

Brothers Advance to National Western Final Rodeo Performance

DENVER --- Clif and Tuf Cooper will be battling it out in the tie-down roping at the final performance of the National Western Stock Show Rodeo.

Clif, who qualified for last year's College National Finals Rodeo moved into fourth place with two solid runs on Saturday with a total time of 17.9 seconds. Younger brother Tuf took the roping world by storm last year. He turned 18 in March, joined the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association and qualified for the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo where he won over \$80,000.

Tuf is the sixth of twelve tie-down ropers. Josh Peek, from Pueblo, Colo., leads the race for the National Western championship with a time of 16.3. Also among the ropers that will be featured here on Sunday is eight-time world champion Fred Whitfield, from Hockley, Texas.

Luke Branquinho and Brittany Pozzi-Pharr are the only 2008 champions that have qualified hoping to win another Denver title. Branquinho, from Los Alamos, Calif., is fifth in the steer wrestling standings. Pozzi-Pharr has won the barrel racing titles here the past two consecutive years. The Victoria, Texas, resident and her great horse Stitch qualified in sixth place.

The final performance of the National Western Stock Show Rodeo will start at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

DENVER --- The following are results from the National Western Stock Show Rodeo, Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009.

20th Performance --

Bareback Riding: 1, Monte Downare, Hartsel, Colo., 83 points on North Pole Vitalix. 2, Matt Mosher, Wildhorse, Colo., 80. 3, Cimmaron Gerke, Brighton, Colo., 78. 4, Gonzo Gonzales, Santa Ynez, Calif., 76.

Steer Wrestling: 1, Jake Rinehart, Highmore, S.D., 3.8 seconds. 2, Seth Brockman, Whatland, Wyo., 5.2. 3 9tie) Ken Lewis, La Junta, Colo., and Stan Branco, Chowchilla, Calif., 5.6.

Team Roping: (two times) 1, Edward Hawley, Jr., Hays, Mont., and Terry Doka, Fountain Hills, Ariz., 4.3. 2, Jesse Sheffield, S. Weber, Utah, and Wes Miller, Big Piney, Wyo., 10.1.

Saddle Bronc Riding: 1, Jesse Kruse, Great Falls, Mont., 81 points Maiden Chick. 2, Travis Nevius, Hartsell, Colo., 78. 3, Wyatt Smith, Rexburg, Idaho, 77. 4, Jake Hayworth, St. Anthony, itaho, 73.

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Tie-Down Roping: 1, Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, 8.3 seconds. 2, Shane Hanchey, Sulphur, La., 9.8. 3 (tie), Sterling Smith, Stephenville, Texas, and Cimarron Boardman, Stephenville, Texas, 11.1.

Women's Barrel Race: 1, Terra Bynum, Colorado City, Texas, 15.27 seconds. 2, Cassie Ward, Addington, Okla., 15.37. 3, Jackie Jatzlau, Giddings, Texas, 15.44. 4, Kylie Ward, Addington, Okla., 15.48.

Bull Riding: 1, Jason Beck, Prairieville, La., 84 points on Grumpy Vitalix. 2, Jacob Tyner, Sacramento, Calif., 78. 3, Clay Lewis, Mt. Pleasant, Texas, 76. 4, Sean Case, Riverside, Calif., 74.

21st Performance --

Bareback Riding: 1 (tie), Ty Thompson, Merrill, Ore., and Ty Breuer, Mandan, N.D., 83 points. 3 (tie), Bryan Jones, Elko, Nev., and John Addison, Belvidere, S.D., 76.

Steer Wrestling: 1, Derek Stewart, Franklin, Texas, 5.2 seconds. 2, Orlando Jordan, Tulsa, Okla., 5.4. 3, Sean Santucci, Prineville, Ore., 5.6. 4, Clay Dahl, Camp Crook, S.D., 7.5.

Team Roping: 1, Blaine Linaweaver, Leavenworth, Kan., and Richard Durham, Morgan Mill, Texas, 4.7 seconds. 2, Blaine Vick, Stephenville, Texas, and Josh Patton, Burnet, Texas, 5.3. 3, Paul Beckett, Laramie, Wyo., and Chad Wahlert, Eaton, Colo., 5.9. 4, Riley Minor, Ellensburg, Wash., and Brady Minor, Ellensburg, Wash., 9.5.

Saddle Bronc Riding: 1, Jim Berry Rocky Mountain House, Alberta, 80 points on Instant Request. 2, Josh Reynolds, Corvallis, Mont., 76. 3 (tie), Clayton Selby, Pinedale, Wyo., and Anthony Bello, Oakley, Utah, 75.

