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Brown Aims for championship round at Fort Worth's World's Original Indoor Rodeo®

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FORT WORTH, Texas (January 30, 2019)—Steer wrestler Jesse Brown's road to the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo has taken many twists and turns.

The Baker City, Oregon resident grew up on a ranch, which could lead to rodeo competition. Instead, he focused his athletic prowess on other sports. In high school he played football, basketball and baseball. He started college at Washington State University where he was a walk-on quarterback. That lasted for three years, then he got tired of football and decided it was time to put his cowboy skills to use. He transferred to Montana State University where he qualified for the College National Finals Rodeo in the steer wrestling as a senior.

The next step was joining the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association. In 2017, he was the best steer wrestler among the first-year members and won over \$15,000. Last year, he nearly tripled his earnings and finished 33rd in the world standings with \$44,153. He competed in the Will Rogers Coliseum for the first time and didn't have any luck.

He came back this year, hopeful that things would be different. So far, that is panning out. He had his first-round steer during slack last week and stopped the clock in 4.1 and got a check.

He came back here on Wednesday night and was 4.9 seconds. His total of 9.0 seconds is currently third overall and he has the potential to return Fort Worth to compete in the finals.

"These steers are fresh and that gives everybody a chance," Brown said. "This rodeo is so cool. It's traditional and has a lot of history. Just competing here is awesome. I just hope I get to come back for the finals."

While winning is important to barrel racers, their first goal here is to qualify for the progressive round. There 212 members of the Women's Professional Rodeo Association entered at this year's rodeo. They all run once with the hope of being among the 70 fastest times that get a second opportunity.

Ivy Conrado, from Nowata, Oklahoma, knows all about that strategy. She won this rodeo here in 2016 and qualified for her first Wrangler National Finals Rodeo. Conrado was riding her AQHA/WPRA horse of the year, CFour Tibbie Stinson "Tibbie" then. On Wednesday night, she came blazing in on a palomino mare KN Fabs Gift of Fame that they call J Lo. They stopped the clock in 16.58 seconds and are now tied for fourth in the first round.

Conrado's position in the round may change, but her opportunity to run again will not. If she wins here again in 2019, she will be the second WPRA member to win titles in the Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum twice and the first to do it on two different horses. Kelly Maben from Spur, Texas won here in 2006 and 2008.

The World's Original Indoor Rodeo® continues with at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday at Fort Worth's historic Will Rogers Coliseum. Twenty more rodeo performances over the next 10 days will determine which rodeo athletes qualify for the championship finals on February 9.

FORT WORTH. --- The following are unofficial results from Wednesday's performance of the World's Oldest Indoor Rodeo® at the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo, January 30, 2019.

Ninth Performance

Bareback Riding: 1, Tristan Hansen, Dillon, Mont., 78.5 points on Big Rafter Rodeo's Minnie Pearl. 2 (tie), Travis Chapman, Bastrop, La., and Trey Moore III, Anniston, Ala., 78. 4, Daylon Swearingen, Rochelle, Ga., 74.

Steer Wrestling: 1, Tyler Pearson, Louisville, Miss., 3.6 seconds. 2, Kyle Irwin, Robertsdale, Ala., 4.6. 3 (tie), Mike McGinn, Haines, Ore., and Jesse Brown, Baker City, Ore., 4.9.

Team Roping: 1, Brye Crites, Afton, Okla., and Jake Clay, Sapulpa, Okla., 5.8 seconds. 2, Will Clark, Erin, Tenn., and Tanner Ward, Wister, Okla., 6.6. 3, Ty Bach, Millsap, Texas, and Trey Johnson, Weatherford, Texas, 7.8. 4, Joshua and Jonathan Torres, Ocala, Fla., 13.8.

Saddle Bronc Riding: 1 (tie), Parker Fleet, Axtell, Texas, on Silver Creek Rodeo's Birthday Stuff and Logan Cook, Alto, Texas, on Big Rafter Rodeo's Cherokee Moon, 79.5 points each. 3, Curtis Garton, Boxholm, Iowa, 76. 4, Mason Laviolette, Rayne, La., 73.

Tie-Down Roping: 1, Legend Mills, Quitman, Ark., 9.5 seconds. 2, Clayton Hass, Weatherford, Texas, 10.0. 3, Dalton Dunham, Clarksville, Texas, 11.2. 4, Kody Mahaffney, Sweetwater, Texas, 13.0.

Barrel Racing: 1, Ivy Conrado, Nowata, Okla., 16.58 seconds. 2, Christine Laughlin, Pueblo, Okla., 16.74. 3, Tammy Fischer, Ledbetter, Texas, 16.77. 4, Leia Pluemer, Los Lunas, N.M., 16.84.

Bull Riding: (no qualified rides)

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, Trey Moore III, Anniston, Ala., 77. (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, Tristan Hansen, Dillon, Mont., 82.5. 3, Taylor Broussard, Estherwood, La., 80.5. 5, BoDell Jessen, Altamont, Utah, 78.5. 6, Wyatt Maines, Maple Creek, Sask., 77.5. (third round) 1, Casey Colletti, Pueblo, Colo., 84 points on Dakota Rodeo's Sunrise. 2, Waylon Guy Bourgeois, Church Point, La., 81.5. 3,

Tristan Hansen, Dillon, Mont., 78.5. 4 (tie), Travis Chapman, Bastrop, La., and Trey Moore III, Anniston, Ala., 78. 6, Winn Ratliff, Leesville, La., 77. (total on three) 1, Feild, 245 points. 2, Ratliff, 235. 3, Moore, 232. 4, Hansen, 231. 5, Wyatt Maines, Maple Creek, Sask., 227.5. 6, Bourgeois, 223.

