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ProRodeo Leaders

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PRORODEO WORLD STANDINGS

AA:	Trevor Brazile . . .	\$102,933
BB:	Andy Martinez	\$44,346
SW:	Ronnie Fields	\$50,007
TR (head):	Speed Williams	\$37,479
TR (heel):	Clay O'Brien Cooper	\$37,479
SB:	Cody DeMoss	\$75,883
TD:	Trevor Brazile	\$69,004
LBR:	Mary Burger	\$52,239
BR:	Matt Austin	\$81,275
SR:	J.P. Wickett	\$21,424

DODGE XTREME BULLS

Matt Austin	\$34,739
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Summer kickoff, Arkansas style

Old Fort Days hosts largest post-holiday rodeo

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – Memorial Day gave the summer rodeo season a jumpstart at the Old Fort Days at Harper Stadium in Fort Smith, Ark. Action gets under way at 7:30 p.m. CT each day, with the six-performance rodeo ending on June 3.

The Old Fort Days offers \$5,000 in added money per event, making the rodeo second only to the Rodeo of the Ozarks in terms of prize money awarded in Arkansas.

A former member of the Wrangler ProRodeo Tour (summer 2000), the Old Fort Days features the best in contract personnel, with 11-time PRCA Stock Contractor of the Year Harry Vold of Avondale, Colo., supplying his livestock, specialty act Gizmo McCracken of Wheaton, Mo., keeping the action going when the cowboys aren't, and 10-time Wrangler National Finals Rodeo announcer Boyd Polhamus of Brenham, Texas, providing the commentary.

Pace Chute-out action airs Saturday on CBS

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – For the fourth year in a row, CBS sports is partnering with the PRCA to provide final-day action from the Pace Picante ProRodeo Chute-out. Catch all the action of the semifinal and final rounds on Saturday, June 3 at 2 p.m. ET.

The Pace Chute-out, held May 13-14, took place for the first time in the Tulsa (Okla.) Convention Center.

On June 1, the Super Kids Rodeo is being held. Events such as barrel racing, tie-down roping and bull riding are scaled down to make it possible for special-needs children to compete.

Rodeo contestants and volunteers assist the children so they can participate in the events.

Tallman: 'For a little while, the world came to a stop'

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – For a couple of hours, just the sounds of shade trees shimmying from the Northern California breeze could be heard. Not a cell phone in sight.

Not on this day. It would just have to wait.

For nearly 1,000 people who celebrated the life of Mikel Moreno on May 24 in Wheatland, Calif., the day-to-day facets of life were put on hold. This day was for Mikel who, for three years, fought leukemia without much of a complaint, even suiting up for his high school football team while fatigued from ongoing treatments.

ProRodeo Hall of Fame announcer Bob Tallman, the sport's premier announcer with 19 Wrangler National Finals Rodeos to his credit, was honored and humbled to co-officiate the service alongside Rev. John Burns, the Wheatland High School football coach and Harvest Church pastor.

"That was a marvelous day, probably one of the greatest giving days of my entire life," Tallman said from his hotel room in Bishop, Calif. "I watched 1,000 people come to celebrate 18

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Rodeo News and Notes

► **Houston doles out scholarships.** On May 22, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo recognized 309 Houston-area students with four-year, \$10,000 scholarships, a presentation of more than \$3.78 million in one evening. It's a long way since the program started with just one scholarship in 1957.

The Houston-area high school seniors each received a scholarship through one of the three scholarship programs, Metropolitan, Opportunity or School Art. The scholarships were awarded to those based on academic achievement, leadership, community involvement and financial need.

► **Martin 'cools' off in Surrey.** Jess Martin of Dillon, Mont., scored 88 points on Kesler Championship Rodeo's Cool Alley to win the saddle bronc riding title at the Cloverdale Rodeo and Exhibition, May 19-22 in Surrey, British Columbia.

Cool Alley is the 2001 PRCA Bareback Horse of the Year and a two-time winner of the top livestock award in both bareback and saddle bronc riding at the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo.

Martin earned \$7,039 for his ride.

