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Photo cutline: Sterling Smith of Stephenville, Texas, roped this calf in 7.5 seconds to take the second-round lead at the World's Original Indoor Rodeo® at the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo. FWSSR photo by James Phifer

Smith's 7.5 takes lead at Fort Worth's World's Original Indoor Rodeo®

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for the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo

FORT WORTH, Texas (January 27, 2019)—Sterling Smith of Stephenville, Texas, took a commanding lead in the second round of tie-down roping at the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo.

Smith, who won the championship here in 2015, clocked a 7.5-second run Sunday afternoon. The two-time National Finals Rodeo (NFR) qualifier was one of the first cowboys to compete in the second round which finishes on February 9. Nearly 200 ropers competed in the first round, which ended Saturday night with a time of 8.0 seconds as the winner.

A graduate of Tarleton State University with a degree in business management, Smith used his Fort Worth championship in 2015 as a springboard to qualifying for the NFR and a big check here could give him a boost in 2019.

The first round of steer wrestling ended on Sunday with Brandon Harrison of Port Arthur taking first with a time of 3.7 seconds. The Lamar University graduate earned more than \$5,700 in round one and will compete again here on Tuesday, Feb. 5.

The World's Original Indoor Rodeo® continues with performances at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Sunday at Fort Worth's historic Will Rogers Coliseum.

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FORT WORTH. --- The following are unofficial results from Sunday's performances of the World's Oldest Indoor Rodeo® at the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo, January 27, 2019.

Fifth Performance

Bareback Riding: 1 (tie), Kaycee Feild, Genola, Utah, on Championship Pro Rodeo's Night Lizard and Leighton Berry, Weatherford, Texas, on Championship Pro Rodeo's River Bugs, 83.5 points. 3, BoDell Jessen, Altamont, Utah, 78.5. 4, Winn Ratliff, Leesville, La., 76.

Steer Wrestling: 1, Tom Lewis, Lehi, Utah, 5.0 seconds. 2, Luke Gee, Stanford, Mont., 5.2. 3, Paul Melvin, Paradise, Texas, 9.0. 4, Hank Filippini, Battle Mountain, Nev., 13.4.

Team Roping: (three times) 1, Levi Simpson, Ponoka, Alberta, and Cole Davison, Stephenville, Texas, 6.5 seconds. 2, Jake Orman, Prairie, Miss., and Walt Woodard, Stephenville, Texas,

Saddle Bronc Riding: 1 (tie), Taos Muncy, Corona, N.M., on Championship Pro Rodeo's Cat Man Do and Clay Elliott, Nanton, Alberta, on Championship Pro Rodeo's Just Bugs, 79.5 points. 3, Dusty Hausauer, Dickinson, N.D., 77.5. 4, Ross Griffin, Tularosa, N.M., 77.

Tie-Down Roping: 1, Sterling Smith, Stephenville, Texas, 7.5 seconds. 2, Alex Caudle, Livingston, Ala., 8.3. 3, Todd Danley, Graham, Texas, 9.7. 4, Rhen Richard, Roosevelt, Utah, 10.2.

Barrel Racing: 1, Carlee Otero, Weatherford, Texas, 16.79 seconds. 2, Sherri Barnes, Pilot Point, Texas, 16.81. 3, Rainy Pratt, Stephenville, Texas, 16.92. 4, Ashley Schafer, Millsap, Texas, 17.01.

Bull Riding: (two rides) 1, Jeff Askey, Athens, Texas, 83 points on Rafter G Rodeo's Helter Skelter. 2, Bayle Worden, Charleston, Texas, 77.5.

Sixth Performance

Bareback Riding: 1, Winn Ratliff, Leesville, La., 77 points on United Pro Rodeo's Buckle Up. 2, (tie) Kaycee Feild, Genola, Utah, and Paden Hurst, Cypress, Texas, 74. Tony Barrington, Elko, Nev., 70.5.

Steer Wrestling: 1, Jace Melvin, Fort Pierre, S.D., 4.5 seconds. 2, Hank Filippini, Battle Mountain, Nev., 3, Eli Lord, Sturgis, S.D., 5.0 seconds. 4, Luke Gee, Stanford, Mont., 15.2.

Team Roping: 1 (tie), Lane Ivy, Dublin, Texas, and Buddy Hawkins II, Columbus, Kan., and Levi Simpson, Ponoka, Alberta, and Cole Davison, Stephenville, Texas, 5.6 seconds. 3, Ryne Hutton, Boerne, Texas, and Mickey Gomez, Holland, Texas, 7.5. 4, Jake Orman, Prairie, Miss., and Walt Woodard, Stephenville, Texas, 12.8.

