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For the Fort Worth Stock Show Rodeo

2010 FWSSR CHAMPION BARREL RACER RETURNS WITH AN ALMOST IDENTICAL RUN

FORT WORTH – Officially, the 2012 Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) season started October 1, 2011. But the first of the new year is still when most contestants really hit the road. Some call it the battle of the building rodeos, others say the coliseum countdown; and the most popular description for professional rodeo this time of year is...the winter building run.

January through March is the time when all big indoor rodeos take place. The SandHills Stock Show Rodeo in Odessa, Texas, starts the run off early January, followed by The National Western in Denver which overlaps the 116th annual Fort Worth Stock Show Rodeo. The FWSSR is the longest and highest paying of these three. This year the FWSSR will pay out more than \$600,000 over the next two weeks making it the biggest of the three rodeo.

In 2010 Woman's Professional Rodeo Association (WPRA) barrel racer Tana Poppino and her horse Goose left the Will Rogers Coliseum with a championship buckle, a big check, and a bump in the world standings that helped her qualify for a third Wrangler National Finals Rodeo (WNFR). After a not-so-stellar 2011 season, Poppino is ready for a fresh start. "Something just went wrong last year with Goose," said Poppino "for the last year I have tried everything, like Thomas Edison said, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again""

Something Poppino tried worked. She and Goose now sit in the top spot of in the barrel racing after the second performance Friday night. The duo posted a time of 16.98, one one-hundredth of a second faster than her first round time in 2010 of 16.99. While other horses seemed to struggle, Goose's run looked effortless. Poppino summed it up, "Goose was right on tonight," "I saw some of the other girls horses having a hard time and I just told Goose, that will not be us."

The duo are scheduled to return to the FWSSR Jan., 26, to compete in the progressive round for the WPRA barrel race. All girls entered here compete once and from there the best times are invited back for a second run. The 12 fastest of the combined times will compete in the final round, Feb. 4. With her first-round time of 16.98, Poppino is nearly assured a top spot for the progressive round.

Rodeo action continues with three performances Saturday, Jan. 21st at 10:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 7:30p.m.

FORT WORTH --- The following are results from the first performance of the Fort Worth Stock Show Rodeo, presented by the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show on Thursday, January 20, 2012. Results are updated daily and available at www.fwssr.com

Second Performance --

Bareback Riding: (three rides) 1. Matt Bright, Azle, Texas, 80 points on Rafter G Rodeo Company's Miss Holly; 2. Austin Foss, Terrebonne, Ore., 84; 3. Tony Buckman, La Mesa, N.M., 71.

Steer Wrestling: 1. Gabe Burrows, Hugoton, Kan., 4.9 seconds; 2. Jule Hazen, Ashland, Kan., 5.4; 3. Preston Oylloe, Corsicana, Texas, 5.9; 4. Derek Stewart, Hearne, Texas, 8.4.

Team Roping: (three times) 1. Kelly Barker, Central Point, Ore., and Bucky Campbell, Benton City, Wash., 10.6 seconds; 2. Trace Porter, Leesville, LA., and Hook LeDoux, Vinton, LA., 15.2; 3. Robert Reed, Caldwell, Idaho, and Kent Nixon, New Braunfels, Texas, 20.6.

Saddle Bronc Riding: 1. (three qualified rides), 1. Louie Brunson, Interior, S.D., 73 points on Rafter G Rodeo Company's Walk Softly; 2. Seth Glause, Cheyenne, Wyo., 70; 3. Keegan Knox, Abilene, Kan., 60.

Tie-Down Roping: 1. (tie) Jeff Davis, Fort Worth, Texas, and Trent Creager, Stillwater, Okla., 10.1 seconds each; 3. Timber Moore, Aubrey, Texas, 10.6; 4. Brent Lewis, Pinon, N.M., 12.0.

Women's Barrel Race: 1. Tana Poppino, Big Cabin, Okla., 16.98 seconds; 2. Jeanne Anderson, White City, Kan., 17.15; 3. Clay Sewalt, Del Rio, Texas, 17.54; 4. Scamper Cole, Willow Park, Texas, 17.69.

Bull Riding: 1. Garrett Vig, Newell, S.D., 80 points on Rafter G Rodeo Company's 710 Johnny Ramone; 2. Riker Carter, Stone, Idaho, 79; 3. Trevor Kastner, Ardmore, Okla., 72; 4. (tie) Devon Mezel, Stettler, Alberta, and Corey Granger, Idabel, Okla., 66 each.

Current Leaders –

Bareback Riding: (first round) 1. Austin Foss, Terrebonne, Ore., 84 points on Rafter G Rodeo Company's Assault; 2. Matt Bright, Azle, Texas, 73; 3. Tony Buckman, La Mesa, N.M., 68; 4. Richie Champion, The Woodlands, Texas, 65. (second round) 1. Matt Bright, Azle, Texas, 80 points on Rafter G Rodeo Company's Miss Holly; 2. Austin Foss, Terrebonne, Ore., 84; 3. Tony Buckman, La Mesa, N.M., 71. (total on two) 1. Austin Foss, Terrebonne, Ore., 158 points; 2. Matt Bright, Azle, Texas, 153; 3. Tony Buckman, La Mesa, N.M., 139; (on one) 4. Richie Champion, The Woodlands, Texas, 65.

