



Hop on for a wild ride

Jerod Wright of Golden Valley, Ariz., rode Strike Three (left) for a score of 76 in the long round of the Thunder of the Plains bull riding Tuesday at the Sherman County Fairgrounds. Intimidator (above) bucked off Natha Foyil of Guthrie, Okla., who did not last the required eight seconds.

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Rodeo bulls thrill crowd

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News Over 40 cowboys gave the crowd

a thrill as they pitted their skill against the brut strength of the bulls at the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair on Tuesday.

as a crowd estimated at 1,500 to 2,000 watched contestants take average. their eight seconds of fame — if they could hang on that long.

Jesse Kirby of Dodge City came away as the big winner in the Thunder on the Plains bull riding, with 155 points on two rides. He won \$1,305 for the top average and \$1,080 as the top rider in the short

long round and the top 10 came back for the short round.

Two of the top 10 managed to Kirby had the top score, followed by Bowdy Peach of Moran, Okla.,

with a score of 73. He won \$720 in \$225 for sixth place overall. the short round.

Peach was second in average, picking up \$1,080 for his 148 points on two rides.

In the long round, Aaron Walker of Fort Worth rode the bull Sooner chance for a prize, and the top went The grandstands and the bleach- for a high score of 85 points and a to Pizza Hut for sponsoring Sooner, ers on the north and south were full prize of \$1,080. Walker picked up \$855 as third place in the over all

> Skeeter Kingsolver, 15, of Lawrence rode Black Bart for a 79 and second place in the long round. He picked up \$810 for that, plus \$630 for finishing fourth in total average. Strike Three got Jerod Wright of

Golden Valley, Ariz., third place in the top-ranked bull. the long round with a score of 76 All of the cowboys rode in the and a check for \$540. The ride was good enough for fifth overall and Kingsolver got \$405 for that.

Kyle Cudmore of Cherokee, reach the eight-second whistle. Okla., was fourth in the long round and have appeared on television, with a 75. He got \$270 for that, and

Area riders included K. Lee Jones of Sharon Springs, Cauy Hudson of Tribune, Todd Huston of Scott City and Nate Williams of Norton.

Sponsors of the bulls had a which was the top ride for Walker. Rodeo clowns Cory Wall of

Burlington, Tracy Weeter of Goodland and Cody Woelk of Tribune worked the arena.

Kirby got a chance at a prize sponsored by Eklund Insurance Agency on the "bounty bull," Ama-

He lasted about three seconds on

The bulls came from Hudson Rodeo Co., Rice Bucking Bulls, Dean Drake and Shraeder and Son. Several have been ranked high in the Professional Bull Riding circuit, organizers said.

Goodland girl swings into Colby

Former Cowgirl Bailee Guyer will help launch a new golf program this fall with the Lady Trojans of Colby Commu-

> Guyer, a 2005 graduate of Goodland High, played four seasons for the Cowgirls, helping the team to a fifth-place fin-

nity College.

Guyer

ish at the regional tournament in Ulysses last sea-

The collge is adding men's and women's golf, bring the total of varsity sports at the college to 14. Miles Ladenburger, a 1974 graduate of Colby and a former Trojan player, will coach both teams.

Hoxie's Kathryn Nelson will join Guyer on the women' team, while Curt Beringer of Colby will play for



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