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National Western champions looking good for repeat

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DENVER, Colo. (Jan. 12, 2018) --- The National Western Stock Show Rodeo can have a big impact on a rodeo contestant's season. Just ask the 2017 champions that were crowned in the Denver Coliseum a year ago.

The rodeo here features seven events with a title winner in each one of those. Out of last year's champions, all but the steer wrestling went on to qualify for the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo. Denver's rodeo is traditionally the first big rodeo of the new season which started October first.

Two of last year's champions, Audy Reed in saddle bronc riding and Marcos Costa in tie-down roping were successful enough here on Saturday to have the potential for repeat titles.

Costa, originally from Brazil, but now making his home in Childress, Texas, roped in the first round of competition on Friday night stopping the clock in 7.7 seconds. He came back at the Saturday morning performance with an 8.6. That solid run put him in second place overall with a total time of 16.3 seconds. He is just three-tenths of a second slower than Jerome Schneeberger from Ponca City, Oklahoma who earned the championship here in 1999.

Audy Reed, from Spearman, Texas, made his first trip to Las Vegas to compete at rodeo's championships last December with help from winning the saddle bronc riding a year ago. Reed, rode both of his horses here during the matinee and evening performances on Saturday. He has a total score of 160.5 points thanks to 78.5 and 82-point rides.

The saddle bronc riding is currently led by Zeke Thurston, from Big Valley, Alberta. The Canadian has command of the overall standings with a total score of 170. Second place is Cort Scheer from Douglas, Wyo., with 162. Scheer won the title in the Denver Coliseum in 2014.

There are two performances of the rodeo here on Sunday, Jan. 14th at 2 and 6:30 p.m.

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DENVER, Colo. (Jan. 13, 2018) – The following are results from National Western Stock Show Rodeo.

Fourth Performance --

Bareback Riding: (three rides) 1, Tanner Aus, Granite Falls, Minn., 85 points on Mo Betta Rodeo's Wild Style. 2, Kody Lamb, Sherwood Park, Alberta, 79.5. 3, Blade Elliott, Centreville, Ala., 72.

Steer Wrestling: 1, Jacob Talley, Keatchie, La., 3.8 seconds. 2, Will Lummus, West Point, Miss., 4.0. 3, Jason Thomas, Benton, Ark., 4.2. 4, Garrett Henry, Douglas, Wyo., 5.0.

Team Roping: 1, Lightning Aguilera, Athens, Texas, and Brady Norman, Springer, Okla., 5.0 seconds. 2, Aaron Tsinigine, Tuba City, Ariz., and Kyle Lockett, Visalia, Calif., 5.2. 3, Jeff Johnston, Thedford, Neb., and Ty Talsma, Avon, S.D., 5.5. 4, L.D. Meier, Texoma, Okla., and Luke Meier, Limon, Colo., 5.8.

Saddle Bronc Riding: (tie) 1, Sterling Crawley, Stephenville, Texas, on Cervi Championship Rodeo's Silence of the Lambs and Clay Elliott, Nanton, Alberta, on Cervi Brothers Rodeo's Spartacus, 81 points each. 3, Tate Owens, Dublin, Texas, 79. 4, Preston Kafka, Wagner, S.D., 75.

Tie-Down Roping: 1, Matt Shiozawa, Chubbock, Idaho, 7.8 seconds. 2, Marcos Costa, Childress, Texas, 8.6. 3, Ty Harris, San Angelo, Texas, 9.1. 4, Ryle Smith, Oakdale, Calif., 18.0.

Women's Barrel Racing: 1, Darby Fox, King Hill, Idaho, 15.52 seconds. 2, Fallon Taylor, Collinsville, Texas, 15.57. 3, Emily Miller, Weatherford, Okla., 15.72. 4, Amy Jo Farella, Cheyenne, Wyo., 15.80.

Bull Riding: (three rides) 1, Colby Demo, Red Bluff, Calif., 82 points on Cervi Brothers Rodeo's It's Complicated. 2, Clayton Savage, Yoder, Wyo., 76. 3, Jimmy Marten, Donahue, Iowa, 75.

