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Cody Stampede kicks off with great rides

CODY, Wyo., July 1, 2016 --- The biggest one-head rodeo in the world is well underway with a full day of action at Stampede Park on Friday.

To accommodate all of the competitors here, timed-events started with slack at 9 a.m. Then, the first performance kicked off at 8 p.m. A full slate of bareback riders saw four scores of 80 points or better.

The top marking of the night went to Jake Vold from Ponoka, Alberta, who scored 83.5 points on Frontier Rodeo's Yellow Stone. Vold is a Wrangler National Finals Rodeo (NFR) qualifier looking for another trip to Las Vegas next December. Currently ninth in the world standings, a good check from the Cody Stampede would certainly help him punch his ticket.

Evan Jayne qualified for his first NFR last December and was the first European-born cowboy to ride for a world championship. Jayne lives in Texas now, but still calls Marseille, France home. He was right at home in Cody as well with an 82 point ride in the bareback riding. He is 10th in the world standings and should be making another trip to Vegas this year. The other top rides on Friday night belonged to Heath Ford from Slocum, Texas, with an 80.5 and Blaine Kaufman from Pretty Prairie, Kan., with an 80.

Friday night was a great night for bull riding at Stampede park. Sixth ranked Cody Rostockyj from Lorena, Texas, took the lead with an 86.5-point ride on Summit Pro Rodeo's Dark Denim. Bart Miller from Pleasanton, Neb., had an 85. Now in third place with 83.5 is former world champion Cody Teel from Kountze, Texas. Teel is ranked 16th in the world and is in need of a big win to move up in the standings. Jacob O'Mara from Baton Rouge, La., rounded out the top four with 82.5 points.

The 97th Anniversary of the Cody Stampede continues at Stampede Park on Saturday with timed-event slack at 9 a.m. The second performance will be Saturday night at 8 p.m. More information is also available at www.codystampederodeo.com or codystampederodeo on Facebook.

CODY, Wyo., July 1, 2016 --- Following are results from the Buffalo Bill Cody Stampede

Bareback Riding: 1, Jake Vold, Ponoka, Alberta, 83.5 points on Frontier Rodeo's Yellow Stone. 2, Evan Jayne, Marseille, France, 82. 3, Heath Ford, Slocum, Texas, 80.5. 4, Blaine Kaufman, Pretty Prairie, Kan., 80.

Steer Wrestling : 1, Tommy Cook, Waller, Texas, 6.2 seconds. 2, Colt Floyd, Buffalo, S.D., 7.2. 3, Teigen Finnerty, Wheatland, Wyo., 8.1. 4, Del Ray Kraupie, Bridgeport, Neb., 8.9.

Team Roping: (one time) Miles Kobold, Shepherd, Mont., and Justin Viles, Cody, Wyo., 18.1.

Saddle Bronc Riding: 1, Ryan Mackenzie, Homedale, Idaho, 83 points on Summit Pro Rodeo's Miss Independent. 2, Clay Elliott, Nanton, Alberta, 79. 3, (tie) Taos Muncy, Corona, N.M., and Sterling Crawley, Stephenville, Texas, 78.5.

Tie-Down Roping: 1, Clint Kindred, Oral, S.D., 9.9 seconds. 2, Trey Young, Dupree, S.D., 11.0. 3, Trey Mckinsey III, Clinton, Okla., 19.0. 4, Brady Graff, Ainsworth, Neb., 22.7.

Barrel Racing: 1, Jackie Ganter, Abilene, Texas, 17.37. 2, (tie) Jane Melby, Burneyville, Okla., and Darby Fox, King Hill, Idaho, 17.46. 4, Chandler Markel, Scottsbluff, Neb., 17.57.

Bull Riding: 1, Cody Rostockyj, Lorena, Texas, 86.5 points on Summit Pro Rodeo's Dark Denimm. 2, Bart Miller, Pleasanton, Neb., 85. 3, Cody Teel, Kountze, Texas, 83.5. 4, Jacob O'Mara, Baron Rouge, La., 82.5.

The following are current leaders in the timed events after slack and the first performance –

Steer Wrestling: 1, Cody Woodward, Dupree, S.D., 4.4. 2, Shawn Downing, 4.5. 3, Jake Rinehart, 4.5. 4, Logan Gledhill, 4.8.

Team Roping: 1, Max Kuttler, American Falls, Idaho and Ike Folsom, Dillon, Mont., 4.5. 2, Kolton Schmidt, Barrhead, Alberta, and Shay Carroll, Prineville, Ore., 4.8. 3, Marcus Theriot, Poplarville, Miss., and Lane Mitchell, Bolivar, Tenn., 4.9. 4, (tie) Paul Beckett, Laramie, Wyo., and Chad Wahlert, Kersey, Colo.; and Lane Ivy, Adrian, Texas, and B.J. Dugger, Three Rivers, Texas; 5.0.

Tie-Down Roping: 1, Justin Brinkerhoff, Corriner, Texas, 8.3. 2, Marcos Costa, Childress, Texas, 8.5. 3, Taylor Santos, Creston, Calif., 8.7. 4, Robert Mathis, Mart, Texas, 9.1.