Tie-Down Roping: 1, Tuf Cooper, Decatur, Texas, 8.6 seconds. 2, Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas, 8.7. 3, Clif Cooper, Decatur, Texas, 9.6. 5, Patrick Bellis, Lovington, N.M., 10.7.

Women's Barrel Race: 1, Christine Laughlin, Pueblo, Colo., 15.46 seconds. 2, Sue Berg, Bloomington, Minn., 15.50. 3, Taryn Weil, Elizabeth, Colo., 15.59. 4, Jessica Routier, Buffalo, S.D., 15.62.

Bull Riding: (three qualified rides) 1, Souli Shanklin, Rocksprings, Texas, 89 points on Vitalix Speed Dial. 2, Shawn Hogg, Odessa, Texas, 74. 3, Zack Elliott, Thatcher, Utah, 73.

22nd Performance --

Bareback Riding: 1, Bryan Jones, Elko, Nev., 83 points on Just 4 U. 2, Scott Montague, Rapid City, S.D., 82. 3, Dustin Reeves, Owanka, S.D., 81. 4 (tie), Ty Thompson, Merrill, Ore., and Ethan McNeill, Grantsville, Utah, 79.

Steer Wrestling: (three times) 1, J.D. Dolezal, Killdeer, N.D., 4.7 seconds. 2, Sean Santucci, Prineville, Ore., 4.8. 3, Steven Campbell, Midwest, Wyo., 5.5.

Team Roping: 1, Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas, and Patrick Smith, Midland, Texas, 4.2 seconds. 2, Dylan Bransom, Burleson, Texas, and Justin Copp, Justin, Texas, 4.5. 3, Paul Beckett, Laramie, Wyo., and Chad Wahlert, Eaton, Colo., 5.1. 4, C.J. Scheller, Autl, Colo., and Joe Roderick, Loma, Colo., 10.9.

Saddle Bronc Riding: (three rides) 1, Anthony Bello, Oakley, Utah, 80 points on Three Stages. 2 (tie), Josh Reynolds, Corvallis, Mont., and Wade Sundell, Boxholm, Iowa, 78.

Tie-Down Roping: 1 (tie), Patrick Bellis, Lovington, N.M., and Clif Cooper, Decatur, Texas, 8.3 seconds. 3, Clint Cooper, Decatur, Texas, 8.6. 4, Tuf Cooper, Decatur, Texas, 9.6.

Women's Barrel Race: 1, Annesa Self, Valley View, Texas, 15.39 seconds. 2, Jessica Routier, Buffalo, S.d., 15.57. 3, Sue Berg, Bloomington, Minn., 15.59. 4, Layna Kight, Willspoint, Texas, 15.61.

Bull Riding: (two qualified rides) 1, Zack Elliott, Thatcher, Utah, 78 points on Blue Christmas. 2, Chris Roundy, Payson, Utah, 73.

The following are first and second round winners and final round qualifiers. Final round qualifiers are fastest total times or highest total scores on two.

Bareback Riding –

First Round: 1, Tilden Hooper, Carthage, Texas, 89 points on Calgary Stampede's Loadstone Jade, \$4,781. 2, Dustin Murray, Wellston, Okla., 87, \$3,666. 3 (tie), Zack Curran, Arvada, Colo., and Wes Stevenson, Lubbock, Texas, 86, \$1,859 each. 6, Tyrel Nelson, Cheyenne, Wyo., 84, \$797. 7 (tie), Bee Jay Scott, Otley, Iowa; Zac Compton, Hermiston, Ore.; Paul Jones, Elko, Nev.; Will Lowe, Canyon, Texas; Kyle Bowers, Brooks, Alberta; Ty Breuer, Mandan, N.D.; Scott Montague, Rapid City, S.D.; and Tyson Thompson, Merrill, Ore.; 83, \$139.

Second Round: 1, Tim Shirley, Conifer, Colo., 90 points on Big Bend Rodeo's Cajun Queen, \$4,781. 2, Jared Keylon, Fort Scott, Kan., 85, \$3,666. 3, Kaycee Feild, Elk Ridge, Utah, 84, \$2,709. 4 (tie), Matt Bright, Stephenville, Texas; Monte Downare, Hartsel, Colo.; and Bryan Jones, Elko, Nev.; 83, \$1,222 each. 7 (tie), Wes Stevenson, Lubbock, Texas; Chris Harris, Itasca, Texas; and Scott Montague, Rapid City, S.D.; 82, \$372.

