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Cooper makes tie-down roping move at 95th Cody Stampede



CODY, Wyo.; July 3, 2014 --- With a star-studded field in the tie-down roping at the third performance of the Buffalo Bill Cody Stampede, it was no surprise to see fast times and contestant's hoping to win a portion of the \$340,000 purse here.

Included were former world champions Trevor Brazile and Tuf Cooper from Decatur, Texas. Reigning world champion Shane Hanchey from Sulphur, La., also competed along with Wrangler National Finals Rodeo (NFR) qualifiers Clint Cooper, Decatur, Texas; Clif Cooper, Decatur, Texas; Trent Walls, Stephenville, Texas; Sterling Smith, Stephenville, Texas; and Tyson Durfey, Colbert, Wash.

The fast time of the night went to Tuf Cooper at 7.8 seconds, part of a three-way tie for second place. The two-time world champion is also the current world standings leader in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association with \$71,188. He has a substantial lead over the man in second place, Hanchey, who has \$46,969. Hanchey had an 8.5 second run on Thursday.

The lead in the tie-down roping here is being held by Randall Carlisle from Baton Rouge, La., who has a 7.7. But with the all of the rodeo's prize money being paid in one round of competition, Tuf Cooper still stands to get a healthy check if no one moves ahead of him during the last performance on Friday.

There is a new leader in bareback riding. Caleb Bennett from Morgan, Utah scored 85 points on C5 Rodeo's Good Times. The two-time NFR qualifier was ninth in the world standings before competing at the 95th edition of the Cody Stampede.

Ty Pozzobon, from Merritt, British Columbia took the lead in bull riding by two points after riding Frontier Rodeo Company's Centerfold to a 92. Pozzobon is 25th in the world standings and needs to earn enough money to be among the top 15 who qualify for the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo. A good check here will certainly help him in that endeavor.

Action at the 95th edition of the Cody Stampede continues at Stampede Park on Friday with the last performance beginning at 5 p.m. Rodeo fans across the country will be able to watch it live at www.wranglernetwork.com. Live results will be available @codystampede on twitter. More information is also available at www.codystampederodeo.com or codystampederodeo on Facebook.

CODY, Wyo., July 3, 2014 --- **Following are results from the Buffalo Bill Cody Stampede**

Third Performance --

Bareback Riding: 1, Caleb Bennett, Morgan, Utah, 85 points on C5 Rodeo's Good Times. 2, Tim O'Connell, Zwingle, Iowa, 82. 4, (tie) Richmond Champion, The Woodlands, Texas, and Casey Colletti, Pueblo, Colo., 81.

Steer Wrestling : 1, Jake Rinehart, Highmore, S.D., 5.3 seconds. 2, Tanner Milan, Cochrane, Alberta, 5.5. 3, Wade Sumpter, Fowler, Colo., 6.0. 4, Billy Bugenig, Ferndale, Calif., 6.1.

Team Roping: 1, Luke Brown, Stephenville, Texas, and Kollin VonAhn, Blanchard, Okla., 5.1 seconds. 2, Kaleb Driggers, Albany, Ga., and Patrick Smith, Lipan, Texas, 5.8. 3, David Key, Stephenville, Texas, and Kory Koontz, Sudan, Texas, 10.3. 4, Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas, and Travis Graves, Jay, Okla., 11.0.

Saddle Bronc Riding: 1, Bradley Harter, Weatherford, Texas, 81 points on C5 Rodeo's Veronica. 2, Cody Wright, Milford, Utah, 78. 3, Spencer Wright, Milford, Utah, 77. 4, (tie) Jeremy Melancon, Huntsville, Texas, and Dylan Henson, Bloomfield, N.M., 76.

Tie-Down Roping: 1, Tuf Cooper, Decatur, Texas, 7.8 seconds. 2, Shane Hanchey, Sulphur, La., 8.5. 3, Tyson Durfey, Colbert, Wash., 8.8. 4, Sterling Smith, Stephenville, Texas, 9.1.

