

New Jersey Steer Wrestler Takes Horns at National Western Rodeo

DENVER, Colo. --- Joey Bell, Jr., doesn't live in New Jersey anymore, but it will always be home for the native of the state.

Growing up there and learning to be a professional steer wrestler from his father, Joey Bell, Sr., has served this talented athlete well. He has qualified for the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo (NFR) three times, the last in 2006 where he had his best finish of fifth in the world.

He is using the momentum from a successful Wrangler NFR to his advantage in the 2007 season. Joey Bell Jr., who now lives in Malakoff, Texas, is in command of the steer wrestling in every category at the National Western Stock Show Rodeo.

In the first round, he took the lead on Monday afternoon with 4.2 second run. Bell came back here during the 12th performance on Tuesday afternoon and stopped the clock with a blazing fast time of 3.7 seconds. He now leads both preliminary rounds and the over-all category here. His total time of 7.9 seconds is nearly one-second faster than that of Wade Sumpter from Fowler, Colo., who is 8.7 seconds on two head.

During the Tuesday night performance it was the barrel racers that wowed the crowds. Newly married Brittany Pozzi-Pharr made the fastest run of the rodeo so far with a 15.16-second run. Pozzi-Pharr, from Victoria, Texas, was on her great horse named Stitch. Her husband, Doug, leads the second round of tie-down roping.

Also on Tuesday night, Myron Duarte, eight-time Wrangler NFR qualifier in bull riding got stepped on by the bull he attempted to ride, Blue Duck from the Bailey Rodeo Company. He was helped from the arena and was coherent where the Justin Sports Medicine Team evaluated him. Further updates will be available on Wednesday.

She will make her second run here on Wednesday afternoon at 2 p.m. There is also an evening performance on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

DENVER, Colo. --- The following are unofficial results from the National Western Stock Show Rodeo, Tuesday, January 16, 2007.

Twelfth Performance --

Bareback Riding: 1, Matt Lait, Stavely, Alberta, 78 points on Burns Rodeo's Blue Duck. 2, James Boudreaux, Jasper, Texas, 76. 3, Chip Dees IV, Philadelphia, Miss., 74. 4, Dusty Gracia, Weatherford, Okla., 73.

Steer Wrestling: 1, Joey Bell, Jr., Malakoff, Texas, 3.7 seconds. 2, Casey McMillen, Craig, Colo., 4.1. 3, Billy Bugenig, Ferndale, Calif., 4.7. 4, Trevor Knowles, Mount Vernon, Ore., 4.9.

Team Roping: 1, Ty Blasingame, Boone, Colo., and Bobby Baize, Anthony, N.M., 5.2. 2, Dustin Bird, Cut Bank, Mont., and John Robertson, Augusta, Mont., 6.0. 3, Blaine Linaweaver, Leavenworth, Kan., and Jade Corkill, Fallon, Nev., 6.1. 4, Delon Parker, Billings, Mont., and Ryan Zurcer, Shafter, Calif., 7.8. .

Saddle Bronc Riding: (two qualified rides) 1, Kalon Downing, Woodruff, Utah, 79 points on Burns Rodeo's Dump Wagon. 2, Clayton Selby, Pinedale, Wyo., 72.

Tie-Down Roping: 1, Justin Scofield, Flandreau, S.D., 8.8. 2, Clay Cerny, Brazoria, Texas, 10.8. 3, Dean Edge, Rimbey, Alberta, 10.9. 4, Tyson Durfey, Colbert, Wash., 12.2.

Women's Barrel Race: 1, Mary Burger, Pauls Valley, Okla., 15.37 seconds. 2, Tana Poppino, Big Cabin, Okla., 15.51. 3, Reggie Crosby, Carney, Okla., 15.65. 4, Jeanne Anderson, White City, Kan., 15.71.

Bull Riding: (no qualified rides)

Thirteenth Performance ---

Bareback Riding: 1, Cleve Schmidt, Belle Fourche, S.D., 82 points on Burch Rodeo's Margaritaville. 2, Dustin Reeves, Owanka, S.D., 80. 3, Steven Dent, Mullen, Neb., 78. 4, Marvin Garrett, Belle Fourche, S.D., 75.