Final Round Qualifiers: 1, Shirley, 172. 2, Hooper, 169. 3, Wes Stevenson, Lubbock, Texas, 168. 4, Curran, 167. 5 (tie), Keylon and Feild, 164. 7, Compton, 163. 8,

Silas Richards, North Zulch, Texas, 162. 9, Matt Bright, Stephenville, Texas, 161. 10 (tie), Joe Gunderson, Agar, S.D.; Steven Dent, Mullen, Neb.; and Randy VandenBos, Valier, Mont.; 160.

Steer Wrestling –

First Round: 1, Luke Branquinho, Los Alamos, Calif., 3.8 seconds, \$5,073. 2, Curtis Cassidy, Donalda, Alberta, 3.9, \$4,411. 3 (tie), Matt Reeves, Pampa, Texas; Shawn Greenfield, Lakeview, Ore.; Jake Rinehart, Highmore, S.D.; 4.0, \$3,088 each. 6 (tie), Todd Suhn, North Platte, Neb., and Seth Brockman, Wheatland, Wyo., 4.2, \$1,434. 8, K.C. Jones, Decatur, Texas, 4.3, \$441.

Second Round: 1, Lee Graves, Calgary, Alberta, 3.4, \$5,073. 2, Kyle Broce, La Junta, Colo., 3.7, \$4,411. 3, Rinehart, 3.8, \$3,749. 4, Beau Franzen, Sidney, Mont., 3.9, \$3,088. 5, Les Shepperson, Midwest, Wyo., 4.0, \$2,426. 6 (tie), Tait Kvistad, Crawford, Neb., and Dennis Hepp, Kaycee, Wyo., 4.1, \$1,434. 8 (tie), Jason Miller, Lance Creek, Wyo., and Casey McMillen, Craig, Colo., 4.2, \$221.

Final Round Qualifiers: 1, Rinehart, 7.8. 2, Cassidy, 8.3. 3 (tie), Dane Hanna, Starkville, Miss., and Franzen, 8.8. 5, Branquinho, 9.1. 6, Jones, 9.3. 7, Brockman, 9.4. 8, Jule Hazen, Protection, Kan., 9.8. 9 (tie), Billy Bugenig, Ferndale, Calif.; Blake Knowles, Heppner, Ore.; and Ken Lewis, La Junta, Colo.; 10.0. 12, Sean Mulligan, Coleman, Okla., 10.3. 10, Clay Cowan, Highmore, S.D., 11.0.

Team Roping –

First Round: 1, Spencer Mitchell, Colusa, Calif., and Justin Davis, Cottonwood, Calif., 4.3, \$4,015 each. 2 (tie), Matt Sherwood, Pima, Ariz., and Rhen Richard, Roosevelt, Utah; and JoJo Lemond and Randon Adams, Logandale, Nev.; 4.5, \$3,230 each. 4, Coleman Proctor, Miami, Okla., and Jake Long, Coffeyville, Kan., 4.6, \$2,444. 5, Rodey Glenn Wilson, Canyon, Texas, and Jody Pinkert, Lubbock, Texas, 4.8, \$1,920. 6, Tommy Edens, Gatesville, Texas, and Wade Clayton, Needville, Texas, 4.9, \$1,367. 7 (tie), Cooper Wimberly, Belen, N.M., and Games Gililland, Albuquerque, N.M.; Turtle Powell, Stephenville, Texas, and Travis Graves, Jay, Okla.; J.D. Yates and Jay Wadhams, Pueblo, Okla.; and B.J. Campbell, Benton City, Wash., and J.W. Borrego, Pueblo West, Colo.; 5.1 seconds, \$306 each.

Second Round: 1 (tie), Ty Larsen, Hysham, Mont., and Casey Cummins, Lodge Grass, Mont.; David Key, Caldwell, Texas and Marty Becker, Edmonton, Alberta; 4.1, \$3,753 each. 3, Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas, and Patrick Smith, Midland, Texas, 4.2, \$2,968. 4, (tie), Ty Blasingame, Ramah, Colo., and Bobby Baize, Anthony, N.M.; Chad Masters, Santo, Texas, and Michael Jones, Stephenville, Texas; and Edward Hawley, Jr., Hays, Mont., and Terry Doka, Fournain Hills, Ariz.; 4.3, \$1,920. 7, Dylan Bransom, Burleson, Texas, and Justin Copp, Justin, Texas, 4.5, \$873. 8, Matt Robertson, Augusta, Mont., and Sid Sporer, Cody, Wyo., 4.6, \$349.

