

Bareback and Bull Riding Highlight Denver Rodeo

DENVER, Colo. --- A sold-out Denver Coliseum got to see two outstanding rides at the eighth performance of the National Western Stock Show Rodeo.

The first came in bareback riding when Tim Shirley rode Cajun Queen for 90 points. Shirley from Conifer is now at the top of the leader board in two categories. His 90-point effort aboard the horse named Flying Five Rodeo's Cajun Queen set a new arena record, and gave him the lead in the second round and over-all standings.

He is just coming off of his first Wrangler National Finals Rodeo (NFR) qualification. He left Las Vegas last December with over \$33,000 in his pockets and finished the season in 11th place.

Kanin Asay, from Powell, Wyo., stole the show in bull riding when he scored 93 points on David Bailey's bull Lucky Strike. Lucky Strike has a buck-off percentage of over 96 points and has been considered by some as unrideable.

"I never doubted that I could ride him," Asay said. "When I found out that I had drawn him, I screamed. I had prayed that I'd get him and I was so excited."

Asay also competed at the NFR last December. He earned over \$50,000 and finished the year in 9th place in spite of having to sit out most of the season. Last July, he got stepped on at the rodeo in St. Paul, Ore., and had a ruptured spleen. He was taken from the arena to the ambulance to meet a helicopter which took him to the hospital in Portland, Ore. He now is grateful to be alive and takes nothing for granted.

"I could so easily have died," he said. "It's only by the grace of God that I am alive and have been able to do what I do." Doctors expected him to be out of competition for at least six months, but two months later he was back riding bulls. He is now giving his faith the credit for getting him to the top of the leader board in Denver. His 93 took the lead in the second round and gave him the over-all lead with 175 points on two bulls.

There are two performances at the National Western Stock Show Rodeo on Sunday. Performances begin in the Denver Coliseum at 2 and 7:30 p.m.

DENVER, Colo. --- The following are results from the National Western Stock Show Rodeo, Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009.

Sixth Performance --

Bareback Riding: 1, Jared Keyton, Fort Scott, Kan., 85 points on Blood Bath. 2, Bee Jay Scott, Otley, Iowa, 76. 3, Bo Casper, Fort Scott, Kan., 75. 4, Corey Evans, Hyannis, Neb., 73.

Steer Wrestling: 1, Lee Graves, Calgary Alberta, 3.4. 2, Beau Franzen, Sidney, Mont., 3.9. 3, Dane Hanna, Starkville, Miss., 4.3. 4, Aaron Allen, Weatherford, Okla., 5.3.

Team Roping: 1, Charly Crawford, Prineville, Ore., and Russell Cardoza, Farmington, Calif., 6.7. 2, Pake Younger, Palisade, Colo., and Hank Bounds, Palisade,

Colo., 7.1. 3, Matt Funk, Hermiston, Ore., and Bucky Campbell, Benton City, Wash., 9.6. 4, J.R. Olson, Greeley, Colo., and Bret Tonozzi, Loma, Colo., 10.8.

Saddle Bronc Riding: 1, Bradley Harter, Weatherford, Texas, 85 points on Get Back. 2, Bryan Hammons, Victoria, Texas, 84. 3, Seth Glause, Rock Springs, Wyo., 80. 4 (tie), Trell Etbauer, Goodwell, Okla., and Justin Arnold, Santa Margarita, Calif., 76.

Tie-Down Roping: 1, J.D. Kibbe, Portales, N.M., 8.5 seconds. 2, Dean Edge, Rimbey, Alberta, 9.3. 3, Clayton Moore, Poucesoupe, British Columbia, 9.7. 4, Murray Pole, Erskine, Alberta, 12.8.

Women's Barrel Race: 1, Nancy Hunter, Neola, Utah, 15.33 seconds. 2, Tara Lee Woodall, Merkel, Texas, 15.42. 3, Jody Stark, South Weber, Utah, 15.66. 4, Shelley Morgan, Eustace, Texas, 15.74. .

Bull Riding: 1, Nat Fly, Lava Hot Springs, Idaho, 82. 2, Cameron Weddle, Milaca, Minn., 78. 3 (tie), Toni Rossi, Mack, Colo., and Garrett Vig, Newell, S.D., 74.

Seventh Performance --

Bareback Riding: 1, Zach Curran, Arvada, Colo., 86 points on Little Bo Peep. 2, Zac Compton, Hermiston, Ore., 83. 3 (tie), Clint Cannon, Waller, Texas; Steven Anding, Crossroads, Texas; and Tim Shirley, Conifer, Colo.; 82.