Steer Wrestling: 1, Lee Graves, Calgary, Alberta, 4.7 seconds. 2, Linn Churchill, Valentine, Neb., 4.8. 3, Jule Hazen, Protection, Kan., 5.2. 4, Brady Bartel, Augusta, Kan., 5.6.

Team Roping: 1, David Key, Caldwell, Texas, and Kory Koontz, Sudan, Texas, 5.7 seconds. 2, Wade Wheatley, Hughson, Calif., and Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas, 5.8. 3, Jay Mattson, Deadwood, S.D., and Paul Griemsman, Piedmont, S.D., 6.0. 4, J.B. Lord, Piedmont, S.D., and Matt Zancanella, Aurora, S.D., 6.3.

Saddle Bronc Riding: 1, Isaac Diaz, Vernon, Texas, 83 points on Burch Brothers Rodeos Curley Joe Multi-Chem. 2, Alen Frierson, O'Brien Fla., 72. 3, Jerad McFarlane, Adrian, Ore., 71. 4, Ryan MacKenzie, Jordan Valley, Ore., 64.

Tie-Down Roping: 1, Michael Akins, Whitesboro, Texas, 10.8 seconds. 2, Sammy Webb, Elgin, Texas, 11.2. 3, Travis Wilson, Burns, Wyo., 11.7. 3, Randall Carlisle, Lipan, Texas, 13.1.

Women's Barrel Race: 1, Brittany Pozzi-Pharr, Victoria, Texas, 15.16 seconds. 2, Vickie Solmensen, Riverton, Utah, 15.44. 3, Tammy Key-Fischer, Ledbetter, Texas, 15.47. 4, Courtney Cantrell, Goliad, Texas, 15.63.

Bull Riding: (three qualified rides) 1, Clayton Williams, Carthage, Texas, 80 points on Cervi and Guidry's Final Dose. 2, Cameron Castleberry, Gillette, Wyo., 69. 3, Chad Cole, Salem, Utah, 63.

The following are current leaders ---

Bareback Riding: (first round) 1/2, Jeremy Cook, Weatherford, Texas; Russ Hallaby, Hanna, Alberta; 83. 3-6, James Boudreaux, Jasper, Texas; Heath Ford, Greeley, Colo.; Cody DeMers, Kimberly, Idaho; and Dustin Mulrony, Pomeroy, Wash.; 82. (second round) 1, Reid Rowan, Seven Persons, Alberta, 84 points on Cervi Rodeo's MultiChem Blood. 2, Jason Jeter, Mansfield, Texas, 83. 3/4, Wes Stevenson, Kaufman, Texas, and Heath Ford, 81. (total on two) 1/2, Ford and Hallaby, 163. 3, DeMers, 162. 4, Jeter, 161.

Steer Wrestling: (first round) 1, Joey Bell, Jr., Malakoff, Texas, 4.2 seconds. 2, Dane Hanna, Littleton, Colo., 4.3. 3/4, Curtis Cassidy, Donald, Alberta, and Chad Van Campen, Granada, Colo.; 4.4 seconds. (second round) 1, Joey Bell, Jr., 3.7. 2, Wade Sumpter, Fowler, Colo., 3.8. 3, Clint Robinson, Spanish Fork, Utah, 4.0. 4-6, Wyatt Johnson, Keenesburg, Colo.; Brad Morgan, Brandon, Miss.; and Casey McMillen, Craig, Colo.; 4.1. (total on two) 1, Bell, 7.9. 2, Sumpter, 8.7. 3, McMillen, 8.8. 4, Cassidy, 9.2.