Fifth Performance –

Bareback Riding: 1, Casey Colletti, Pueblo, Colo., 86.5 points on Calgary Stampede's Zulu Warrior. 2, Jake Brown, Cleveland, Texas, 85. 3, Nate S. McFadden, Elsmere, Neb., 83.5. 4, Jared Keylon, Uniontown, Kan., 80.5.

Steer Wrestling: 1, Chason Floyd, Buffalo, S.D., 3.9 seconds. 2, Nick Guy, Sparta, Wisc., 4.2. 3, Cameron Morman, Glen Ullin, N.D., 14.9. 4, Blake Knowles, Heppner, Ore., 15.4.

Team Roping: (three times) 1, Austin Christ, Rocky Ford, Colo., and Josh Fillmore, Penrose, Colo., 5.9. 2, Joshua and Jonathan Torres, Ocala, Fla., 6.0. 3, Kelson Robinson, Salina, Utah and Kycen Winn, Annabella, Utah, 10.3.

Saddle Bronc Riding: 1, Tanner Lockhart, Louis, Colo., 84.5 points on Cervi Championship Rodeo's Ricky Bobby. 2, Cort Scheer, Douglas, Wyo., 80.5. 3, Audy Reed, Spearman, Texas, 78.5. 4, Brody Cress, Hillsdale, Wyo., 77.5.

Tie-Down Roping: 1, Joey Dickens, Loveland, Colo., 8.4 seconds. 2, Ryan Watkins, Morgan Mill, Texas, 9.2. 3, Kyle Dickens, Loveland, Colo., 9.4. 4, Brice Ingo, Boone, Colo., 9.9.

Women's Barrel Racing: 1, Lori Todd, Willcox, Ariz., 15.48 seconds. 2, (tie) Sissy Winn, Chatman Ranch, Texas, and Benette Little, Ardmore, Okla., 15.50. 4, Nikki Hansen, Dickinson, N.D., 15.56.

Bull Riding: (three rides) 1, Shane Proctor, Grand Coulee, Wash., 81.5 points on JK Rodeo's Bad Grandma. 2, Markus Mariluch, Daingerfield, Texas, 81. 3, Kyle Zeigler, Atwood, Kan., 79.

Sixth Performance –

Bareback Riding: 1, Jared Keylon, Uniontown, Kan., 87 points on Cervi Championship Rodeo's Fire's Easy. 2, Nate S. McFadden, Elsmere, Neb., 85. 3, Jamie Howlett, Weatherford, Texas, 81. 4, Casey Colletti, Pueblo, Colo., 80.

Steer Wrestling: 1, Richard Coates, Hastings, Neb., 4.2 seconds. 2, Chason Floyd, Buffalo, S.D., 4.4. 3, Tom Littell, Elm Creek, Neb., 6.4. 4, Tanner Brunner, Ramona, Kan., 11.6.

Team Roping: (three times) 1, Joshua and Jonathan Torres, Ocala, Fla., 4.6 seconds. 2, Dale Martin Jr., Whitesboro, Texas, and Chuck Butler, Sanger, Texas, 10.3. 3, Hayes Smith, Central Point, Ore., and Justin Davis, Cottonwood, Calif., 14.8.

Saddle Bronc Riding: 1, Audy Reed, Spearman, Texas, 82 points on Cervi Brothers Rodeo's Night Watch. 2, Cort Scheer, Douglas, Wyo., 81.5. 3, Jordan Corrigan, Toddville, Iowa, 80. 4, Keith Allen Brauer Jr., Bellville, Ill., 79.5.

Tie-Down Roping: 1, Todd Brown, Lamar, Colo., 9.3 seconds. 2, Brice Ingo, Boone, Colo., 9.8. 3, Ryan Watkins, Morgan Mill, Texas, 17.6. 4, Adam Gray, Seymour, Texas, 17.9.

Women's Barrel Racing: (tie) 1, Kelly Brunner, Milsap, Texas, and Nikki Hansen, Dickinson, N.D., 15.49 seconds each. 3, Nicole Waggoner, Pueblo West, Colo., 15.52. 4, Lori Todd, Willcox, Ariz., 15.57.

Bull Riding: (one ride) 1, Shane Proctor, Grand Coulee, Wash., 79 points on Summit Pro Rodeo's Alabama High Test.