Steer Wrestling: (first round) 1. (tie), Wade Sumpter, Fowler, Colo., and Ryan Jarrett, Comanche, Okla., 3.6 seconds each; 3. (tie) Clint Robinson, Spanish Fork, Utah, and Shawn Greenfield, Lakeview, Wash., 3.8 each; 5. Kyle Broce, La Junta, Colo., 4.0; 5. (tie), Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo., Travis Carnine, Stanfield, Ore., and Todd Suhn, Hermosa, S.D., 4.1 each.

Team Roping: (first round) 1. Paul David Tierney, Oral, S.D., and Quincy Opela, Stapleton, Neb., 5.7 seconds; 2. Robert Reed, Caldwell, Idaho, and Kent Nixon, New Braunfels, Texas, 7.1; 3. Quincy Kueckelhan, Bonham, Texas, and Caleb Twisselman, Santa Margarita, Calif., 7.9; 4. Trace Porter, Leesville, LA., and Hook LeDoux, Vinton, LA., 15.3. (second round) (three times) 1. Kelly Barker, Central Point, Ore., and Bucky Campbell, Benton City, Wash., 10.6 seconds; 2. Trace Porter, Leesville, LA., and Hook LeDoux, Vinton, LA., 15.2; 3. Robert Reed, Caldwell, Idaho, and Kent Nixon, New Braunfels, Texas, 20.6. (total on two) 1. Kelly Barker, Central Point, Ore., and Bucky Campbell, Benton City, Wash., 26.6 seconds; 2. Robert Reed, Caldwell, Idaho, and Kent Nixon, New Braunfels, Texas, 27.7; 3. Trace Porter, Leesville, LA., and Hook LeDoux, Vinton, LA., 30.5; (on one) 4. Paul David Tierney, Oral, S.D., and Quincy Opela, Stapleton, Neb., 5.7; 5. Quincy Kueckelhan, Bonham, Texas, and Caleb Twisselman, Santa Margarita, Calif., 7.9.

Saddle Bronc Riding: (first round) (two qualified rides), 1. Louie Brunson, Interior, S.D., 67 points on Rafter G Rodeo Company's Billings; 2. Tyrel Kennedy, Philip, S.D., 66. (second round) (two qualified rides) (two qualified rides), 1. Louie Brunson, Interior, S.D., 73 points on Rafter G Rodeo Company's Walk Softly; 2. Seth Glause, Cheyenne, Wyo., 70. (total on two) 1. Louie Brunson, Interior, S.D., 140 points; (on one) 2. Seth Glause, Cheyenne, Wyo., 70; 3. Tyrel Kennedy, Philip, S.D., 66; 4. Keegan Knox, Abilene, Kan., 60.

Tie Down Roping: 1. Cory Solomon, Prairie View, Texas, 8.7 seconds; 2. Adam Gray, Seymour, Texas, 8.9; 3. EJ Roberts, Stephenville, Texas, 9.0; 4. Ace Slone, Cuero, Texas, 9.1; 5. (tie) Jared Kempker, Eugene, MO., Hunter Herrin, Apache, Okla., Lake Hannum, Plain City, Utah, and Logan Hofer, Magrath, Alberta, 9.2 each.

Women's Barrel Race: 1. Tana Poppino, Big Cabin, Okla., 16.98 seconds; 2. Savannah Reeves, Cross Plains, Texas, 17.01; 3. Lindsay Sears, Nanton, Alberta, 17.05; 4. Laura Kennedy, Quitman, Ark., 17.11; 5. Jeanne Anderson, White City, Kan., 17.15; 6. Jennifer Kent, Grand Cane, LA., 17.22; 7. Lisa Anderson, Moore, Texas, 17.28; 8. Lynn Brown, Weatherford, Texas, 17.30; 9. Sierra Dawn Thomas, Roy, Utah, 17.41; 10. Jami Simpton, Navasota, Texas, 17.48; 11. Clay Sewalt, Del Rio, Texas, 17.54; 12. Scamper Cole, Willow Park, Texas, 17.69.

Bull Riding: (first round) 1. Trevor Kastner, Ardmore, Okla., 79 points on Rafter G Rodeo Company's Mighty Mouse; 2. Devon Mezel, Stettler, Alberta, 76; 3. Skyler McBride, Madden, Alberta, 70; 4. Jeff Bertus, Avon, S.D., 68. (second round) 1. Garrett Vig, Newell, S.D., 80 points on Rafter G Rodeo Company's 710 Johnny Ramone; 2. Riker Carter, Stone, Idaho, 79; 3. Trevor Kastner, Ardmore, Okla., 72; 4. (tie) Devon Mezel, Stettler, Alberta, and Corey Granger, Idabel, Okla., 66 each. (total on two) 1. Trevor Kastner, Ardmore, Okla., 151 points; 2. Devon Mezel, Stettler, Alberta, 142. (on one) 3. Garrett Vig, Newell, S.D., 80; 4. Riker Carter, Stone, Idaho, 79; 5. Skyler McBride, Madden, Alberta, 70; 6. Corey Granger, Idabel, Okla., 66.