Team Roping: (first round) 1, Chad Masters, Gorman, Texas, and Allen Bach, Weatherford, Texas, 5.6 seconds. 2, David Key, Caldwell, Texas, and Kory Koontz, Sudan, Texas, 5.7. 3/4, Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas, and Brady Minor, Ellensburg, Wash., and Wade Wheatley, Hughson, Calif., 5.8. (second round) 1, Colby Siddoway, Hooper, Utah and Greg Bennett, Warren, Utah, 4.8. 2, Shane Durbin, Elsa, Texas, and Tommy Zuniga, Kingsville, Texas, 5.0. 3, Shane Schwenke, Harlem, Mont., and Marty Becker, Edmonton, Alberta, 5.1. 4, Ty Blasingame, Ramah, Colo., and Bobby Baize, Anthony, N.M., 5.2. (total on two) 1, Schwenke and Becker, 11.5. 2, Masters and Bach, 11.5. 3, John Robertson, Augusta, Mont., and Dustin Bird, Cut Bank, Mont., 12.6. 4, Charles Pogue, Ringling, Okla., and Jhett Johnson, Casper, Wyo., 12.7.

Saddle Bronc Riding: (first round) 1, Anthony Bello, Oakley, Utah, 84 points on Brookman Rodeo's Night Time. 2, Matt Hebbert, Hyannis, Neb., 83. 4-8; Jess Martin, Dillon, Mont., Ryan Mapston, Geysers, Mont.; Heath DeMoss, Crowville, La.; Bonner Cooper, College Station, Texas; Dan Erickson, La Junta, Colo.; 79. (second round) 1, Dan Erickson, La Junta, Colo., 82 points on Brookman Rodeo's Multichem War Zone. 2/3, Bradley Harter, Weatherford, Texas; and Jesse Wilson, Kyle, S.D., 81. 4, Ben Londo, Pendleton, Ore., 78. (total on two) 1, Erickson, 161. 2, Anthony Bello, 159. 3/4, Mapston and Harter, 156.

Tie-Down Roping: (first round) 1, Hunter Herrin, Apache, Okla., 8.3 seconds. 2, Barry Burk, Ponca City, Okla., 8.8. 3/4, Houston Hutto, Del Rio, Texas, and Jerrad Hofstetter, Lubbock, Texas, 9.0. (second round) 1, Doug Pharr, Victoria, Texas, 8.7. 2, Justin Scofield, Flandreau, S.D., 8.8. 3, Barry Burk, 9.0. 4/5, Hutto, and Charlie

Kingsbury, Orchard, Colo., 9.2. (total on two) 1, Burk, 17.8. 2, Hutto, 18.2. 3, Doug Pharr, Victoria, Texas, 18.8. 4, Clint Cooper, Decatur, Texas, 19.3.

Women's Barrel Race: (first round) 1, Brittany Pozzi-Pharr, Victoria, Texas, 15.16 seconds. 2, Andrea Clark, Lusk, Wyo., 15.31. 3, Vickie Solmensen, Riverton, Utah, 15.44. 4, Tammy Key-Fischer, Ledbetter, Texas, 15.47. (second round) 1, Kelly Kennedy, Berthoud, Colo., 15.28 seconds. 2, Mary Burger, Pauls Valley, Okla., 15.37. 3, Clark, 15.44. 4/5, Tana Poppino, Big Cabin, Okla., and Brenda Seely, Lander, Wyo., 15.51. (total on two) 1, Andrea Clark, 30.75. 2, Burger, 30.96. 3, Lekelsi Dansie, Heber City, Utah, 31.14. 4, Jeanne Anderson, White City, Kan., 31.20.

Bull Riding: (first round) 1, Cooper Kanngiesser, Zenda, Kan., 87 points on Southwick, Robertson and Wilsons, Spotted Dog. 2, Cole Hermanson, Mandan, N.D., 84. 3, Kanin Asay, Powell, Wyo., 83. 4, Danny McDowell, Jena, La., 82. (second round) 1, Tate Stratton, Stanley, N.M., 91 points on David Bailey's Big and Rich. 2/3, Cooper Kanngiesser, Zenda, Kan., and Lucas Dick, Manhattan, Kan., 87. 4, Toni Rossi, Mack, Colo., 85. (total on two) 1, Kanngiesser, 174. 2, Stratton, 173. 3, Cole Hermanson, Mandan, N.D., 142. 4, (on one) Lucas Dick, Manhattan, Kan., 87.