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Eaves and Smith looking for Caldwell Night Rodeo title

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CALDWELL, Idaho (Aug. 16, 2017) – Team roping fans got to see the best team at the Caldwell Night Rodeo so far when Clay Smith and Paul Eaves competed on Wednesday night.

With Smith, from Broken Bow, Oklahoma, roping the horns and Eaves, from Lonedell, Missouri, roping heels, they stopped the clock in 4.8 seconds. That is the fastest time in the second round of competition. They were among all the teams who roped in the first round on Monday here. Their 5.3 in the first round was just out of the top eight who won money but gave them an opportunity to move into the overall standings.

Now, with their success on Wednesday night, they have the fastest total time on two runs at 10.1. They will return to Caldwell on Saturday night trying to earn their first pair of championship spurs from the rodeo here.

They are also looking for big paychecks and working to improve their position in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association World Standings. They are both currently in fourth place and will qualify for the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo next December. Last year was the second year they roped together for world titles and they finished as reserve world champions.

Bull rider Guthrie Murray from Miami, Okla., came one step closer to his first NFR qualification on Wednesday night as well. Murray rode a bull from D & H Cattle Company that is just four years old and hasn't earned a name yet.

When the judges added up their scores, Murray had an 85 by his name and the bull's owners are thinking about his name. Prior to the Caldwell Night Rodeo, Murray was 13th in the world standings. The top 15 make a trip to Las Vegas in December to compete for world titles.

Murray is one of three bull riders who have been successful here so far. His 85-point ride puts him in second place overall and he is likely to get a good check at the end of Saturday night's rodeo.

The third performance of the rodeo begins at 8 p.m. Thursday night which will be raising funds for "Power of Pink" Patrons are encouraged to wear pink and help support breast cancer awareness. More information is available at www.caldwellnightrodeo.com.

CALDWELL, Idaho (Aug. 16, 201) --- The following are unofficial results from the Caldwell Night Rodeo.

Second Performance –

Bareback riding: 1, Chad Rutherford, Lake Charles, La., 82 points on D & H Cattle Company's Majogony Ridge. 2, Tilden Hooper, Carthage, Texas, 81.5. 3, Casey Breuer, Mandan, N.D., 81. 4, Kaycee Feild, Spanish Fork, Utah, 80.5.

Steer wrestling: 1, Dirk Tavenner, Rigby, Idaho, 3.8 seconds. 2, Jon Ragatz, Beetown, Wisc., 4.1. 3, Blaine Jones, Templeton, Calif., 4.4. 4, Cole Edge, Durant, Okla., 4.7.

Team roping: 1, Clay Smith, Broken Bow, Okla., and Paul Eaves, Lonedell, Mo., 4.8 seconds. 2, Jeff Flenniken, Caldwell, Idaho and Brandon Bates, Romoland, Calif., 5.9. 3, Clay Ullery, Two Hills, Alberta and Riley Wilson, Cardston, Alberta, 6.7. 4, Dex Maddock, Bliss, Idaho and Kurtis Barry, Wilder, Idaho, 15.9.

Saddle bronc riding: 1, Alex Wright, Milford, Utah, 84.5 points on Powder River Rodeo's Loaded Deck. 2, Ryder Wright, Milford, Utah, 82. 3, Brody Cress, Hillsdale, Wyo., 79.5. 4, Nat Stratton, Goodwell, Okla., 77.

Tie-down roping: 1, K.C. Miller, San Luis Obispo, Calif., 8.9 seconds. 2, Reese Riemer, Stinnett, Texas, 9.1. 3, Nolan Mobley, Kent, Ore., 9.6. 4, Justin Smith, Leesville, La., 13.2.

Women's barrel racing: 1, Darby Fox, King Hill, Idaho, 17.29 seconds. 2, Kelsie Miller, Riley, Ore., 17.37. 3, Ivy Conrado, Hudson, Colo., 17.45. 4, Joy McDaniel, Southland, Texas, 17.50.

Bull riding: (one qualified ride) Guthrie Murray, Miami, Okla., 85 points on D & H Cattle Company's 41B-

The following are current leaders –

Bareback Riding: (first round) 1, Clayton Biglow, Clements, Calif., 86 points on Outlaw Buckers Rodeo's American Thumper. 2, (tie) J.R. Vezain, Cowley, Wyo., and Chad Rutherford, Lake Charles, La., 82 each. 4, Tilden Hooper, Carthage, Texas, 81.5. 5, Casey Breuer, Mandan, N.D., 81. 6, (tie) Richmond Champion, The Woodlands, Texas, and Kaycee Feild, Spanish Fork, Utah, 80.5.