Saddle Bronc Riding: (two rides) 1, Louie Brunson, New Underwood, S.D., 79.5 points on United Pro Rodeo's Hoppity Hop. 2, Ross Griffin, Tularosa, N.M., 74.

Tie-Down Roping: 1, Monty Lewis, Hereford, Texas, 9.4 seconds. 2, Polo Bacque II, Scott, La., 11.8. 3, Blake Chauvin, Raceland, La., 20.1. 4, Shank Edwards, Tatum, N.M., 20.9.

Barrel Racing: 1, Stephanie Fryar, Waco, Texas, 16.62 seconds. 2, Danyelle Williams, Vale, Ore., 16.89. 3, Hannah Sharon, Dillon, Mont., 16.97. 4, Jodee Miller, Magnolia, Texas, 17.10.

Bull Riding: (one ride) 1, Jeff Askey, Athens, Texas, 77 points on United Pro Rodeo's Black Night.

Current Leaders

Bareback Riding: (first round) 1, Kaycee Feild, Genola, Utah, 87.5 points on Rafter G Rodeo's Biscuit. 2, Casey Colletti, Pueblo, Colo., 85.5. 3, Tyler Johnson, Burneyville, Okla., 83.5. 4, Winn Ratliff, Leesville, La., 82. 5, Waylon Guy Bourgeois, Church Point, La., 79.5. 6, Wyatt Maines, Maple Creek, Sask, 76.5. (second round) 1 (tie), Kaycee Feild, Genola, Utah, on Championship Pro Rodeo's Night Lizard and Leighton Berry, Weatherford, Texas, on Championship Pro Rodeo's River Bugs, 83.5 points each. 3, BoDell Jessen, Altamont, Utah, 78.5. 4, Wyatt Maines, Maple Creek, Sask., 77.5. 5, Winn Ratliff, Leesville, La., 78. 6 (tie), Wyatt Ortega, Groveland, Fla., and Tony Barrington, Elko, Nev., 75. (third round) 1, Casey Colletti, Pueblo, Colo., 84 points on Dakota Rodeo's Sunrise. 2, Waylon Guy Bourgeois, Church Point, La., 81.5. 3, Winn Ratliff, Leesville, La., 77. 4, Kaycee Field, Genola, Utah, and Paden Hurst, Cypress, Texas, 74. 6, Wyatt Maines, Maple Creek, Sask., 73.5. (total on three) 1, Field, 245 points. 2, Ratliff, 235. 3, Maines, 227.5 points. 4, Bourgeois, 223. 5, Hurst, 217. 6, Barrington, 213.5.

Steer Wrestling: (first round winners) 1, Brandon Harrison, Port Arthur, Texas, 3.7 seconds, \$5,753. 2, Josh Clark, Warner, Okla., 3.8, \$5,002. 3 (tie), Sterling Lambert, Fallon, Nev.; Hunter Cure, Holliday, Texas; and Cody Cabral, Hilo, Hawaii, 3.9, \$3,502 each. 6, Brendan Laye, Consort, Alberta, 4.0, 2001. 7 (tie), Marcus Theriot, Poplarville, Miss.; Jesse Brown, Baker City, Ore., and Talon Roseland, Marshalltown, Iowa, \$584. (second round- three times) 1, Jace Melvin, Fort Pierre, S.D., 4.5 seconds. 2, Hank Filippini, Battle Mountain, Nev., 3, Luke Gee, Stanford, Mont., 15.2. (total on two) 1, Hank Filippini, Battle Mountain, Nev., 18.3 seconds. 2, Melvin, 18.6. 3, Luke Gee, Stanford, Mont., 20.4.