Barrel Racing: 1, Michele McLeod, Whitesboro, Texas, 17.22 seconds. 2, Ann Scott, Canyon Country, Calif., 17.48. 3, Tana Poppino, Big Cabin, Okla., 17.49. 4, Jessi Fish, Franklin, Tenn., 17.58.

Bull Riding: 1, Ty Pozzobon, Merritt, British Columbia, 92 points on Frontier Rodeo's Centerford. 2, Trey Benton III, Rock Island, Texas, 88. 3, Brett Stahl, Detroit Lakes, Minn., 86. 4, (tie) Howdy Cloud, Kountze, Texas, and Chris Newman, Casper, Wyo., 81.

The following are current leaders –

Bareback Riding: 1, Caleb Bennett, Morgan, Utah, 85 points on C5 Rodeo's Good Times. 2, Luke Creasy, Lubbock, Texas, 84. 3, (tie) Jared Smith, Eastland, Texas; Jessy Davis, Power, Mont.; and Tim O'Connell, Zwingle, Iowa, 82. 6, (tie) Richmond Champion, The Woodlands, Texas, and Casey Colletti, Pueblo, Colo., 81.

Steer Wrestling: 1, Tooter Silver, Quitman, Ark., 3.9 seconds. 2 Dirk Tavenner, Rigby, Idaho, 4.4. 3, (tie) Jace Melvin, Fort Pierre, S.D.; Chance Howard, Cedarville, Ark.; Nick Guy, Sparta, Wisc.; and Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo.; 4.6.

Team Roping: 1, (tie) Brandon Beers, Powell Butte, Ore., and Jim Ross Cooper, Monument, N.M.; and Cory Kidd V, Statesville, N.C., and Adam Plyler, Pageland, S.C., 5.0 seconds each. 3, (tie) Paul David Tierney, Oral, S.D., and Matt Kasner, Cody, Neb.; and Luke Brown, Stephenville, Texas and Kollin VonAhn, Blanchard, Okla.; 5.1. 5, Brady Tryan, Huntley, Mont., and Tommy Zuniga, Centerville, Texas, 5.2. 6, (tie) Brooks Dahozy, Window Rock, Ariz. and Daxton Jim, Owyhee, Nev.; and Nathan McWhorter, Telephone, Texas, and Cole Davison, Stephenville, Texas; 5.3.

Saddle Bronc Riding: 1, Cody Taton, Corona, N.M., 83 points on Frontier Rodeo's Lonesome Night. 2, Jesse Wright, Milford, Utah, 82. 3, Bradley Harter, Weatherford, Texas, 81. 4, Samuel Kelts, Millarville, Alberta, 80. 5, (tie) Heith DeMoss, Heflin, La.; Ty Kirkland, Lufkin, Texas; Bryan Martinat, Marsing, Idaho; Jeff Willert, Belvidere, S.D.; and Troy Crowser, Whitewood, S.D.; 79 points each.

Tie-Down Roping: 1, Randall Carlisle, Baton Rouge, La., 7.7 seconds. 2, (tie) Jake Pratt, Ellensburg, Wash.; Nate Baldwin, Blackfoot, Idaho; Tuf Cooper, Decatur, Texas; 7.8. 5, Reese Reimer, Stinett, Texas, 8.0. 6, Catfish Brown, Collinsville, Texas, 8.1.

Barrel Racing: 1, Carley Richardson, Pampa, Texas, 16.91 seconds. 2, Kaley Bass, Kissimee, Fla., 17.01. 3, Fallon Taylor, Whitesboro, Texas, 17.08. 4, Erin Ricotti, Escalon, Calif., 17.16. 5, (tie) Callie Gray, Weatherford, Okla., and Michele McLeod, Whitesboro, Texas, 17.22.

Bull Riding: 1, Ty Pozzobon, Merritt, British Columbia, 92 points on Frontier Rodeo's Centerfold. 2, J.W. Harris, Mullin, Texas, 90. 3, Trey Benton III, Rock Island, Texas, 88. 4, (tie) Dustin Bowen, Fredericksburg, Penn., and Brett Stahl, Detroit Lakes, Minn., 86. 6, Taygen Schuelke, Newell, S.D., 83.