

National Western Stock Show Rodeo Champions Crowned

DENVER --- The first of the building rodeos of 2009 is over and two home state cowboys were victorious.

Tim Shirley from Conifer, Colo., tied for the bareback riding championship and Josh Peek from Pueblo, Colo., won the tie-down roping and all-around championships. Shirley led the pack of 12 bareback riders coming into Sunday's final round. He rode the Kesler Championship Rodeo horse named Silver Moon for 82 points to give him a total of 254 points and \$11,217. Shirley started his winning ways by marrying his fiancée Mindy Downare on Saturday night.

Also earning 254 points and tying with Shirley was Dustin Reeves, from Owanka, S.D. Reeves did not earn as much in the first two rounds, but still left Denver with \$7,535. The Jeffrey Scott championship buckle was given to Shirley by virtue of a coin toss. The National Western Stock Show is ordering another buckle, so both cowboys will be able to sport their trophies, but Reeves will have to wait for his.

Josh Peek had over 10 seconds to rope and tie his calf here on Sunday, but did the job in 8.5 to win third in the finals and the title with a total of 24.9 seconds. He is also a newlywed having just tied the knot on the third of January. Peek left Denver with \$13,158. He won the all-around because he also competed in steer wrestling here.

The high money winner was barrel racer Nancy Hunter from Neola, Utah. Hunter placed second in the first round, won the second round and the finals. She was the most consistent of all the contestants and won \$16,357 for her total time of 45.98 seconds.

Last July, Kanin Asay wasn't sure when he'd get to ride a bull again. He was injured at the St. Paul, Ore., rodeo and had to have surgery to remove his spleen. Two months later, he was riding again and qualified for his second Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in December.

Asay worked very hard to regain the abdominal strength needed to ride a bull and is looking for his first world championship. He made it one step closer here by riding three bulls for 264 points. Asay earned \$14,480 and will be taking the title home to Powell, Wyo.

Attendance at this year's National Western Stock Show was 643,100. The final performance of the rodeo had 8,221 fans in the stands. Total rodeo attendance over 23 performances was 155,435.

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Bareback Riding, Dustin Reeves, Owanka, S.D., 254 points, \$7,535

And Tim Shirley, Conifer, Colo., 254 points, \$11,217

Steer Wrestling, Curtis Cassidy, Donald, Alberta, 12.7 seconds, \$12,074.

And Jake Rinehart, Highmore, S.D., 12.7 seconds, \$14,225

Team Roping, Chad Masters, Santo, Texas,

and Michael Jones, Stephenville, Texas, 15.5 seconds, \$8,033 each

Saddle Bronc Riding, Bradley Harter, Weatherford, Texas, 247 points, \$12,255

Tie-Down Roping, Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo., 24.9 seconds, \$13,158

Women's Barrel Race, Nancy Hunter, Neola, Utah, 45.98 seconds, \$18,357

Bull Riding, Kanin Asay, Powell, Wyo., 264 points, \$14,480

DENVER --- The following are final results from the National Western Stock Show Rodeo, Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009.

Bareback Riding –

Final Round: 1, Dustin Reeves, Owanka, S.D., 87 points on Burch Rodeo's Pinball Wizard, \$1,200. 2, Zach Curran, Arvada, Colo., 86, \$900. 3, Zac Compton, Hermiston, Ore., 85, \$600. 4 (tie), Silas Richards, North Zulch, Texas; Jared Keylon, Fort Scott, Kan.; and Tim Shirley, Conifer, Colo.; 82, \$100.

Over-All: 1 (tie), Reeves and Shirley, 254 points, \$6,335. 3, Curran, 253, \$4,064. 4 (tie), Zac Compton, Hermiston, Ore., and Wes Stevenson, Lubbock, Texas, 248, \$2,152. 6, Tileden Hooper, Carthage, Texas, 247, \$1,195. 7, Jared Keylon, Fort Scott, Kan., 246, \$956. 8 (tie), Silas Richards, North Zulch, Texas, and Scott Montague, Rapid City, S.D., 244, \$359.

Steer Wrestling –

Final Round: 1, Ken Lewis, La Junta, Colo., 4.0 seconds, \$1,100. 2, Billy Begenig, Ferndale, Calif., 4.3, \$825. 3, Curtis Cassidy, Donald, Alberta, 4.4, \$550. 4, Jake Rinehart, Highmore, S.D., 4.9, \$275.

Over-All: 1 (tie), Cassidy and Rinehart, 12.7, \$7,113. 3, Lewis, 14.0, \$5,624. 4, Bugenig, 14.3, \$4,632. 5, Seth Brockman, Wheatland, Wyo., 15.5, \$3,639. 6, Blake Knowles, Heppner, Ore., 16.0, \$2,847. 7, Dane Hanna, Starkville, Miss., 16.1, \$1,654. 8, K.C. Jones, Decatur, Texas, 17.5, \$662.

