

RODEO ROOKIE

Stetson Wright is making the most of his rookie season



The Farm-City Pro Rodeo takes pride in bringing in the best cowboys and livestock.

This year is no different.

Rodeo fans will get a look at rookie Stetson Wright on Saturday night in the saddle bronc and the bull riding.

The Milford, Utah, cowboy comes from a long line of world-class saddle bronc riders, but he's also making a name for himself on the bulls. Through July 18, he leads the world all-around standings with \$120,853 — \$10,000 more than Caleb Smidt.

“It’s surprising, Wright said of leading the all-around standings. “This is something I dreamed of forever, but I didn’t think it would happen this fast.”

Wright, 19, also sits third in the bull riding standings behind Sage Kimzey and

Trevor Kastner, and is 22nd in the saddle bronc.

“I like both (events) equally,” Wright said. “I was fighting my saddle earlier this year, but everything is going well now.”

Wright has earned more than \$115,000 riding bulls this season, which has surprised even him.

“It has been an awesome experience,” he said. “There are no words to describe it. It has been a crazy year. I have been super lucky.”

Wright also leads the rookie saddle bronc standings by more than \$20,000, and the rookie bull riding standings by \$43,367.

Wright recently won the all-

around title at the St. Paul Rodeo, pocketing \$16,808. He was second in the saddle bronc and the bulls.

“That kid is talented,” said veteran bullfighter Tim O’Connell. “He is something special in the bulls.”

That Wright has been so successful his rookie year is not a surprise to those who follow rodeo.

He won the National High School Finals Rodeo all-around title in 2017, along with the saddle bronc and bull riding titles.

Wright also gets a little quality advice on the home front.

His dad, Cody Wright, is a 13-time NFR qualifier and two-time saddle bronc world

champion. His older brothers Rusty and Ryder have made their mark, as well.

Rusty was the 2014 PRCA rookie of the year in saddle bronc, has made three trips to the NFR, and won the Calgary Stampede saddle bronc title July 14.

Ryder has made three trips to the NFR and won the saddle bronc world title in 2017.

And, uncles Jake, Jesse and Spencer Wright, and CoBurn Bradshaw, have a combined 20 trips to the NFR and two saddle bronc world titles.

“They all have something to say,” Wright said.



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