All-around cowboy Clint Robinson of Spanish Fork, Utah, shared the tie-down roping title with Joe Lucas of Carstairs, Alberta. Each roped and tied their calf in 7.2 seconds and won \$5,448.

Other champions in Surrey were Forest Bramwell, Pagosa Springs, Colo., bareback riding, 91 points on Kesler Championship Rodeo's Shootin' Stars, \$6,181; Brent Willsie, Caroline, Alberta, steer wrestling, 3.5 seconds, \$5,715; Jordie Campbell, Bindloss, Alberta, bull riding, 86 points on Kesler Rodeo's Repeat Offender, \$7,168; Cory Petska, Lexington, Okla./Shain Sproul, Benson, Ariz., team roping, 4.2 seconds, \$9,198 each; Sierra Stoney, Dewinton, Alberta, barrel racing, 16.02 seconds, \$6,688.

► **Summer Finale tickets.** Tickets for the Summer ProRodeo Tour Finale, Sept. 28-30 at the Qwest Center in Omaha, Neb., are now on sale. The event features the top contestants of the Summer Wrangler ProRodeo Tour.

Tickets start at just \$15 and include admission to nightly concerts featuring *Diamond Rio* (Sept. 28), *Big & Rich*, featuring *Cowboy Troy* (Sept. 29) and *Sugarland* (Sept. 30).

Tickets can be purchased online at ticketmaster.com, by phone at (402) 422-1212 or through the River City Roundup at (402) 554-9600, ext. 100.

Kanngiesser, Schneeberger highlight winners at Will Rogers Stampede

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - Bull rider Cooper Kanngiesser of Zenda, Kan., rode Rafter H Rodeo Livestock's Short Fuse for 79 points and the victory at the 60th Will Rogers Stampede, May 25-27 in Claremore, Okla.

Kanngiesser's ride earned him \$1,721.

Eight-time Wrangler National Finals Rodeo tie-down roper Jerome Schneeberger of Ponca City, Okla., turned in the best time to claim his event title. Schneeberger roped and tied his calf in 8.1 seconds and won a check worth \$1,704.

Steer wrestlers E.P. Luchsinger of Atoka, Okla., and Dane Hanna of Denver, Colo., tied for the best time and shared the

title. Each turfed their steers in 3.9 seconds, worth \$1,639 apiece.

In team roping, A.J. and Kyle Horton, both of Stigler, Okla., rode away with the two-head average title by stopping the clock in 10.6 seconds. The pair placed in both rounds and won \$1,535 each.

Steer roper Lawson Plemons of Chilton, Texas, recorded a time of 21.5 seconds on two head, winning the average title by more than 11 seconds. He won the first round with a blazing, 8.7-second run and won \$2,508 for the rodeo.

At press time, results for bareback riding and saddle bronc riding were not available.

MORENO, from Page 1

years of life for a family that's had 60 years of life in our industry. It gave me a rebirth in the youth of America and a rebirth in my fellow citizens. And it proved to me once again that the rodeo business isn't a business. It's a family gathering. We live for each other."

Moreno's father, Julio, is a stock contractor, pickup man and former National Finals Rodeo roper. His mother, Cindy, is a longtime PRCA secretary, and his grandfather, Cotton Rosser, founded Flying U Rodeo Company more than 60 years ago.

Mikel received his high school diploma just hours before his death, short of the school's graduation ceremonies scheduled for June 9. He was on the football, basketball and track teams and was voted Prom King this year.

He helped his parents with their

nationally acclaimed bull breeding program at Rosser's Flying U Rodeo Company. He worked weekends and summers with Flying U and was a member of the American Bucking Bulls Inc. Junior Breeders Association.

Nearly 1,000 people assembled at the Wheatland High School football field for the funeral and slowly walked nearly three quarters of a mile to the cemetery.

"They turned loose 500 balloons, and they all went up," Tallman recalled.

"Then, they just kind of hung there for a minute, like they were waiting for an answer. Then they just drifted into the Sierras. For a little while, the world did come to a stop.

