel racing: Kimmie Wall (Roosevelt, Utah), 17.20 seconds, \$4,568.
- Bull riding: Toby Collins (Stephenville, Texas), 87 points, \$5,169.
- All-Around: Clayton Hass (Weatherford, Texas), \$1,760.

Golfers tee off for local Special Olympics

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The Desert Lanes team of Chad Owens, Mike Postlewart, Doug Larsen and Nikki Postlewart took top honors in the Hermiston/Pendleton Special Olympics Fundraising Golf Tournament, held Aug. 12 at Echo Hills Golf Course.

The foursome scored a 55 edging out the 3 Officers and a Gentleman team of Raymond Hocker, Dick Baker, Carlos Torres and Tye Stewart. In its 12th year, the tournament drew 55 golfers and raised \$6,500 for the local Special Olympics program.

Special Olympics training and competition must be provided at no cost to the athletes. The policy requires the local program to raise enough money to support athletes in the specialized year-round sporting program, said Kristi Smalley, event chairwoman.

“Once more, the community indicated their sincere love of Special Olympics and confirmed their support of the athletes with generous donations of time, talent and open wallets,” she said.

Part of the success of this year’s event, Smalley said, was due to the Gold Medal Sponsors, who each contributed \$500 to the tournament. They included, Umatilla Electric Cooperative, Knights of Columbus Council #3999, Rogers Toyota of Hermiston, A & A Mini Storage (in-kind donation) and new this year, Jim Purswell’s Pumps Co, Inc. Also new to the tournament, contributing \$250, was the Hermiston Kiwanis Club. Silver Medal Special Event Sponsors contributing \$100 each included, Inland Pool and Spa Centre, Schroth Financial Services, Parkins Door Co., RDO Equipment, Morfeld Corp., Inc. and Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Bronze Medal \$50 Hole Sponsors were: Hermiston Drug & Gift, Gary Culp Machine, R & R Sports Trophies, Barak & Associates, O So Kleen, Northwest Livestock Commission, LLC, Walker Wells Financial Advising, Eastside Market, Lifetime Vision Source, Fence Tite Rite, and Horace Mann Insurance. In addition to businesses, several individuals indicated their support for the local program as hole sponsors: Wyatt Harris/Second Chance, Mary Bousquet, Doris Boatright, Lesa Bunton and Vicki Edmundson. Sponsors for the water stations were local athletes, Jillian Smalley and Mary Jones.

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