



2018 Caldwell Night Rodeo comes to a close

By Susan Kanode for the Caldwell Night Rodeo

CALDWELL, Idaho (Aug. 18, 2018) – Fans would be hard pressed to find any better action than they saw at the Caldwell Night Rodeo during Championship Night on Saturday. Just ask anyone of the 8,000 that were in attendance.

In anticipation of the championships, Saturday night's tickets were all sold in advance and were gone early the afternoon of the final performance. The rivalry between the Rowdys in the east stands and the Civies in the west stands was going strong all night and rodeo contestants fed off the energy of the fans.

One of those contestants, bareback rider Connor Hamilton, made the trip here from Calgary, Alberta, and while he has competed at big rodeos in his home country, nothing was quite like Caldwell for the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association rookie. Hamilton rode at the first performance last Tuesday. His 85.5-point ride on Outlaw Buckler's Awkward Todd was the high-marked ride of the night and as such got Hamilton a trip around the arena on a saddle horse for a victory lap.

Then he won the rodeo after riding Powder River Rodeo's award-winning horse Craig at Midnight for 88 points. He had just watched world champion Kaycee Field score 88 on another horse from the Wyoming stock contractors, Bobcat. He was also up against the reigning world champion Tim O'Connell who finished third with an 85.5.

When it was all said and done, Hamilton won the championship with the highest total score on two rides at 173.5 points. Hamilton is currently third in the bareback riding rookie of the year standings with \$11,892 in season earnings. He added to that significantly with the \$7,405 that he won here.

The saddle bronc riding record was nearly in jeopardy Saturday night. Shaun Stroh set the arena record here in 2010 with 91 points. Two men came close to matching it and again it was horses from Powder River Rodeo that got these cowboys 90-point rides.

Hardy Braden from Welch, Okla., was first to go. He rode Miss Chestnut and took the overall lead. He had to wait thru several more competitors to see if it would hold. One of those competitors was the reigning world champion Ryder Wright from Milford, Utah.

Wright got on Double Take and with another outstanding effort got a 90. They had also tied in the first round and ended up splitting the win here with 176 points. That earned each of them \$5,576.

The big winner here was steer wrestler Tyler Waguespack from Gonzales, La., who downed three steers in 12.8 seconds. He won \$8,447. Trevor Brazile won his fourth tie-down roping title here and added \$5,544 to his earnings. Brazile who holds the arena record at 7.3 seconds had a total time of 27.3 on three runs for the championship.

Barrel racer Stevi Hillman was the only repeat winner from 2017. Hillman rode MCM ImASharpGuy to the title last year. This year she was on Cuatro Fame a horse that she calls "Truck" for the win. They had three runs that added up to 51.32 seconds earning \$7628.

Plans for the 85th Caldwell Night Rodeo are already underway. The dates for next year's rodeo will be Aug. 13 – 17. More information is available at www.caldwellnightrodeo.com.

2018 Caldwell Night Rodeo Champions

Bareback Riding – Connor Hamilton, Calgary, Alberta, 173.5, \$7,405

Steer Wrestling – Tyler Waguespack, Gonzales, La., \$8,447

Team Roping – Luke Brown, Rock Hill, S.C., and Jake Long, Coffeyville, Kan., 16.2, \$3,588 each

Saddle Bronc Riding (tie) – Hardy Braden, Welch, Okla.,

and Ryder Wright, Milford, Utah, 176 points and \$5,576 each

Tie-Down Roping – Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas, 27.3 seconds, \$5,544

Barrel Racing – Stevi Hillman, Weatherford, Texas, 51.32 seconds, \$7,628

Bull Riding – Derek Kolbaba, Walla Walla, Wash., 89 points, \$7,445

CALDWELL, Idaho, (Aug. 18, 2018) --- The following are final round and overall results from the 84th Caldwell Night Rodeo.

Bareback Riding: (final round) 1, (tie) Kaycee Field, Spanish Fork, Utah, on Powder River Rodeo's Bobcat and Connor Hamilton, Calgary, Alberta, on Powder River Rodeo's Craig at Midnight, 88 points and \$1,450 each. 3, Tim O'Connell, Zwingle, Iowa, 85.5, \$900. 4, Caleb Bennett, Tremonton, Utah, 85, \$600. 5, Logan Patterson, Kim, Colo., 75, \$350. **(Total on two)** 1, Hamilton, 173.5, \$3,371. 2, O'Connell, 171.5, \$2,584. 3, Feild, 171, \$1910. 4, Bennett, 169.5, \$1,236. 5, Patterson, 157, \$787. (on one) Cody Kiser, Carson City, Nev., 84.5.

Steer wrestling: (final round) 1, Shayde Tree Etherton, Borden, In., 3.6 seconds, \$1,204. 2, Blake Knowles, Heppner, Ore., 4.3, \$996. 3, Tyler Waguespack, Gonzales, La., 4.4, \$789. 4, Kyle Irwin, Robertsedale, Ala., 4.8, \$581. 5, Tom Lewis, Lehi, Utah, 5.0, \$373. 6, Taylor Gregg, Walla Walla, Wash., 5.2, \$208. **(total on two)** 1, Waguespack, 12.8, \$3,943. 2, Knowles, 13.4, \$3,429. 3, Etherton, 13.6, \$2,914. 4, Irwin, 14.8, \$2,400. 5, Lewis, 15.1, \$1,886. 6, Gregg, 15.4, \$1,372. 7, Hunter Cure, Holliday, Texas, 22.5, \$857. 8, K.C. Jones, Decatur, Texas, 24.3, \$343.

