

NEWS RELEASE

Guymon Pioneer Days Rodeo

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Volunteers make it work at Pioneer Days Rodeo

GUYMON, Okla. – Luke Branquinho knows the path to the pay window at the Guymon Pioneer Days Rodeo.

In two days of competition this week, the 2004 steer wrestling world champion from Los Alamos, Calif., has placed in both preliminary go-rounds and has advanced into the progressive round during Oklahoma's Richest Rodeo at Henry C. Hitch Pioneer Arena. He will be one of 40 bulldoggers to compete in a third round during the four performances of the Guymon Pioneer Days Rodeo, a major player in the sport that has been part of the prestigious ProRodeo Tour since the system's implementation earlier this decade.

Steer wrestlers, steer ropers, team ropers and tie down ropers compete in two preliminary rounds, then the top 40 cumulative times qualify for the progressive round, which will be part of the performances over the weekend.

Branquinho pinned his first steer in 3.7 seconds during non-performance competition – known as slack in rodeo terms – on Tuesday to tie Wade Sumpter of Fowler, Colo., to win the opening go-round. He then matched that feat in Wednesday's second round, but that was only good enough for a tie for fifth place in the round.

In 7.4 seconds of work this week, Branquinho has earned \$2,931.

But he may not be the biggest bulldogging story in Guymon. During Wednesday's competition, reigning world champion Jason Miller of Lance Creek, Wyo., grappled his steer in 2.9 seconds to set a Hitch Arena record.

There will be four performances of the Guymon Pioneer Days Rodeo, beginning at 7:30 tonight. Other shows will be at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. More than 800 contestants in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association and the Women's Professional Rodeo Association are competing for the top prize money in the Sooner State this year.

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Steer wrestling: First round: 1. (tie) Luke Branquinho and Wade Sumpter, 3.7 seconds, \$2,136 each; 3. (tie) Curtis Cassidy and Jule Hazen, 3.8, \$1,540 each; 5. (tie) Shawn Greenfield, Beau Franzen and Clayton Morrison, 4.0, \$795 each; 8. (tie) Jon Ragatz and Trevor Cox, 4.1, \$99 each. **Second round:** 1. Jason Miller, 2.9 seconds (arena record), \$2,285; 2. Baillie Milan, 3.5, \$1,987; 3. (tie) Clint Robinson and Gabe Ledoux, 3.6, \$1,540 each; 5. (tie) Trey Austin III, Luke Branquinho and Beau Franzen, 3.7, \$795 each; 8. (tie) Clifford Smith, Linn Churchill and Shawn Greenfield, 4.0, \$66 each.

Team roping: First round: 1. Keven Daniel/Cory Petska, 5.6 seconds, \$2,302 each; 2. (tie) Matt Sherwood/Randon Adams and Turtle Powell/Travis Graves, 6.1, \$1,851 each; 4. (tie) Travis Tryan/Michael Jones and Cody McMinn/Travis Woodard, 6.3, \$1,251 each; 6. (tie) Bubba Buckaloo/Jett Hillman and

Coleman Proctor/Jake Long, 6.5, \$650 each; 8. Dusty Forre/Troy Hermelbracht, 6.8, \$200. **Second round:** 1. Brad Hamilton/Mickey Gomez, 5.9 seconds, \$2,302 each; 2. Colter Todd/Cesar de la Cruz, 6.2, \$2,001; 3. Logan Olson/Broc Cresta, 6.3, \$1,701; 4. Garrett Tonozzi/Kinney Harrell, 6.4, \$1,401; 5. Jojo Lemond/Martin Lucero, 6.5, \$1,101; 6. Chance Kelton/Boogie Ray, 6.6, \$801; 7. Justin Turner/Jace Crabb, 7.5, \$500; 8. Mike Bacon/Kollin Von Ahn, 7.6, \$200.

Tie-down roping: First round: 1. Scott Kormos, 7.8 seconds, \$2,348; 2. (tie) Timber Moore and Joe Beaver, 8.1, \$1,888 each; 4. Joseph Gernentz, 8.3, \$1,429; 5. (tie) Cade Swor and Blair Burk, 8.4, \$970 each 7. Randall Carlisle, 8.6, \$510; 8. Tim Pharr, 8.7, \$204. **Second round:** 1. Houston Hutton, 7.5 seconds, \$2,348; 2. Kody Curry, 7.7, \$2,041; 3. Steve Brickey, 8.0, \$1,735; 4. Cimarron Boardman, 8.1, \$1,429; 5. Kelsey Garrison, 8.2, \$1,223; 6. (tie) Shane Hanchey and Jeff Chapman, 8.3, \$663 each; 8. Caddo Lewallen, 8.4, \$204.

Barrel racing: First round: 1. Jana Jarreau, 16.58 seconds, \$1,933; 2. Delores Toole, 16.61, \$1,657; 3. Lindsay Sears, 16.69, \$1,381; 4. Whitney Baker, 16.73, \$1,197; 5. Angie Meadors, 16.79, \$920; 6. Diann Bukowski, 16.80, \$736; 7. (tie) Tammy Key-Fischer and Annesa Self, 16.83, \$460 each; 9. Cassie Moseley, 16.84, \$276; 10. Megan McLeod, 16.87, \$184.

Steer roping: First round: 1. Cash Myers, 11.4 seconds, \$1,790; 2. Leo Campbell, 11.7, \$1,557; 3. Jess Tierney, 11.8, \$1,323; 4. Shorty Garten, 12.3, \$1,090; 5. K.W. Lauer, 12.5, \$856; 6. Trevor Brazile, 12.6, \$623; 7. Tim Abbott, 12.7, \$389; 8. Dee Kyler Jr., 12.9, \$156. **Second round:** 1. J.D. Yates, 11.9 seconds, \$1,790; 2. (tie) Vin Fisher Jr. and Rod Hartness, 12.3, \$1,440 each; 4. (tie) Brady Garten, Shane Suggs and Neal Wood, 12.5, \$856 each; 7. Jim Locke, 12.8, \$389; 8. Trevor Brazile, 12.9, \$156.