"And I never heard a cell phone ring. Nor did I see anyone run behind a tree to take a call. I never thought about it, and I bet no one else did, too."

Upcoming PRCA rodeos

California Circuit: Santa Maria Elks Rodeo, June 1-4, Santa Maria; The Showdown Rodeo, June 3-4, Palmdale.

Columbia River Circuit: Tonasket Founders Day Rodeo, June 3-4, Tonasket, Wash.
First Frontier Circuit: Cowtown Rodeo, June 3, Woodstown Pilesgrove, N.J.

Great Lakes Circuit: Cherokee PRCA Rodeo, June 1-3, Cherokee, Iowa; Licking Chamber of Commerce PRCA Rodeo, June 1-3, Licking, Mo.; North Central Rodeo, June 2-4, Medford, Wis.

Mountain States Circuit: Elizabeth Stampede Rodeo, June 3-4, Elizabeth, Colo.

Prairie Circuit: Bennington PRCA Rodeo, June 1-

3, Bennington, Kan.; Hugo PRCA Rodeo, June 2-3, Hugo, Okla.; Flint Hills Rodeo, June 2-4, Strong City, Kan.

Southeastern Circuit: Millington, Tenn.; Old Fort Days Rodeo, May 29-June 3, Fort Smith, Ark.

Texas Circuit: Mesquite Championship Rodeo, June 2-3, Mesquite; Top O' Texas Rodeo, June 1-3, Pampa; Rodeo Killeen, June 2-3, Killeen.

Turquoise Circuit: Pioneer Days Rodeo, June 1-3, Clovis, N.M.; Wild West Pro Rodeo, June 1-3, Silver City, N.M.

Wilderness Circuit: Deseret Peak PRCA Stampede, June 2-3, Tooele, Utah

Canada: Grand Prairie Stampede, June 1-4, Grande Prairie, Alberta.



World Standings

Unofficial standings as of May 30, 2006

The Top 15 competitors at the end of the regular season advance to the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo.

* Denotes 2005 world champions

(#) – Indicates number of rodeos counted toward standings. For 2006, official rodeo limits are as follows: all-around, 75; bareback riding, 100; steer wrestling, 75; team roping, 60; saddle bronc riding, 100; tie-down roping, 75; and bull riding, 125. In order for money won at Xtreme Bulls competitions (including Division 1, 2 and 3 events) to count for the 2006 Wrangler National Finals Rodeo during the 2006 season, a contestant must have entered and competed in a minimum of 40 PRCA rodeos.

ALL-AROUND COWBOY

1.	Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas	\$102,933
2.	Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas	59,899
*3.	Ryan Jarrett, Summerville, Ga.	52,729
4.	Jesse Bail, Camp Crook, S.D.	42,446
5.	Clint Robinson, Spanish Fork, Utah	40,952
6.	Clayton Foltyn, El Campo, Texas	35,698
7.	Garrett Nokes, McCook, Neb.	34,209
8.	Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas	33,243
9.	Cash Myers, Athens, Texas	29,103
10.	J.P. Wickett, Sallisaw, Okla.	25,855
11.	Kyle Hughes, Olney Springs, Colo.	23,340
12.	Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas	23,148
13.	B.J. Campbell, Benton City, Wash.	15,227
14.	Curtis Cassidy, Donalda, Alberta	13,406
15.	Marty Becker, Cardston, Alberta	13,263

