.sports Sellout crowd cheers for bulls, PBR bull riders

By Tom Betz

nt.betz@nwkansas.com A sellout crowd watched 52 bulls and riders put on a great Professional Bull Rider show for the Western Plains Chute-Out on Wednesday at the Sherman County fairgrounds.

The show lasted about two hours with 40 bulls in the long rounds split into two 20 bull sections, and then the top 10 riders came back in the short go to see who would be the big winner.

The final rider of the short go was Robson Aragao of Aracaju Sergipe, Brazil, who thrilled the crowd with a top ride for eight seconds to win the event with a score of 91 points. He had the highest point ride in the first round with a ride of 87.5. The winning bull was Beer Money out of Hudson Rodeo stock. Aragao is ranked 24th on the PBR Touring Pro Division.

Second place went to Kasey Haves of Liberal who had a ride of 89.5 in the short go on the bull Kat Hour a Mark Ward bull. Hayes had made it into the short go with a ride of 82 in the first round. Hayes is ranked 15th in the PBR Touring Pro Division.

Aragao and Hayes were the only two bull riders to make the full eight seconds in the short go.

The first rounds had 15 qualified rides out of the 42 bulls. Two riders were granted re-rides because of technical problems with their first rides. One of those granted a re-ride was Douglas Duncan of Huntsville. Texas, who had a qualified ride on Hudson Rodeo bull Black Jose of 83.5, but the judges gave him a reride and the second time he had a qualified ride of 85 to get him into the short go. In the short go Duncan was not able to stay on John McDonald's bull Skat Rat for the full eight seconds. Duncan is leading the PBR Touring Pro Division.

Dusty LaBeth of Louisburg, who won the Chute-Out last year, had the Greg Talbert bull Twister and was bucked off to stop him from repeating as champion.

Another top ranked bull rider, Renato Nunes of Buritama-Sal



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bull Big Casino to a first round score of 87.5. Aragao was the top rider in the first two rounds and the last rider in the short go where he scored a event winning 91 on the Hudson Roedo bull Beer Money

Robson Aragao of Aracajo Sergipe, Brazil rode the John McDonald at the Western Plains Chute-Our held Wednesday at the Sherman County fairgrounds. Tonight is the final night of the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair and a writsband carnival night. Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

Palo, Brazil, got bucked off the Greg Talbert bull Rockin X.

In the judging for a ride the points are given half for the rider and half for the performance of the bull.

The evening began with entertainment from Demi Mitcheck who entertained the crowd and followed the opening fireworks singing the national anthem to open the evening.

In the opening round local bull rider Isaiah Sattler of Oakley had the bull Wilder Side and in this case the bull won bucking Sattler off before the eight second buzzer.

Near the end of the second round of 20 bulls Jesse McDaniel of Scott City was bucked off the bull Why Not Minot.

Bull riders Sterling Yancy and Ryan Dirteater, know as the Cherokee Kid, both had first round qualified rides of 84.5 to put them in the short go. Jason McClain of Lewis, Colo., had a first round score of 86.5 to make it to the short go.

Between the first two round the audience was entertained by Punkintown Clown and his horse Wrangler. Punkintown, (Frankie Smith) from Charlotte, S.C., told the audience Wrangler was the smartest horse in the world. He and Wrangler did a number of tricks for the audience showing how well disciplined the horse is and how talented his trainer.

Punkintown brought out a small stage between the first rounds and the short go to entertain the crowd while the top 10 riders and bulls got ready. He asked if the crowd knew was clogging was and proceeded to demonstrate his clogging talent. His final routine was to balance a cup of water on his head and dance around the stage to Cotton Eyed Joe to the applause and cheers of the crowd.

Bull riders were from Kansas, Texas, New Mexico, Nevada, New York, Oklahoma, Nebraska, North Dakota, Australia, Brazil, South Dakota, Missouri, Arkansas, Ohio, Colorado, Florida and Illinois.

Conservation Reserve meeting planned in Goodland for Monday

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