Steer Wrestling: (second round) 1, Baxtor Roche, Tremonton, Utah, 3.5 seconds. 2, Tyler Pearson, Louisville, Miss., 3.6. 3, Bubba Boots, St. Anthony, Idaho, 4.0. 4, Cade Austin Goodman, Waelder, Texas, 4.1. 5 (tie), Jace Melvin, Fort Pierre, S.D., and Marcus Theriot, Poplarville, Miss., 4.5. (total on two) 1 (tie), Melvin and Theriot, 8.6 seconds. 3, Jesse Brown, Baker City, Ore., 9.0. 4. Boots, 9.3. 5, Brandon Harrison, Port Arthur, Texas, 9.9. 6, Baylor Roche, Tremonton, Utah, 11.7.

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 (tie), Garrett Rogers, Baker City, Ore., and Cesar de la Cruz, Tucson, Ariz.; Dustin Egusquiza, Mariana, Fla., and Kory Koontz, Stephenville, Texas; and Brye Crites, Afton, Okla., and Jake Clay, Sapulpa, Okla., 5.8. 6, Riley Minor and Brady Minor, Ellensburg, Wash., 6.3. (second round) 1, Marcus Theriot, Poplarville, Miss., and Coleby Payne, Lipan, Texas, 4.7 seconds. 2, Aaron Macy, Post, Texas, and Jason Johe, San Luis Obispo, Calif., 4.9. 3, Riley and Brady Minor, Ellensburg, Wash., 5.1. 4, Matt Sherwood, Pima, Ariz., and Tyler Worley, Berryville, Ark., 5.2. 5, (tie) Lane Ivy, Dublin, Texas, and Buddy Hawkins II, Columbus, Kan., and Levi Simpson, Ponoka, Alberta, and Cole Davison, Stephenville, Texas, 5.6. (total on two) 1, Sherwood and Worley, 10.6 seconds. 2, Riley and Brady Minor, 11.4. 3, Simpson and Davison, 12.1. 4, Brandon Gonzales, Seboyeta, N.M., and Steve Northcott, Odessa, Texas, 13.8. 5, Egusquiza and Koontz, 15.2. 6, Twister Glen Vinson, Hawley, Texas, and Michael Tash, Dinwiddie, Va., 17.5.

Saddle Bronc Riding: (first round) 1, Kole Ashbacher, Arrowwood, Alberta, 84.5 points on Rafter G Rodeo's Golden Glow. 2, Zeke Thurston, Big Valley, Alberta, 84. 3, Colt Gordon, Comanche, Okla., 83.5. 4, Dawson Hay, Wildwood, Alberta, 82, 5, (tie) Joey Sonnier III, New Iberia, La., and Sterling Crawley, Stephenville, Texas, 81.5. (second round) 1, Sterling Crawley, Stephenville, Texas, 86.5 points on Andrews Rodeo's Rock Bottle. 2, Thurston, 84. 3 (tie), Bradley Harter, Loranger, La.; Wyatt Casper, Pampa, Texas, and Colt Gordon, 82.5. 6, Dawson Hay, Wildwood, Alberta, 82. (total on two) 1 (tie), Crawley and Thurston, 168 points each. 3, Gordon, 166. 4, Hay, 164. 5 (tie), Sonnier and Casper, 160.5.

Tie-Down Roping: (second round leaders) 1, Sterling Smith, Stephenville, Texas, 7.5 seconds. 2, Alex Caudle, Livingston, Ala., 8.3. 3, Clint Cooper, Decatur, Texas, 8.7. 4, Justin Brinkerhoff, Corinne, Utah, 9.0. 5, Taylor Santos, Creston, Calif., 9.2. 6, Monty Lewis, Hereford, Texas, 9.4. (total on two) 1, Caudle, 19.1 seconds. 2, Smith, 19.8. 3 (tie), Lewis and Santos, 20.0. 5, Shad Mayfield, Clovis, N.M., 20.6. 6, Reno Gonzales, Scott, La. 21.6.

Barrel Racing: (first round) 1, Jennifer Sharp, Montgomery, Texas, 16.48 seconds. 2, Jill Wilson, Snyder, Texas, 16.49. 3, Tiany Schuster, Krum, Texas, 16.53. 4 (tie), Ilyssa Glass, Tatum, N.M., and Ivy Conrado, Nowata, Okla., 16.58. 6, Stephanie Fryar, Waco, Texas, 16.62.

Bull Riding: (first round) 1, Dallee Mason, Weiser, Idaho, 89 points on Rafter G Rodeo's King Herod. 2, Jeff Askey, Athens, Texas, 83. 3, Dalan Duncan, Ballard, Utah, 82.5. 4, J.T. Moore, Alvin, Texas, 80.5. 5, Bayle Worden, Charleston, Texas, 77.5. 6, Aaron Williams, Pismo Beach, Calif., 78. (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, Aaron Williams, Pismo Beach, Calif., 80.5. 5, Trey Benton III, Rock Island, Texas, 79.5. 6, Ty Wallace, Colbran, Colo., 79. (total on two) 1, Moore, 162.5. 2, Askey, 160. 3, Duncan, 158. 4, Williams, 156.5 (on one) 5, Mason, 89, 6, Campbell, 87.5.