BAREBACK RIDING

1.	Andy Martinez, Pavillion, Wyo. (18)	\$44,346
2.	Chris Harris, Itasca, Texas (26)	44,070
3.	Wes Stevenson, Kaufman, Texas (28)	40,418
*4.	Will Lowe, Canyon, Texas (30)	39,219
5.	Bobby Mote, Culver, Ore. (26)	33,482
6.	Jess Davis, Payson, Utah (23)	29,684
7.	Ryan Gray, Cheney, Wash. (15)	26,877
8.	D.V. Fennell, Stroud, Okla. (22)	23,083
9.	Jason Jeter, Mansfield, Texas (19)	22,449
10.	Silas Richards, San Augustine, Texas (11)	20,263
11.	Forest Bramwell, Pagosa Springs, Colo. (27)	19,965
12.	J.D. Garrett Jr., Grandview, Texas (26)	19,014
13.	Paul Jones, Elko, Nev. (23)	18,452
14.	Cimmaron Gerke, Brighton, Colo. (24)	18,309
15.	Zach Dishman, Beaumont, Texas (31)	15,988
16.	Heath Ford, Greeley, Colo. (26)	15,888
17.	Jason Havens, Bend, Ore. (25)	14,883
18.	Rowdy Buechner, Sandpoint, Idaho (15)	14,799
19.	Royce Ford, Briggsdale, Colo. (15)	12,941
20.	Larry Sandvick, Worden, Mont. (10)	12,863

STEER WRESTLING

1.	Ronnie Fields, Oklahoma City, Okla. (20)	\$50,007
2.	Dean Gorsuch, Gering, Neb. (16)	46,775
3.	Luke Branquinho, Los Alamos, Calif. (22)	36,227
*4.	Lee Graves, Calgary, Alberta (16)	32,037
5.	Wade Sumpter, Fowler, Colo. (20)	31,358
6.	K.C. Jones, Decatur, Texas (22)	25,025
7.	Dru Melvin, Tryon, Neb. (18)	24,751
8.	Gabe Ledoux, Kaplan, La. (18)	23,436
9.	Shawn Greenfield, Lakeview, Ore. (14)	22,860
10.	Joey Bell Jr., Malakoff, Texas (20)	21,469
11.	Chad Van Campen, Granada, Colo. (20)	21,250
12.	Garrett Nokes, McCook, Neb. (20)	21,058
13.	Sean Mulligan, Coleman, Okla. (17)	19,588
14.	Casey McMillen, Craig, Colo. (16)	19,569
15.	Jason Miller, Lance Creek, Wyo. (16)	18,489
16.	Trevor Knowles, Mount Vernon, Ore. (18)	18,321
17.	Kyle Hughes, Olney Springs, Colo. (20)	17,497
18.	Dane Hanna, Denver, Colo. (19)	17,054
19.	Clint Robinson, Spanish Fork, Utah (20)	16,818
20.	Jason Lahr, Emporia, Kan. (14)	16,474

TEAM ROPING (HEADING)

1.	Speed Williams, Llano, Texas (15)	\$37,479
2.	Travis Tryan, Billings, Mont. (21)	36,016
3.	David Key, Caldwell, Texas (17)	34,668
4.	Matt Sherwood, Queen Creek, Ariz. (19)	33,090
*5.	Clay Tryan, Billings, Mont. (21)	24,148
6.	Steve Purcella, Hereford, Texas (17)	21,690
7.	Colter Todd, Marana, Ariz. (18)	21,534
8.	Matt Funk, Hermiston, Ore. (18)	21,005
9.	Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas (17)	19,446
10.	Nick Sartain, Alva, Okla. (13)	18,881

11.	Charles Pogue, Ringling, Okla. (19)	18,650
12.	Chad Masters, Adams, Tenn. (20)	16,355
13.	Keven Daniel, Altha, Fla. (23)	16,337
14.	Charly Crawford, Prineville, Ore. (17)	15,155
15.	Wade Wheatley, Hughson, Calif. (19)	14,410
16.	Turtle Powell, Alpine, Texas (18)	13,737
17.	Shane Schwenke, Harlem, Mont. (14)	13,485
18.	Jake Stanley, Hermiston, Ore. (16)	12,824
19.	Logan Olson, Flandreau, S.D. (14)	12,252
20.	Britt Williams, Hammond, Mont. (15)	11,472

TEAM ROPING (HEELING)