Team Roping –

Final Round: 1, Chad Masters, Santo, Texas, and Michael Jones, Stephenville, Texas, 4.4 seconds, \$1,090. 2, Cooper Wimberly, Belen, N.M., and James Gililand, Albuquerque, N.M., 5.5, \$818. 3, Quincy Kueckelhan, Bonham, Texas, and Dustin Davis, Texarkana, Ark., 5.8, \$545. 4, J.D. Yates and Jay Wadhams, Pueblo, Colo., 6.3, \$273.

Over-All: 1, Masters and Jones, 15.5, \$6,033. 2, Kueckelhan and Davis, 16.1, \$5,237. 3, Wimberly and Gililand, 17.3, \$4,452. 4, Yates and Wadhams, 18.1, \$3,666. 5, Tommy Edens, Gatesville, Texas, and Wade Clayton, Needville, Texas, 20.7, \$2,880. 6, Jake Kropik, Midway, Texas, and Justin Hendrick, Huntsville, Texas, 25.9, \$2,095. 7, Spencer Mitchell, Calusa, Calif., and Justin Davis, Cottonwood, Calif., 28.6, \$1,309. 8, Clay Tryan, Billings, Mont., and Kory Koontz, Sudan, Texas, 32.5, \$524.

Saddle Bronc Riding –

Final Round: 1 (tie), Cody Taton, Newell, S.D., on Cervi Championship Rodeo's Hi Life Gal, and Bradley Harter, Weatherford, Texas, on Burch Rodeo's Mullen Hill, 88 points, \$1,050 each. 3, Bryan Hammons, Victoria, Texas, 85, \$600. 4 (tie), Todd Herzog, Penhold, Alberta, and Anthony Bello, Oakley, Utah, 84, \$150.

Over-All: 1, Harter, 247, \$6,723. 2, Seth Glause, Rock Springs, Wyo., 245, \$5,154. 3 (tie), Taton and Bryan Hammons, Victoria, Texas, 243, \$3,137. 5, J.J. Elshere, Quinn, S.D., 242, \$1,569. 6, Anthony Bello, Oakley, Utah, 239, \$1,121. 7, Herzog, 237,

\$896. 8 (tie), Dean Wadsworth, Ozona, Texas, and Justin Arnold, Santa Margarita, Calif., 234, \$336.

Tie-Down Roping –

Final Round: 1, Tuf Cooper, Decatur, Texas, 8.2 seconds, \$1,090. 2, Clint Robinson, Spanish Fork, Utah, 8.5, \$818. 3, Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo., 8.6, \$545. 4, Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, 8.7, \$273.

Over-All: 1, Peek, 24.9, \$7,568. 2, Cooper, 26.4, \$6,581. 3, Robinson, 26.9, \$5,594. 4, Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, 27.1, \$4,607. 5, J.D. Kibbe, Portales, N.M., 27.4, \$3,619. 6, Barrett Threadgill, Hallettsville, Texas, 28.0, \$2,632. 7, Patrick Bellis, Lovington, N.M., 28.9, \$1,645. 8, Cade Swor, Chico, Texas, 29.0, \$658.

Barrel Racing –

Final Round: 1, Nancy Hunter, Neola, Utah, 15.36 seconds, \$2,956. 2, Jackie Jatzlau, Giddings, Texas, 15.48, \$2,217. 3, Mary Burger, Pauls Valley, Okla., 15.50, \$1,478. 4, Brenda Seely, Lander, Wyo., 15.53, \$739.

Over-All: Hunter, 45.89, \$5,987. 2, Brenda Seely, 46.35, \$5,131. 3 (tie), Mary Burger, Pauls Valley, Okla., and Cassie Ward, Addington, Okla., 46.45, \$3,991. 5 (tie), Jackie Jatzlau, Giddings, Texas, and Savannah Reeves, Dublin, Texas, 46.52, \$2,566. 7, Christina Richman, Glendora, Calif., 46.76, \$1,710. 8 (tie), Jordon Peterson, Chilton, Texas, and Brittany Pozzi-Pharr, Victoria, Texas, 51.40, \$998. 10, Cassie Moseley, Farwell, Texas, 51.64, \$570.

Bull Riding –

Final Round: 1, Clayton Savage, Casper, Wyo., 90 points on Calgary Stampede's Lizzard Lips, \$1,650. 2, Kanin Asay, Powell, Wyo., 89, \$1,250. 3, Corey Navarre, Weatherford, Okla., 81, \$900. 4, Corey Maier, Timber Lake, S.D., 80, \$600. 5, Nat Fly, Lava Hot Springs, S.D., 76, \$350.

Over-All: 1, Asay, 264, \$7,938. 2, Savage, 252, \$6,086. 3, Navarre, 247, \$4,498. 4, Maier, 242, \$2,910. 5, Fly, 235, \$1,852. (on two) 6, Jed Moore, Cheyenne, Wyo., 170, \$1,322. 7, Tater Hins, Huron, S.D., 168, \$1,058. 8, Tyler Willis, Wheatland, Wyo., 167, \$794.