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Pretty in pink: Durfey takes Guymon tie-down roping lead

GUYMON, Okla. – Karma is a good thing. Just ask Tyson Durfey.

Durfey is a three-time Wrangler National Finals Rodeo qualifier who wears pink in every rodeo performance to help raise awareness and money in the fight against cancer. On Friday night, he took the lead in the tie-down roping competition during the Tough Enough to Wear Pink performance of the Guymon Pioneer Days Rodeo.

“It’s always a great feeling to get to rope on pink night at a rodeo, especially one like Guymon,” said Durfey, who was raised near Savannah, Mo. “It’s great to look up in the crowd and see all those people wearing pink in support of breast cancer awareness, because it’s something that’s important to me. It’s why I wear pink at every performance.”

Durfey didn’t have the fastest time on opening night of the three-day rodeo that will have performances at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday at Henry C. Hitch Pioneer Arena. But his 10.6-second run was good enough to move him to the lead of the average race – he’s roped and tied three calves in 27.9 seconds.

“It’s an amazing feeling to be winning the rodeo,” said Durfey, a two-time Canadian champion who has won recently in Logandale, Nev., and Red Bluff, Calif. “It feels great, and I’m in position to come out of here with a pretty good average check.”

Durfey was No. 2 in the aggregate race heading into the third round of competition, which features the top cowboys from the opening two rounds that took place earlier in the week. The calf – which he was drawn to compete with Friday night – ran hard, then kicked as Durfey attempted to tie the animal’s legs. That slowed the process and the time.

“I just needed to rope smart and not do anything silly,” Durfey said. “When I was younger, I probably would’ve gotten a little upset and let that affect my run. But as I’m getting older, I’ve learned to stay cool and not do anything that would lead to any mistakes.

Meanwhile, Jeremiah Peek of Pueblo, Colo., posted a 7.3 to take the lead in the third go-round. It was a good night for the Peeks. His brother, Josh, posted a 3.6-second run to take the round and average leads in steer wrestling.

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Friday Night

First Performance

Bareback riding: 1. Will Lowe, 87 points on Carr Pro Rodeo’s Dirty Jacket; 2. Micky Downare and Bee Jay Scott, 84 points; 4. Wes Stevenson, 81; 5. Monte Downare, 80; 6. Bryan Jones, 78; 7. Dustin Murray, 76; 8. Logan Hodson, Telkwa, 75.

Team roping: 1. Turtle Powell/Cory Petska, 6.4 seconds; 2. Nick Sartain/Kollinm VohAhn, 7.5; 3. Kaden Richard/Rhen Richard and Jake Cooper/Jim Ross Cooper, 7.9; 5. Quincy Kueckelhan/Dustin Davis, 11.8; 6. Joel Bach/Paul Eaves, 13.2; 7. Justin Parish/Trey Johnson, 16.9; no other qualified times. Average: 1. Sartain/VonAhn, 33.8 on three; 2. Powell/Petska, 34.8; 3. Cooper/Cooper, 14.9 on two; 4. Richard/Richard, 16.6; 5. Jess Tierney/Paul David Tierney, 17.3; 6. Chris Lawson/Josh Patton, 17.9; 7. Clay Tryan/Travis Graves, 18.7; 8. Kueckelhan/Davis, 20.0

Steer roping: 1. Neal Wood, 11.6 seconds; 2. Jim Ross Cooper, 12.7; 3. J.P. Wickett, 13.3; 4. J.D. Yates, 14.8; 5. Tony Reina, 16.3; 6. Jed Gleghorn, 20.1. Average: 1. Wood, 67.0 on five runs; 2. Wickett, 76.5; 3. Yates, 77.7; 4. Rocky Patterson, 53.8 on four runs; 5. Shandon Stalls, 64.3; 6. Cody Dutton, 66.7; 7. Wade Shoemaker, 69.9; 8. Reina, 71.1

Saddle bronc riding: 1. Josh Reynolds, 86 points on Carr Pro Rodeo's Simple Man; 2. Matt Hebbert, 82; 3. Brad Rudolf, 80; 4. Wade Sundell and Samuel Kelts, 78; 6. Luke Butterfield, 75; 7. Justin Berg, 71.

Steer wrestling: 1. Josh Peek, 3.6 seconds; 2. Tanner Milan, 4.2; 3. Cash Myers, 4.7; 4. Adam Strahan and Tony Larsen, 4.9; 6. Clint Doll, 5.5; 7. Ethan Thouvenell, 5.9; 8. Straws Milan, 8.3. Average: Peak, 12.0 on three runs; 2. Strahan, 13.9; 3. Thouvenell, 14.2; 4. Tanner Milan, 15.0; 5. Doll, 16.1; 6. Larsen, 16.6; 7. Myers, 17.1; 8. Straws Milan, 18.9.

Tie-down roping: 1. Jeremiah Peek, 7.3 seconds; 2. Justin Truman, 8.4; 3. Tyler Garten and Cade Swor, 9.1; 5. Kyle Whitaker, 10.2; 6. Tyson Durfey, 10.8; 7. Scott Kormos, 14.3; 8. Ryan Parnell, 19.9. Average: 1. Durfey, 27.9 seconds on three runs; 2. Peek, 29.3; 3. Garten, 29.9; 4. Whitaker, 31.1; 5. Kormos, 31.7; 6. Truman, 32.4; 7. Swor, 35.1; 8. Parnell, 47.4.

Barrel racing: 1. Ashley Leifester, 17.13 seconds; 2. Lacy Wilson, 17.28; 3. Sherry Cervi, 17.45; 4. Sabrina Ketcham and Diane Martin, 17.50; 6. Kelly Yates, 17.51; 7. Tammy Brusio, 17.65; 8. Tara Timms, 17.67; 9. Kim Schulze, 17.70; 10. Sherri Dean, 17.79. Average: Leifester, 34.78 on two runs; 2. Wilson, 35.14; 3. Cervi, 35.16; 4. Martin, 35.67; 5. Dean, 35.88; 6. Tammy Peterson, 35.97; 7. Ketcham, 35.98; 8. Michelle Bartley, 35.98; 9. Schulze, 36.03; 10. Kelley Campbell, 36.12.

Bull riding: 1. Blake Rowen, 83 points on the Carr Pro Rodeo bull Black Out; 2. Shawn Hogg, 80; 3. Jesse Monroe, 78.