Team Roping: (first round) 1, Jeff Flenniken, Caldwell, Idaho, and Jake Minor, Ellensburg, Wash., 5.0 seconds. 2, Matt Sherwood, Pima, Ariz., and Tyler Worley, Berryville, Ark., 5.4. 3, Garrett Rogers, Baker City, Ore., and Cesar de la Cruz, Tucson, Ariz., 5.8. 4, Riley Minor and Brady Minor, Ellensburg, Wash., 6.3. 5, Levi Simpson, Ponoka, Alberta, and Cole Davison, Stephenville, Texas, 6.5. 6, Jake Orman, Prairie, Miss., and Walt Woodard, Stephenville, Texas, 6.8. (second round) 1, Aaron Macy, Post, Texas, and Jason Johe, San Luis Obispo, Calif., 4.9 seconds. 2, Riley and Brady Minor, Ellensburg, Wash., 5.1. 3, Matt Sherwood, Pima, Ariz., and Tyler Worley, Berryville, Ark., 5.2. 4, (tie) Lane Ivy, Dublin, Texas, and Buddy Hawkins II, Columbus, Kan., and Levi Simpson, Ponoka, Alberta, and Cole Davison, Stephenville, Texas, 5.6. 6, Brandon Gonzales, Seboyeta, N.M., and Steve Northcott, Odessa, Texas, 6.1. (total on two) 1, Sherwood and Worley, 10.6 seconds. 2, Riley and Brady Minor, 11.4. 3, Simpson and Davison, 12.1. 4, Gonzales and Northcott, 13.8. 5, Vinson and Tash, 17.5. 6, Mitchell and Smithson, 18.3.

Saddle Bronc Riding: (first round) 1, Kole Ashbacher, Arrowwood, Alberta, 84.5 points on Rafter G Rodeo's Golden Glow. 2, Colt Gordon, Comanche, Okla., 83.5. 3, Dawson Hay, Wildwood, Alberta, 82, 4, (tie) Joey Sonnier III, New Iberia, La., and Sterling Crawley,

Stephenville, Texas, 81.5. 6, (tie) Taos Muncy, Corona, N.M., and Clay Elliott, Nanton, Alberta, 79.5. (second round) 1, Sterling Crawley, Stephenville, Texas, 86.5 points on Andrews Rodeo's Rock Bottle. 2 (tie), Bradley Harter, Loranger, La.; Wyatt Casper, Pampa, Texas, and Colt Gordon, 82.5. 5, Dawson Hay, Wildwood, Alberta, 82. 6. Louie Brunson, New Underwood, S.D., 79.5. (total on two) 1, Crawley, 168. 2, Gordon, 166. 3, Hay, 164. 4 (tie), Sonnier and Casper, 160.5. 6, Bradley Harter, Loranger, La., 159.5.

Tie-Down Roping: (first round winners) 1, Tuf Cooper, Decatur, Texas, 8.0 seconds, \$6,413. 2, Clif Cooper, Decatur, Texas, 8.2, \$5,576. 3, Tyson Durfey, Brock, Texas, and Marty Yates, Stephenville, Texas, 8.4, \$4,322 each. 5 (tie), Shane Hanchey, Sulphur, La., and Ike Fontenot, Ville Platte, La., 8.5, \$2,648.70 each. 7, Cody Craig, Wendell, Idaho, 8.8, \$1,394. 8, (tie) Reese Riemer, Stinnett, Texas, and Ross Tucker, Archer City, Texas, 9.0, \$279 each. (second round leaders) 1, Sterling Smith, Stephenville, Texas, 7.5 seconds. 2, Alex Caudle, Livingston, Ala., 8.3. 3, Monty Lewis, Hereford, Texas, 9.4. 4, Todd Danley, Graham, Texas, 9.7. 5, Rhen Richard, Roosevelt, Utah, 10.2. 6, Polo Bacque II, Scott, La., 11.8.

Barrel Racing: (first round) 1, Jill Wilson, Snyder, Texas, 16.49 seconds. 2, Ilyssa Glass, Tatum, N.M., 16.58. 3, Stephanie Fryar, Waco, Texas, 16.62. 4, Dena Kirkpatrick, Post, Texas, 16.64. 5, Jennifer Driver, Garden City, Texas, 16.70. 6, Lesley Casper, Pampa, Texas, 16.74.

Bull Riding: (first round-four rides) 1, Jeff Askey, Athens, Texas, 83 points on Rafter G Rodeo's Helter Skelter. 2, Dalan Duncan, Ballard, Utah, 82.5. 3, J.T. Moore, Alvin, Texas, 80.5. 4, Bayle Worden, Charleston, Texas, 77.5. 5, Lucas Monningham, Somerville, Tenn., 74.5. 6, Clancy Hart, Coleman, Okla., 72. (second round) 1, Boudreaux Campbell, Crockett, Texas, 87.5 points on Rafter G Rodeo's Johnny Cash. 2, Moore, 82. 3, Cullen Telfer, Thonotosassa, Fla., 81. 4, Ty Wallace, Colbran, Colo., 79. 5, Askey, 77. 6, Duncan, 75.5. (total on two) 1, Moore, 162.5. 2, Askey, 160. 3, Duncan, 158. (on one) 4, Campbell, 87.5. 5, Telfer, 81. 6, Wallace, 79.