1.	Clay O'Brien Cooper, Morgan Mill, Texas (15)	\$37,479
2.	Kory Koonitz, Sudan, Texas (15)	34,164
3.	Walt Woodard, Stockton, Calif. (19)	33,090
4.	Allen Bach, Weatherford, Texas (19)	31,973
*5.	Patrick Smith, Lipan, Texas (21)	24,148
6.	Britt Bockius, Claremore, Okla. (17)	21,690
7.	Cesar De La Cruz, Tucson, Ariz. (18)	21,534
8.	Bucky Campbell, Benton City, Wash. (18)	21,005
9.	Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas (17)	19,446
10.	Shannon Frascht, Alva, Okla. (13)	18,881
11.	Dennis Gatz, Dublin, Texas (19)	18,650
12.	Cole Bigbee, Stephenville, Texas (20)	16,355
13.	Richard Durham, Poolville, Texas (17)	15,155
14.	Nick Simmons, Colcord, Okla. (18)	14,497
15.	Kyle Lokett, Ivanhoe, Calif. (16)	14,451
16.	Mickey Gomez, Snyder, Texas (18)	13,737
17.	Jhett Johnson, Casper, Wyo. (14)	13,485
18.	Brady Minor, Ellensburg, Wash. (16)	12,824
19.	Cody Hintz, Spring Creek, Nev. (14)	12,252
20.	B.J. Campbell, Benton City, Wash. (17)	12,080

SADDLE BRONC RIDING

1.	Cody DeMoss, Heflin, La. (30)	\$75,883
2.	Dan Mortensen, Billings, Mont. (24)	50,881
3.	Billy Etbauer, Edmond, Okla. (15)	44,385
4.	Chad Ferley, Oelrichs, S.D. (22)	41,806
5.	Cody Martin, Waco, Texas (35)	38,584
6.	Rusty Allen, Lehi, Utah (24)	37,724
7.	Rod Hay, Wildwood, Alberta (20)	35,371
8.	Shaun Stroh, Glendive, Mont. (12)	27,925
9.	Glen O'Neill, Didsbury, Alberta (22)	25,757
10.	Cody Wright, Milford, Utah (20)	22,915
11.	Jess Martin, Dillon, Mont. (17)	20,990
12.	J.J. Elshere, Quinn, S.D. (13)	19,377
13.	Jesse Bail, Camp Crook, S.D. (19)	17,399
14.	Cody Horwedel, Stephenville, Texas (27)	14,925
15.	Bobby Griswold, Geary, Okla. (18)	14,556
16.	Justin Arnold, Santa Margarita, Calif. (18)	13,501
17.	Bradley Harter, Weatherford, Texas (27)	13,428
18.	Dustin Thompson, Brooks, Alberta (12)	12,830
19.	Dan Erickson, La Junta, Colo. (16)	12,389
20.	Joaquin Real, Ojai, Calif. (28)	11,252
*23.	Jeff Willert, Belvidere, S.D. (14)	9,663

TIE-DOWN ROPING

1.	Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas (19)	\$69,004
*2.	Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas (19)	54,614
3.	Cody Ohl, Hico, Texas (16)	50,635
4.	Monty Lewis, Hereford, Texas (15)	41,651
5.	Ryan Jarrett, Summerville, Ga. (24)	38,250
6.	Blair Burk, Durant, Okla. (22)	26,161
7.	Justin Maass, Giddings, Texas (22)	25,573
8.	Cade Swor, Winnie, Texas (21)	24,587
9.	Scott Kormos, Teague, Texas (18)	24,386
10.	Matt Shiozawa, Chubbuck, Idaho (16)	24,367
11.	Jerome Schneeberger, Ponca City, Okla. (21)	23,168
12.	Hunter Herrin, Apache, Okla. (20)	23,139
13.	Tim Pharr, Resaca, Ga. (21)	21,595
14.	Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas (22)	21,129
15.	Stran Smith, Childress, Texas (18)	19,756

16.	Ricky Hyde, Mount Vernon, Ark. (18)	19,279
17.	Mike Johnson, Henryetta, Okla. (17)	18,768
18.	Doug Pharr, Resaca, Ga. (21)	18,728
19.	Clint Robinson, Spanish Fork, Utah (20)	18,351
20.	Jade Conner, Iowa, La. (22)	15,118