Steer Wrestling: 1, K.C. Jones, Decatur, Texas, 4.3 seconds. 2, Travis Carnine, Stanfield, Ore., 4.8. 3, Wyatt Johnson, Keenesburg, Colo., 5.0. 4, Garrett Nokes, McCook, Neb., 5.4.

Team Roping: 1, Matt Sherwood, Pima, Ariz., and Rhen Richard, Roosevelt, Utah, 4.5. 2, Kelsey Parchman, Cumberland, City, Tenn., and York Gill, Stephenville, Texas, 6.1. 3, Reese Kerr, Comfort, Texas, and Josh Fillmore, Pueblo, Colo., 6.2. 4, Kaden Richard Roosevelt, Utah and Jade Anderson, Roosevelt, Utah, 6.3.

Saddle Bronc Riding: 1, Dusty Hausauer, Dickinson, N.D., 88 points on Party Shop. 2, Cody Wright, Milfrod, Utah, 77. 3, Mike Outhier, Utopia, Texas, 76. 4, Taos Muncy, Corona, N.M., 75.

Tie-Down Roping: 1, Nathan Steinberg, Conroe, Texas, 8.8 seconds. 2, Randall Carlisle, Lipan, Texas, 9.6. 3, Royce Lynch, Deming, N.M., 9.9. 4, Boe Brown, Harrold, S.D., 10.3. .

Women's Barrel Race: 1, Karen Little, San Saba, Texas, 15.55. 2, Amy Schimke, Wessington, Springs, S.D., 15.73. 3, Melissa Bachand, Spearfish, S.D., 15.78. 4, Cassie Moseley, Farwell, Texas, 15.84.

Bull Riding: (two qualified rides) 1, Kanin Asay, Powell, Wyo., 82 points on Multichem Wide Eyes. 2, Nathan Klassen, Wagoner, Okla., 72.

Eighth Performance ---

Bareback Riding: 1, Tim Sheley, Conifer, Colo., 90 points on Cajun Queen. 2 (tie), Zach Curran, Arvada, Colo., and Kelly Timberman, Mills, Wyo., 81. 4, Zac Compton, Hermiston, Ore., 80.

Steer Wrestling: 1, Tall Kvistad, Crawford, Neb., 4.1. 2, K.C. Jones, Decatur, Texas, 5.0. 3, Del Ray Kraupie, Bridgeport, Neb., 5.3. 4, Jeff Richardson, Fullerton, Neb., 6.4.

Team Roping: 1, Ty Blasingame, Olney Springs, Colo., and Bobby Baize, Anthony, N.M., 4.3 seconds. 2, Jake Kropik, Midway, Texas, and Justin Hendrick, Huntsville, Texas, 5.0. 3, Nick Sartain, Yukon, Okla., and Kollin Von Ahn, Durant, Okla., 5.2. 4, Kaden Richard, Roosevelt, Utah and Jade Anderson, Roosevelt, Utah, 5.7.

Saddle Bronc Riding: 1, Louie Brunson, Interior, S.D., 84 points on Wreck and Roll. 2, Levi Barry, Morgan, Utah, 78. 3, Jess Martin, Dillon, Mont., 78. 4, Rusty Allen, Eagle Mountain, Utah, 76.

Tie-Down Roping: 1, Jake Pratt, Ellensburg, Wash., 8.5 seconds. 2 (tie), Nate Baldwin, Blackfoot, Idaho, and Royce Lynch, Deming, N.M., 9.8. 4, Nathan Steinberg, Conroe, Texas, 10.9.

Women's Barrel Race: 1, Cassie Moseley, Farwell, Texas, 15.27. 2, Britany Fleck, Mandan, N.D., 15.35. 3, Melissa Bachand, Spearfish, S.D., 15.57. 4, Sammi Bessert, Loma, Colo., 15.60.

Bull Riding: (three qualified rides) 1, Kanin Asay, Powell, Wyo., 93 points on Lucky Strike. 2, Kris Newman, Casper, Wyo., 78. 3, Dusty Ast, Garden Plain, Kan., 73.
The following are current leaders --

Bareback Riding: (first round) 1, Dustin Murray, Wellston, Okla., 87 points on Calgary Stampede's Martini. 2, Zack Curran, Arvada, Colo., 86. 3 (tie), Bee Jay Scott, Otley, Iowa; and Zac Compton, Hermiston, Ore., 83. (second round) 1, Tim Shirley, Conifer, Colo., 90 points on Multichem Grakel Gap. 2, Jared Keylon, Fort Scott, Kan., 85. 3 (tie), Zach Curran, Arvada, Colo., and Kelly Timberman, Mills, Wyo., 81. (total on two) 1, Shirley, 172. 2, Curran, 167. 3, Keylon, 164. 4, Compton, 163.