Final Round Qualifiers: Mitchell and Davis, 9.1. 2, Tommy Edens, Gatesville, Texas, and Wade Clayton, Needville, Texas, 9.9. 3, Quincy Kueckelhan, Bonham, Texas, and Dustin Davis, Texarkana, Ark.; and Miles Kobold, Big Horn, Wyo., and Bret Trenary, Salida, Colo.; 10.3. 5, Clay Tryan, Billings, Mont., and Kory Koontz, Sudan, Texas, 10.8. 6, Paul Beckett, Laramie, Wyo., and Chad Wahlert, Eaton, Colo., 11.0. 7, Chad Masters, Lipan, Texas, and Michael Jones, Stephenville, Texas, 11.1. 8, Jake

Kropik, Midway, Texas, and Justin Hendrick, Midland, Texas, 11.7. 9 (tie), Cooper Wimberly, Belen, N.M., and James Gilliland, Albuquerque, N.M.; Cole Dorenkamp, Lamar, Colo., and Jesse Echtler, Huntsville, Texas; and J.D. Yates and Jay Wadhams, Pueblo, Colo.; 11.6. 12, Charly Crawford, Prineville, Ore., and Russell Cardoza, Farmington, Calif., 11.9.

Saddle Bronc Riding –

First Round: 1, Dusty Hausauer, Dickinson, N.D., 88 points on Cervi Championship's Rodeo's Party Shop, \$4,482. 2, Cody DeMoss, Heflin, La., 83, \$3,436. 3, Seth Glause, Rock Springs, Wyo., 82, \$3,540. 4 (tie), Chet Johnston, Gillette, Wyo.; Cody Taton, Newell, S.D.; and Jim Berry, Rocky Mountain House, Alberta; 80, \$1,145 each. 7 (tie), Alex Wright, Milford, Utah; Wes Burns, Stephenville, Texas; Brody Bolton, Odessa, Texas; Todd Herzog, Penhold, Alberta; and Jace Garrett, Alliance, Neb.; 79, \$209.

Second Round: 1, Bradley Harter, Weatherford, Texas, 85 points on Cervi Championship Rodeo's Get Back, \$4,482. 2 (tie), Bryan Hammons, Victoria, Texas, and Louie Brunson, Interior, S.D., 84, \$2,988 on two. 4, J.J. Elshere, Quinn, S.D., 83, 5, Jesse Kruse, Great Falls, Mont., 82, \$1,046. 6, Dean Wadsworth, Ozona, Texas, 81, \$747. 7 (tie), James Willert, Kadoka, S.D.; Glause; and Anthony Bello, Oakley, Utah; 80, \$348.

Final Round Qualifiers: 1, Glause, 162. 2 (tie), Harter and Elshere, 159. 4, Hammons, 158. 5, Brunson, 157. 6, (tie), Cody Taton, Newell, S.D., and Bello, 155. 8 (tie), Justin Arnold, Santa Margarita, Calif., and Josh Reynolds, Corvallis, Mont., 154. 10 (tie), Dean Wadsworth, Ozona, Texas, and Todd Herzog, Penhold, Alberta, 153. 12, Wes Burns Stephenville, Texas, 152.

Tie-Down Roping –

First Round: 1, Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo., 7.6 seconds, \$5,045. 2, Clint Robinson, Spanish Fork, Utah, 7.9, \$4,387. 3 (tie), J. Cody Jones, Kelseyville, Calif., and Justin Macha, Needville, Texas, 8.2, \$3,400 each. 5 (tie), Kody Curry, Buna, Texas; Houston Hutto, Del Rio, Texas; and Cimarron Boardman, Stephenville, Texas, 8.3, \$1,755. 8, Jason Hubbard, Laramie, Wyo., 8.4, \$439.

Second Round: 1, Barrett Threadgill, Hallettsville, Texas, 7.5, \$5,045, 2, Jeff Chapman, Athens, Texas, 7.7, \$4,387. 3 (tie), Trevor Thiel, Greeley, Colo., and Jared Hofstetter, Portales, N.M., 8.0, \$3,400 each. 5, Cole Wilson, Kincaid, Kan., 8.2, \$2,413. 6 (tie), Logan Hofer, Magrath, Alberta; J.D. Miller, Creston, Calif.; Cody Owens, Rankin, Texas; Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas; Clif Cooper, Decatur, Texas; and Patrick Bellis, Lovington, N.M.; 8.3, \$548.