Team roping: (final round) 1, Luke Brown, Rock Hill, S.C., and Jake Long, Coffeyville, Kan., 4.8, \$1,080. 2, Chad Masters, Cedar Hill, Tenn., and Joseph Harrison, Overbrook, Okla., 6.0, \$810. 3, Cody Snow, Los Olivos, Calif., and Wesley Thorp, Throckmorton, Texas, 6.1, \$540. 4, Jake Orman, Prairie, Miss., and Will Woodfin, Marshall, Texas, 6.2, \$270. **(total on three)** 1, Brown and Lont, 16.2, \$3,588. 2, Orman and Woodfin, 17.7, \$3,120. 3, Snow and Thorp, 18.3, \$2,652. 4, Jesse Stipes, Salina, Okla., and Jake Smith, Broken Bow, Okla., 18.6, \$2,184. 5, Masters and Harrison, 18.9, \$1,716. 6, Clay Smith, Broken bow, Okla., and Paul Eaves, Lonedell, Mo., 21.1, \$780. 7, Brenten Hall, Jay, Okla., and Chase Tryan, Helena, Mont., 23.1, \$780. 8, Jr. Dees, Aurora, S.D., and Cody Cowden, Atwater, Calif., 23.2, \$312.

Saddle bronc riding: (final round) 1, (tie) Hardy Braden, Welch, Okla., on Powder River Rodeo's Miss Chestnut, and Ryder Wright, Milford, Utah, on Powder River Rodeo's Double Take, 90 points and \$1,450 each. 3, Bradley Harter, Loranger, La., 89, \$900. 4, Joey Sonnier III, New Iberia, La., 87.5, \$600. 5, (tie) Rusty Wright, Milford, Utah and Chase Brooks, Deer Lodge, Mont., 86.5, \$300. **(total on two)** 1, (tie) Braden and Ryder Wright, 176, \$2,514. 3, Harter, 173, \$1,612. 4, (tie) Sonnier, Brooks and Mitch Pollock, Winnemucca, Nev., 171.5, \$727. 7, Rusty Wright, 170, \$379. 8, Wade Sundell, Boxholm, Iowa, 168.5, \$285.

Tie-down roping: (final round) 1, Rhen Richard, Roosevelt, Utah, 9.3 seconds, \$884. 2, Ty Harris, San Angelo, Texas, 9.7, \$732. 3, Trevor Brazile, Decatur Texas, 9.8, \$580. 4, Treg Schaack, Canyon, Texas, 10.1. 5, Ryle Smith, Oakdale, Calif., 10.3, \$275. 6, Kody Mahaffey, Sweetwater, Texas, 11.3, \$153. **(total on three)** 1, Brazile, 27.3, \$3,531. 2, Richard, 27.5, \$3,070. 3, Harris, 28.8, \$2,610. 4, Marty Yates, Stephenville, Texas, 30.7, \$2,149. 5, Smith, 31.2, \$1,689. 6, Schaack, 31.4, \$1,228. 7, Taylor Santos, Creston, Calif., 31.7, \$768. 8, Kody Mahaffey, Sweetwater, Texas, 33.1, \$307.

Barrel racing: (final round) 1, Stevi Hillman, Weatherford, Texas, 16.84, \$1,429. 2, Teri Bangart, Olympia, Wash., 17.09, \$1,071. 3, Darby Fox, King Hill, Idaho, 17.18, \$714. 4, Ivy Conrado, Hudson, Colo., 17.21, \$357. **(total on three)** 1, Hillman, 51.32, \$2,893. 2, Conrado, 51.61, \$2,480. 3, Bangart, 51.75, \$2,066. 4, Amberleigh Moore, Keizer, Ore., 51.99, \$1,781. 5, Darby Fox, King Hill, Idaho, 52.01, \$1,378. 6, Brittany Pozzi Tonozzi, Victoria, Texas, 52.02, \$1,102. 7, Andrea Busby, Brock, Texas, 52.26, \$827. 8, Lynette Clyde, Heber, Utah, 52.46, \$551. 9, Carley Richardson, Pampa, Texas, 52.85, \$413. 10, Tammy Fischer, Ledbetter, Texas, 56.9, \$276.

Bull riding: (first round winners) 1, Derek Kolbaba, Walla Walla, Wash., 89 points on D&H Cattle Company's Bad Boy, \$7,445. 2, Garrett Smith, Rexburg, Idaho, 88.5, \$5,707. 3, Eli Vastbinder, Athens, Texas, 86, \$4,219. 4, (tie) Trevor Kastner, Roff, Okla., and Brady Portenier, Caldwell, Idaho, 85.5 and \$2,233 each. 6, Jeff Askey, Athens, Texas, 82, \$1,241. 7, Sage Steele Kimzey, Strong City, Okla., 81.5, \$993. 8, Parker Breeding, Edgar, Mont., 76.5, \$744.