Steer Wrestling: (first round) 1, Luke Branquinho, Los Alamos, Calif., 3.8 seconds. 2, Curtis Cassidy, Donald, Alberta, 3.9. 3, Matt Reeves, Pampa, Texas, 4.0. 4, K.C. Jones, Decatur, Texas, 4.3. (second round) 1, Lee Graves, Calgary, Alberta, 3.4. 2, Beau Franzen, Sidney, Mont., 3.9. 3, Les Shepperson, Midwest, Wyo., 4.0. 4, Tall

Kvistad, Crawford, Neb., 4.1. (total on two) 1, Cassidy, 8.3. 2 (tie), Dane Hanna, Starkville, Miss., and Franzen, 8.8. 4, Branquinho, 9.1.

Team Roping: (first round) 1 Matt Sherwood, Pima, Ariz., and Rhen Richard, Roosevelt, Utah, 4.5. 2, (tie), Cooper Wimberly, Belen, N.M., and James Gilliland, Albuquerque, N.M.; and Turtle Powell, Alpine, Texas, and Travis Graves, Jay, Okla.; 5.1 seconds . 4, Charly Crawford, Prineville, Ore., and Russell Cardoza, Farmington, Calif., 5.2. (second round) 1 Ty Blasingame, Ramah, Colo., and Bobby Baize, Anthony, N.M., 4.3. 2 (tie), Adam Worthen, Black Forest, Colo., and Jesse Jolly, Goodwell, Okla.; and Dustin Bird, Cut Bank, Mont., and Justin Viles, Cody, Wyo.; 4.7. 4, Brandon Beers, Powell Butte, Ore., and Jade Corkill, Fallon, Nev., 4.8. (total on two) 1 Jake Kropek, Midway, Texas, and Justin Hendrick, Huntsville, Texas, 11.7. 2, (tie), Dorenkamp and Echtler; and Wimberly and Gilliland; 11.8. 4, Crawford and Cardoza, 11.9.

Saddle Bronc Riding: (first round) 1, Dusty Hausauer, Dickinson, N.D., 88 points on Party Shop. 2, Seth Glause, Rock Springs, Wyo., 82. 3, Chet Johnston, Gillette, Wyo., 80. 4 (tie), Alex Wright, Milford, Utah; Wes Burns, Stephenville, Texas; and Brody Bolton, Odessa, Texas, 79. (second round) 1, Bradley Harter, Weatherford, Texas, 85 points on Get Back. 2 (tie), Bryan Hammons, Victoria, Texas, and Louie Brunson, Interior, S.D., 84. 4, J.J. Elshere, Quinn, S.D., 83. (total on two) 1, Glause, 162. 2 (tie), Harter and Elshere, 159. 4, Hammons, 158.

Tie-Down Roping: (first round) 1, Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo., 7.6 seconds. 2, Nathan Steinberg, Conroe, Texas, 8.8. 3 (tie), Coby Hadley, Hooper, Utah; J.D. Kibbe, Portales, N.M.; and Randall Carlisle, Lipan, Texas; 9.6. (second round) 1, Trevor Thiel, Greeley, Colo., 8.0. 2, Cole Wilson, Kincaid, Kan., 8.2. 3, Logan Hofer, Magrath, Ala., 8.3. 4, Ryan Jarrett, Summerville, Ga., 8.5. (total on two) 1, Peek, 16.3. 2, Kibbe, 18.1. 3, Wilson, 18.4. 4, Royce Lynch, Deming, N.M., 19.7.

Women's Barrel Race: (first round) 1, Nancy Hunter, Neola, Utah, 15.33 seconds. 2, Tara Lee Woodall, Merkel, Texas, 15.42. 3, Karen Little, San Saba, Texas, 15.55. 4, Jody Stark, South Weber, Utah, 15.66. (second round) 1, Hunter, 15.20. 2, Cassie Moseley, Farwell, Texas, 15.27. 3, Britany Fleck, Mandan, N.D., 15.35. 4, Shelley Morgan, Eustace, Texas, 15.37. (total on two) 1, Hunter, 30.53. 2 (tie) Morgan and Moseley, 31.11. 4, Amy Schimke, Wessington Springs, S.D., 31.14.

Bull Riding: (first round) 1, Corey 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. 4, Kanin Asay, Powell, Wyo., 82. (second round) 1, Asay, 93 points on Lucky Strike. 2, Stetson Lewis, Tularosa, N.M., 88. 3, Austin Ambrose, Fletcher, Okla., 85. 4, Nat Fly, Lava Hot Springs, Idaho, 82. (total on two) 1, Asay, 175. 2, Ambrose, 165. 3, Maier, 162. 4, Nat Fly, 159.