Final Round Qualifiers: 1, Peek, 16.3. 2, Barrett Threadgill, Hallettsville, Texas, 17.6. 3, Houston Hutto, Del Rio, Texas, 17.7. 4, Clif Cooper, Decatur, Texas, 17.9. 5, J.D. Kibbe, Portales, N.M., 18.1. 6, Tuf Cooper, Decatur, Texas, 18.2. 7(tie), Wilson; Robinson; and Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas; 18.4. 10, Hofstetter, 18.8. 11, Bellis, 19.0. 12, Cade Swor, Chico, Texas, 19.1.

Women's Barrel Race –

First Round: 1, Savannah Reeves, Dublin, Texas, 15.24 seconds, \$3,991. 2, Nancy Hunter, Neola, Utah, 15.33, \$3,421. 3, Lisa Lockhart, Oelrichs, S.D., 15.39, \$2,851. 4,

Tara Lee Woodall, Merkel, Texas, 15.42, \$2,471. 5, Jordan Peterson, Chilton, Texas, 15.43, \$1,901. 6, Kim Schulze, Elbert, Colo., 15.45, \$1,520. 7, Christine Laughlin, Pueblo, Colo., 15.46, \$1,140. 8, Brenda Seely, Lander, Wyo., 15.47, \$760. 9, Seu Berg, Bloomington, Minn., 15.50, \$570. 10, Shali Lord, Lamar, Colo., 15.51, \$380.

Second Round: 1, Hunter, 15.20, \$3,991. 2 (tie), Cassie Moseley, Farwell, Texas, and Terra Bynum, Colorado City, Texas, 15.27, \$3,136. 4, Christina Richman, Glendora, Calif., 15.28, \$2,471. 5, Brittany Pozzi-Pharr, Victoria, Texas, 15.30, \$1,901. 6 (tie), Britany Fleck, Mandan, N.D., and Brenda Seely, Lander, Wyo., 15.35, \$1,330. 8 (tie), Shelley Morgan, Eustace, Texas, and Cassie Ward, Addington, Okla., 15.37, \$665. 10, Annesa Self, Valley View, Texas, 15.39, \$380.

Final Round Qualifiers: 1, Hunter, 30.53. 2, Reeves, 30.79. 3, Seely, 30.82. 4, Ward, 30.89. 5, Mary Burger, Pauls Valley, Okla., 30.95. 6, Pozzi-Pharr, 30.96. 7, Jordan Peterson, Chilton, Texas, 30.97. 8, P.J. Burger, Pauls Valley, Okla., 31.03. 9, Jackie Jatzlau, Giddings, Texas, 31.04. 10, Christina Richman, Glendora, Calif., 31.06. 11, Sue Berg, Bloomington, Minn., 31.09. 12, Morgan, 31.11.

Bull Riding—

First Round: 1, Cameron Castleberry, Gillette, Wyo., 90 points on Burch Rodeo's Huskama's, \$5,292. 2 Souli Shanklin, Rocksprings, Texas, 89, \$4,057. 3 (tie), Clayton Savage, Casper, Wyo., and Corey Navarre, Weatherford, Okla., 88, \$2,469 each. 5 (tie), Corey McFadden, Coleman, Texas, and Tater Hins, Huron, S.D., 87, \$1,058. 7 (tie), Clayton Foltyn, El Campo, Texas, Tyler Willis, Wheatland, Wyo.; and Jed Moore, Cheyenne, Wyo.; 86, \$412.

Second Round: 1, Kanin Asay, Powell, Wyo., 93 points on Bailey Rodeo's Lucky Strike, \$5,292. 2, Stetson Lewis, Tularosa, N.M., 88, \$4,057. 3, Austin Ambrose, Fletcher, Okla., 85, \$2,999. 4 (tie), Jed Moore, Cheyenne, Wyo., and Jason Beck, Prairieville, La., 84, \$1,588 each. 6 (tie), Nat Fly, Lava Hot Springs, Idaho, and Allen Helmuth, Ellensburg, Wash., 82, \$794. 8 (tie), Hins, Tyler Willis, Wheatland, Wyo.; and Garrett Wolfe, Wenatchee, Wash., 81, \$176.

Final Round Qualifiers: 1, Asay, 175. 2, Moore, 170. 3, Hins, 168. 4, Willis, 167. 5, Corey Navarre, Weatherford, Okla., 166. 6, Ambrose, 165. 7 (tie), Savage and Corey Maier, Timber Lake, S.D., 162. 9, Nat Fly, Lava Hot Springs, Idaho, 159. 10, Brian Curtis, Belle Fourche, S.D., 155. 11, Jacob Tyner, Sacramento, Calif., 154. 12, Zack Elliott, Thatcher, Utah, 151.