BARREL RACING

1.	Mary Burger, Pauls Valley, Okla.	\$52,239
2.	Brittany Pozzi, Victoria, Texas	49,611
3.	Denise Adams Fea, Lufkin, Texas	46,877
4.	Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz.	24,650
5.	Kelly Maben, Spur, Texas	24,398
6.	Tiffany Fox, Fox, Okla.	24,106
7.	Jana Jarreau, Greenwell Springs, La.	23,942
8.	Layna Kight, Summerfield, Fla.	23,848
9.	Chani Payne, Sulphur Springs, Texas	23,638
10.	Codi Baucom, Carthage, N.C.	23,505
*11.	Kelly Kaminski, Belville, Texas	22,650
12.	Tammy Key, Ledbetter, Texas	22,427
13.	Linda Vick, Hesperia, Calif.	21,882
14.	Deb Renger, Okotoks, Alberta	21,560
15.	Audrey Ridgeway, Mannford, Okla.	20,745
16.	Tana Poppino, Big Cabin, Okla.	19,939
17.	Darlene Kasper, Sutherland Springs, Texas	19,866
18.	Kim Squires, Carnegie, Okla.	17,808
19.	Lindsay Sears, Nanton, Alberta	17,305
20.	Terri Kaye Kirkland, Billings, Mont.	15,794

BULL RIDING

*1.	Matt Austin, Wills Point, Texas (36)	\$81,275
2.	Wesley Silcox, Payson, Utah (32)	71,640
3.	Sonny Murphy, Herriman, Utah (27)	53,096
4.	Jason McClain, Lewis, Colo. (32)	44,826
5.	Zack Oakes, Tonasket, Wash. (28)	42,672
6.	Cody Hancock, Taylor, Ariz. (36)	37,833
7.	Zeb Lanham, Sweet, Idaho (27)	34,103
8.	Jarrold Ford, Greeley, Colo. (23)	32,357
9.	Dustin Elliott, North Platte, Neb. (29)	32,106
10.	Travis Sellers, Wentzville, Mo. (30)	32,045
11.	Clayton Foltyn, El Campo, Texas (32)	30,738
12.	Bobby Welsh, Gillette, Wyo. (23)	30,188
13.	Jake Wade, Alamo, Nev. (30)	29,929
14.	J.W. Harris, May, Texas (36)	28,776
15.	B.J. Schumacher, Hillsboro, Wis. (24)	28,728
16.	Chad Eubank, Cleburne, Texas (42)	27,619
17.	Tate Stratton, Stanley, N.M. (28)	27,047
18.	Chad Besplug, Claresholm, Alberta (27)	26,790
19.	Steve Woolsey, Eagle Mountain, Utah (21)	26,666
20.	Jesse Bail, Camp Crook, S.D. (20)	25,640

STEER ROPING

1.	J.P. Wickett, Sallisaw, Okla. (6)	\$21,424
2.	Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas (7)	14,483
3.	J.R. Olson, Sheridan, Wyo. (5)	11,333
4.	Ralph Williams, Skiatook, Okla. (2)	9,769
5.	Will Yoakum, Vernon Texas (6)	9,496
6.	Cash Myers, Athens, Texas (5)	7,741
7.	Tyler Mayse, Ponca City, Okla. (6)	7,094
8.	Lawson Plemons, Chilton, Texas (7)	7,064
9.	Chei Herren, Pawhuska, Okla. (7)	6,511
*10.	Scott Snedecor, Uvalde, Texas (7)	6,321
11.	Kim Ziegelgruber, Edmond, Okla. (6)	6,184
12.	Rod Hartness, Pawhuska, Okla. (6)	6,078
13.	Rocky Patterson, Pratt, Kan. (6)	5,613
14.	Shorly Garten, Pawhuska, Okla. (4)	5,046
15.	J Paul Williams, Burbank, Okla. (5)	4,493
16.	Cody Scheck, Buffalo, Okla. (6)	4,074
17.	Vin Fisher Jr, Andrews, Texas (7)	3,952
18.	Dan Fisher, Andrews, Texas (6)	3,925
19.	Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas (6)	3,702
20.	J.D. Yales, Pueblo, Colo. (2)	3,421