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Tribble wins Cody/Yellowstone Xtreme Bulls Title



CODY, Wyo.; June 30, 2016 ---Garrett Tribble made the most of his first trip to the Cody Stampede. Tribble, from Bristow, Okla., is the newly crowned Cody/Yellowstone Xtreme Bulls Champion after riding Summit Pro Rodeo's bull named Smokin' Dragon for 85 points.

That eight-second effort netted Tribble \$5,414, which could be crucial money for him as he tries to qualify for his first Wrangler National Finals Rodeo. He is currently 11th in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association World Standings.

Tribble was in the first section of bull riding at Stampede Park. The bull he originally got on fouled the bull rider, so he had the option of a re-ride. There was no question in what he would do, but then he had to wait for all of the other bull riders to compete before he got on again.

While it did test Tribble's patience, it was exciting for the near capacity crowd as Tribble's last ride of the night was the winning one.

"I hadn't ever seen or heard of that bull before," Tribble said of the bull that took him to his first Xtreme Bulls win. "He felt real good and I rode him good. It all worked out."

Getting the high score of the night and winning the event here was made even more special by two fans in the audience. Tribble's grandparents had been vacationing in the Cody/Yellowstone area and when they found out that he would be competing here, they extended their stay to watch. After his success at Thursday night's Xtreme Bulls, they may want to stay to watch him ride in the rodeo here Saturday night.

Following the bull riding competition, five top bullfighters took the stage for the Bullfighters Only freestyle bullfights. Participating were the three bullfighters who stay busy protecting bull riders at the Cody Stampede, Nate Jestes, Cody Webster and Dusty Tuckness. Also competing were Chuck Swisher and Weston Rutkowski.

When the judges added up their totals, Dusty Tuckness who makes his home 30 miles south of here in Meeteetse, was crowned the champion with a 91.5-point fight. Tuckness got his start here at the Cody Night Rodeo.

"I've been fighting bulls in this arena for 13 years," Tuckness said. "It's just a blessing to be here and be part of everything."

Rodeo action at Stampede Park starts on Friday with timed-event slack at 9 a.m. The first performance of the Cody Stampede begins Friday night at 8 p.m. More information is also available at www.codystampederodeo.com or codystampederodeo on Facebook.

CODY, Wyo., June 30, 2016 --- Following are results from the Cody/Yellowstone Xtreme Bulls

1, Garrett Tribble, Bristow, Okla., 85 points on Summit Pro Rodeo's Smokin' Dragon, \$5,414. 2, (tie) Brett Stall, Detroit Lakes, Min., and Dalan Duncan, Ballard, Utah, 84.5, \$3,610. 4, Sage Steele Kimzey, Strong City, Okla., 83.5, \$1,985. 5, (tie) Joe Frost, Randlett, Utah and Reid Barker, Comfort, Texas, 83, \$1,083. 7, Cole Melancon, Liberty, Texas, 81.5, \$722. 8, Clayton Savage, Yoder, Wyo., 80.5, \$541.