Steer wrestling: (second round) Kyle Whitaker, Chambers, Neb., 3.6. 2, Kyle Irwin, Robertsedale, Ala., 3.7. 3, (tie) Curtis Cassidy, Donalds, Alberta; Cody Cabral, Hilo, Hawaii; Dirk Tavenner, Rigby, Idaho; and Dakota Eldridge, Elko, Nev.; 3.8 each. **(total on two)** 1, Rowdy Parrott, Mamou, La., 7.6. 2, Kyle Irwin, Robertsedale, Ala., 7.9. 3, Tyler Pearson, Louisville, Miss., 8.1. 4, (tie) Jon Ragatz, Beetown, Wisc., and Cody Doescher, Oklahoma City, 8.4. 6, (tie) Blaine Jones, Templeton, Calif.; Cole Edge, Durant, Okla.; and Errol Frain, Marysville, Calif., 8.5.

Team roping: (second round) 1, Clay Smith, Broken Bow, Okla., and Paul Eaves, Lonedell, Mo., 4.8. 2, Chad Masters, Cedar Hill, Tenn., and Travis Graves, Jay, Okla., 4.9. 3, Garrett Rogers, Baker City, Ore., and Jake Minor, Ellensburg, Wash., 5.0. 4, Aaron Tsinigine, Tuba City, Ariz., and Ty Romo, Whitewater, Ariz., 5.1. 5, Kaleb Driggers, Albany, Ga., and Junior Nogueira, Presidente Prudente, Brazil, 5.2. **(total on two)** 1, Smith and Eaves, 10.1. 2, Driggers and Nogueira, 10.3. 3, Wade and Saebens, 10.5. 4, Marcos Theriot, Poplarville, Miss., and Cody Doescher, Oklahoma City, 10.8. 5, Riley and Brady Minor, 11.0. 6, Cory Kidd V, Statesville, N.C., and Cole Davison, Stephenville, Texas, 11.1.

Saddle Bronc Riding: (first round) 1, Jacobs Crawley, Boerne, Texas, 88.5 points on Outlaw Buckers Rodeo's Little Muffin. 2, Bradley Harter, Loranger, La., 86.5. 3, Alex Wright, Milford, Utah, 84.5. 4, Sterling Crawley, Stephenville, Texas, 82.5. 5, (tie) Wade Sundell, Coleman, Okla., and Ryder Wright, Milford, Utah, 82 each.

Tie-down roping: (second round) 1, Blane Cox, Cameron, Texas, 7.7. 2, Marcos Costa, Childress, Texas, 7.9. 3, Bryson Sechrist, Apache, Okla., 8.0. 4, Ryle Smith, Oakdale, Calif., 8.1. 5, Ty Baker, Van Horn, Texas, 8.2. 6, Jordan Ketscher, Squaw Valley, Calif., 8.5. **(total on two)** 1, (tie) Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas and Timber Moore, Aubrey, Texas, 18.5 each. 3, J.C. Malone, Plain City, Utah, 18.7. 4,

Dakota Eldridge, Elko, Nev., 19.1. 5, Westyn Hughes, Caldwell, Texas, 19.9. 6, Ryan Jarrett, Comanche, Okla., 20.8.

Barrel Racing: (second round) 1, Stevi Hillman, Weatherford, Texas, 16.68*. 2, Taci Bettis, 17.09. 3, Amberleigh Moore, 17.23. 4, Darby Fox, King Hill, Idaho, 17.29. 5, Liz Herrin, Big Spring, Texas, 17.30. 6, Jaime Hinton, Bulverde, Texas, 17.34. **(total on two)** 1, Hillman, 33.76. 2, Bettis, 34.14. 3, Fox, 34.47. 4, Moore, 34.68. 5, Herrin, 34.78. 6, Tiany Schuster, Krum, Texas, 34.90.

Bull Riding: (first round) (three rides) 1, Brennon Eldred, Sulphur, Okla., 88 points on Powder River Rodeo's Party Hardy. 2, Guthrie, Murray, Miami, Okla., 85. 3, Garrett Smith, Rexburg, Idaho, 84.5.

*New arena record. Previous record was Mary Aller at 17.01 in 1998.