

## Rising Star Wins Denver Chute-Out Bull Riding

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For the National Western Stock Show

DENVER, Colo. --- Chance Roberts from Jewett, Ill., could have had a career changing 24 seconds at the National Western Stock Show on Wednesday night.

Roberts was the only contestant out of a 90-man field to have qualified rides on three bulls and as such won the Denver Chute-Out championship and \$18,792. Roberts rode in the first round here on Tuesday night and had an 84-point score that wasn't enough to place, but it did advance him to the second round, held Wednesday night. He rode again, this time for 86 points and finished fourth out of 15 that qualified for the finals.

Roberts was the first man to last the required eight seconds and scored 91 points on D & H Cattle Company's bull named Priceless. He then had to wait through the next three bull riders to see where he would finish for the night. It all worked in his favor as everyone else bucked off. This is the biggest win of his career and will put him in a position to move up the ranks in the Professional Bull Riders (PBR) and possibly put him on the Built Ford Tough Series.

"I came here and got lucky," the humble Roberts said. "The sky is the limit now. I'm just going to try to keep winning and ride every bull I get on."

The Denver Chute-Out was the championship event for the PBR's Touring Pro Division. Shane Proctor, from Mooresville, N.C., had earned enough money to finish as the year-end winner in spite of having a broken arm and not being able to compete here. Proctor sustained his injury at the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo during the final round last December. In spite of that he earned the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) world championship in the bull riding. He started the year with a huge win here in the Denver Coliseum which helped him garner that title.

"I had so much fun here in Denver last year, I had to come back," Proctor said when he accepted his award. "I will be back."

The first performance of PRCA Rodeo competition starts here on Thursday night at 7 p.m.

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DENVER --- The following are results from the Denver Chute-Out bull riding at the National Western Stock Show Rodeo, sanctioned by the Professional Bull Riders, Jan. 11, 2011

Round 1: 1. Kasey Hayes, Liberal, Kan., 89.5 points on Cody Ohl's Dr. Feel Good, \$4,320; 2. (tie) J.B. Mauney, Mooresville, N.C., and Kody Lostroh, Lasalle, Colo., 89, \$2,700 each; 4. (tie) Ty Pozzebon, Merritt, British Columbia; and Douglas Duncan, Alvin, Texas, 88, \$540.

Round 2: 1. Douglas Duncan on Trent West's Sam T Straight, 87, \$4,320; 2. (tie) Chase Outlaw, Tilly, Ark.; Harve Stewart, Stephenville, Texas; and Chance Roberts, Jewett, Ill.; 86, \$2,160.

Overall Winners: 1. Chance Roberts, 261 points on three bulls, \$16,632; (on two) 2. Douglas Duncan, 175, \$11,592; 3. Chase Outlaw, 171.5, \$6,552; 4. Silvano Alves, Decatur, Texas; 171, \$4,536; 5. Harve Stewart, 169, \$3,528; 6. Valdiron de Oliveira, Rhome, Texas, 168.5, \$2,520; 7. Kody Lostroh, 168, \$2,016; 8. J.B. Mauney, 165, \$1,512; 9. L.J. Jenkins, Porum, Okla., 164, \$1,008; 10. Austin Meiers, Kinta, Okla., 158.5, \$504.

