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For the St. Paul Rodeo

ON THE BIG STAGE

Utah cowboy takes the lead in the bull riding at the St. Paul Rodeo

St. Paul, Ore. (July 2, 2017) – Adam Lucero might have made the biggest ride of his life in St. Paul, Oregon.

The Tooele, Utah cowboy scored 87.5 points in the third performance of the St. Paul Rodeo to take the lead in the bull riding.

He's in his second year of pro rodeo competition, having finished his rookie year in 2016 in the top fifty in the world.

And St. Paul is the biggest stage he's been on, counting a first place finish at the Days of '76 Rodeo in Deadwood, S.D. last year.

He rode the Corey and Lange bull Short Bus, and the ride has turned his fortunes. After getting bucked off in Greeley, Colo., at the Xtreme Bulls and the rodeo in Cody, Wyo. in the last three days, it's time for things to change.

"The start of the Fourth (rodeo run) hasn't been any good," he said. "It's really been rough, but I got it turned around tonight."

Lucero follows in his granddad's footsteps. Leonard Sudilla, his mom's dad, was a bull rider and had a bucking string in Monticello, N.M., and Lucero knew his grandpa would be proud of him. He sent a group video to him and family members right away. "He'll be excited," Lucero said of his grandpa.

He and traveling partner Kyle Balls, who bucked off his bull tonight, will head towards Tooele tonight. They will compete in West Jordan and Oakley, Utah Monday and Tuesday.

Lucero knows his score may not hold; there are about thirty more bull riders to compete. But it should win him a check. "It worked out good." No other bull riders tonight made a qualified ride; there are four qualified rides so far.

Other fast times and high scores from the July 2 slack and performance at the St. Paul Rodeo are bareback rider Grant Denny, Minden, Nev. (75.5 points), steer wrestler Blake Knowles, Heppner, Ore. (4.2 seconds), tie-down roper Tyson Durfey, Weatherford, Texas (10.4 seconds); saddle bronc riders Cort Scheer, Elsmere, Neb. and Audy Reed, Spearman, Texas (81.5); team ropers Kaleb Driggers, Albany, Ga. and Junior Nogueira, Presidente Prudente, Brazil (4.6 seconds) and barrel racer Shea Durfey, Weatherford, Texas (17.91).

The fourth of six performances of the 82nd annual St. Paul Rodeo continues tomorrow, July 3, at 7:30 pm. The carnival opens at 11 am, the Wild West Art Show at 3 pm, the Tack Room Saloon at 4 pm, and fireworks following the rodeo. Tickets are available and can be purchased online at StPaulRodeo.com and at the ticket office, located on the rodeo grounds.

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Cutline: Oregon steer wrestler Blake Knowles was the fast time of the night in the steer wrestling with a 4.2 second run. The St. Paul Rodeo continues July 3-4 and explodes the population of the city from 425 to 50,000. Photo by Hoot Creek.

Results from the slack and evening performance, St. Paul Rodeo, July 2, 2017

Bareback Riding

1. Grant Denny, Minden, Nev. 75.5 points on Corey and Lange's Just Because; 2. Hunter Carter, Athens, Texas 69; no other qualified rides.

Steer Wrestling

1st round

1. Trevor Knowles, Mt. Vernon, Ore. 5.0 seconds; 2. Blake Knowles, Heppner, Ore. 5.7; 3. Greg Schaffeld, Joseph, Ore. 6.0; no other qualified runs.

2nd round

1. Blake Knowles, Heppner, Ore. 4.2 seconds; 2. (tie) Andy Weldon, Greenleaf, Ida. and Brandon Mackenzie, Jordan Valley, Ore. 4.6 each; 4. Trevor Knowles, Mt. Vernon, Ore. 5.0.

Average leaders (on two head)

1. Kyle Irwin, Robertsdale, Ala. 8.6 seconds on 2 head; 2. Tanner Milan, Cochrane, Alb. 9.2; 3. Blake Knowles, Heppner Ore. 9.9; 4. Trevor Knowles, Mt. Vernon, Ore. 10.0.

Bull riding

1. Adam William Lucero, Tooele, Utah 87.5 points on Corey and Lange's Short Bus; no other qualified rides.

Tie Down Roping

1st round

1. Tyson Durfey, Weatherford, Texas 9.7 seconds; 2. Jordan Ketscher, Squaw Valley, Calif. 11.0; 3. Cade Swor, Winnie, Texas 12.8; 4. Shane Erickson, Terrebonne, Ore. 13.6.

2nd go round

1. Tyson Durfey, Weatherford, Texas 10.4; 2. Jordan Ketscher, Squaw Valley, Calif. 11.9; 3. Ryle Smith, Oakdale, Calif. 14.3; 4. Shane Erickson, Terrebonne, Ore. 18.9.

Average leaders on two head

1. Clint Nyegaard, Cuero, Texas 19.7 on 2 head; 2. Tyson Durfey, Weatherford, Texas 20.1; 3. Kirk Robinson, Innisfail, 21.7; 4. Cory Solomon, Prairie View, Texas 21.8.

Saddle bronc riding

1. (tie) Cort Scheer, Elsmere, Neb., 81.5 points on Korkow Rodeo's Boogers Pet and Audy Reed, Spearman, Texas, 81.5 points on Korkow Rodeo's Mud Hook; 3. Hardy Braden, Welch, 78.5; 4. Will Smith, Marshall, Mo. 77.

Team Roping

1st round

1. Calgary Smith, Adams, Ore./Brent Falon, Yakima, Wash. 7.7 seconds; 2. Shane Erickson, Terrebonne, Ore./Trevor McCoin, Terrebonne, Ore. 10.7; 3. Colton Campbell, Klamath Falls, Ore./Jordan Ketscher, Squaw Valley, Calif. 12.0; no other qualified runs.

2nd round

1. Kaleb Driggers, Albany, Ga./Junior Nogueira, Presidente Prudente, Brazil 4.6 seconds; 2. Shane Erickson, Terrebonne, Ore./Trevor McCoin, Terrebonne, Ore. 5.3; 3. Colton Campbell, Klamath Falls, Ore./Jordan Ketscher, Squaw Valley, Calif. 10.2; 4. Brandon Webb, Carrizo Springs, Texas/Kollin VonAhn, Blanchard, Okla. 14.6.

Average leaders on two head

1. Jeff Flenniken, Caldwell, Ida./Taylor Duby, Homedale, Ida. 11.1 seconds on 2 head; 2. Ryan Opie, Crane, /Dayton Stafford, Prineville, Ore. 11.6; 3. (tie) Levi Simpson, Ponoka, Alb./Jeremy Buhler, Arrowwood, Alb. and Jake Cooper, Monument, N.M./Dakota Kirchenschlager, Morgan Mill, Texas 11.8 each.

Barrel racing

1. Shea Durfey, Weatherford, Texas 17.91 seconds; 2. Colleen Kingsury, Powell Butte, Ore. 18.07; 3. Tillar Murray, Ft Worth, Texas 18.14; 4. Viki Friedrich, Salkum, Wash. 18.17.

** All results are unofficial. For more information, visit www.StPaulRodeo.com.

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