

Competition Underway at National Western Stock Show Rodeo

DENVER, Colo. --- The rodeo at the 103rd National Western Stock Show got underway on Saturday with contestants making their first appearance here.

They came back on Sunday for second round action. All of the competition here is back-to-back meaning that they compete in consecutive performances. This allows them to keep their traveling expenses to a minimum and get down the road to other rodeos.

One of those contestants is Corey Maier from Timber Lake, S.D. Maier is the first and only bull rider to be successful in both of his attempts. During the first performance, he rode for 84 points, then came back and was 78. His total of 162 puts him 75 points ahead of the man in second place, Cory McFadden from Coleman, Texas, who is 87 points on one head.

In bareback riding, Wyatt Hancock, from Taylor, Ariz., is the early leader with 155 points on two rides. Hancock is the brother of world champion bull rider Cody Hancock.

All of the contestants at the rodeo compete in two preliminary rounds throughout the next 19 performances. The top 12 over all will advance to the finals where the National Western Stock Show Rodeo champions will be crowned. At stake is pockets full of money and hand-made sterling silver and gold trophy buckles from Jeffrey Scott.

The next three nights of action in the Denver Coliseum will see riders from the Professional Bull Riders trying to win a National Western buckle. The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association returns on Thursday, Jan. 15 at 7 p.m.

DENVER, Colo. --- The following are results from the first and second performances of the National Western Stock Show Rodeo, Sunday, January 11, 2009.

First Performance --

Bareback Riding: 1, Wyatt Hancock, Taylor, Ariz., 80 points on Big Bend Rodeo's Faded Dice. 2, Dan Ketter, Roy, Wash., 75. 3, Eric Mader, Keuterville, Idaho, 74. 4, Cheyenne Seymour, Gillette, Wyo., 73.

Steer Wrestling: 1, Matt Reeves, Pampa, Texas, 4.0 seconds. 2, Scott Dorenkamp, Bristol, Colo., 5.5. 3, Erik Johnson, Eltopia, Wash., 5.6. 4, Casey Harmon, Vernon, Texas, 9.5.

Team Roping: 1, Cooper, Wimberly, Belen, N.M., and James Gilliland, Albuquerque, N.M., 5.1 seconds. 2, Taylor Mitchell, Belton, Texas, and Will Groth, Llano, Texas, 6.2. 3, Colby Siddoway, Hooper, Utah and Matt Zancanella, Aurora, S.D., 10.2. 4, Ty Smith, Edmond, Okla., and Jace Crabb, Blair, Okla., 19.3.

Saddle Bronc Riding: 1, Chet Johnson, Gillette, Wyo., 80 points on Big Bend Rodeo's High Sierra. 2/3, Jake Wright, Snyder, Texas, and Alex Wright, Milford, Utah, 78. 4, Olan Borg, Camp Verde, Ariz., 74.

Tie-Down Roping: (three times) 1, Josh Foutch, Eldora, Iowa, 10.0 seconds. 2, Cody Barron, Casa Grande, Ariz., 11.9. 3, Jared Turner, Lawton, Okla., 15.7.

Women's Barrel Race: 1, Bobbi Wagner, San Angelo, Texas, 15.76. 2, Alicia Sandoval, Bloomfield, N.M., 15.78. 3, Lainie Whitmire, Springer, Okla., 16.08. 4, Martee Pruitt, Gering, Neb., 16.13.

Bull Riding: 1, Cory McFadden, Coleman, Texas, 87 points on Flying Five Rodeo's Fire Water. 2, Cooper Kanngiesser, Zenda, Kan., 85. 3, Corey Maier, Timber Lake, S.D., 84.

Second Performance --

Bareback Riding: 1, Cheyenne Seymour, Gillette, Wyo., on Big Bend Rodeo's Vitalix Cajun Queen, 80. 2, Wyatt Hancock, Taylor, Ariz., 75. 3, Dan Ketter, Roy, Wash., 73. 4, Justin Miller, Billings, Mont., 71.

Steer Wrestling: 1, Ryan Jarrett, Summerville, Ga., 4.5 seconds. 2/3, Gus Ledoux, Kaplan, La., and Joey Bell, Jr., Athens, Texas, 4.6. 4, Kelsey Anderson, Kettle Falls, Wash., 6.5.

Team Roping: (three qualified times) 1, Brandon Beers, Powell Butte, Ore., and Jade Corkill, Fallon, Nev., 4.8 seconds. 2, Cooper Wimberly, Belen, N.M., and James Gilliland, Albuquerque, N.M., 6.7. 3, Colby Siddoway, Hooper, Utah and Matt Zancanella, Aurora, S.D., 13.9.

Saddle Bronc Riding: 1, Jeff Willert, Belvidere, S.D., 77 points on Big Bend Rodeo's Multichem. 2, Jason Amon, Payson, Ariz., 73. 3/4, Will Payne, Beaver, Okla., and Curtis Koeppen, Tendoy, Idaho, 72.

Tie-Down Roping: 1, Ryan Jarrett, Summerville, Ga., 8.5 seconds. 2, Darnell Johnson, Pueblo, Colo., 11.2. 3, Cody Barron, Casa Grande, Ariz., 11.6. 4, Josh Foutch, Eldora, Iowa, 12.3.

Women's Barrel Race: 1, Martee Pruitt, Gering, Neb., 15.64 seconds. 2, Jill Moody, Letcher, S.D., 15.80. 3, Jyme Beth Cochrane, McAlester, Okla., 15.83. 4, Courtney Ford, Kersey, Colo., 15.92.

Bull Riding: (three qualified rides) 1, Stetson Lewis, Tularosa, N.M., 88 points on Big Bend Rodeo's Red River. 2, Corey Maier, Timber Lake, S.D., 78. 3, Casey Baize, San Angelo, Texas., 74.