



## 2013 NOTABLE CONTESTANTS

The Mandan Rodeo's preliminary line-up features 529 entries by professional cowboys and cowgirls (minimum age of 18) including several on the current world standings leader board, former world champions, plus numerous Wrangler National Finals Rodeo (WNFR)

qualifiers and top contenders in the Badlands Circuit. Contestants come from North Dakota and many U.S. states, Canada and Australia. Among the Mandan Rodeo contestants:

### **Tuesday, July 2 – Slack Performance – 8 a.m. (free)**

- Tie-Down Roping
  - Doug Pharr of Resaca, Georgia, is a 4-time WNFR qualifier.
  - Justin Scofield, Volga, S.D., is sitting second in the Badlands Circuit standings with \$4,480 in winnings.
  - Seth Murphy was the 2011 National Circuit Finals All Around Winner.
  - Troy Pruitt of Gering, Neb., was the 1990 tie-down roping world champion.
  - Troy's son Riley Pruitt is currently ranked 18<sup>th</sup> in the world standings with \$17,593 won to date.
  - Mike Johnson of Henryetta, Okla., is a 23-time NFR qualifier. He has \$2.1 million in career PRCA winnings.
- Steer Wrestling
  - Justice Johnson of Bismarck, N.D., was the 2012 N.D. High School Rodeo steer wrestling champion.
  - Beau Franzen of Sidney, Mont., is a 2-time NFR qualifier.
  - J.B. Lord was the 2012 Badlands Circuit all-around champion.
- Team Roping
  - Header Britt Williams of Hammond, MT is an NFR qualifier.
  - J.B. Lord of Sturgis, S.D., and Jesse Fredrickson of Menoken, N.D., earned second place at the Mandan Rodeo in 2012.
  - Header Blaine Linaweaver of Irvine, Calif., is a 4-time NFR qualifier paired with 14-time NFR qualifier Monty Joe Petska of Turlock, Calif.
  - Former World Champion Saddle Bronc Rider Brad Gjermundson of Marshall, N.D., now competes in team roping.
  - Wyatt Bice, Killdeer, N.D., is a 2013 N.D. High School Champion team roper and tie-down roper. He is paired with his cousin Ethan Rodne.
- Barrel Racing
  - Fallon Taylor at age 13 was among the youngest to ever qualify for the NFR in Las Vegas. She has since qualified for 3 more NFRS and is currently leading the world standings with \$53,083 in earnings.
  - Sherrylynn Johnson of Henryetta, Okla., is a 4-time NFR qualifier.
  - Jill Moody of Pierre, S.D., is a 5-time NFR qualifier and 2-time NFR average winner.
  - Lisa Lockhart of Oelrichs, S.D. is a five-time NFR barrel racing qualifier. She is currently 12<sup>th</sup> in the world standings with \$29,626 in 2013 winnings.
  - Britany Fleck of Solen, N.D., qualified for the NFR in 2011.

## **Tuesday, July 2 Performance – 7:30 p.m. (gates open at 5 p.m.)**

- Bareback Riding
  - Mac Erickson of Sundance, Wyo., is sitting 39<sup>th</sup> in the 2013 world bareback standings with \$8,229 in winnings and first in the Badlands Circuit with \$7,525 won.
  - Matt Lait of Stavely, Alberta, is 26<sup>th</sup> in the world bareback standings with \$12,633 earned to date.
  - Jake Vold of Ponoka, Alberta, is 38<sup>th</sup> in the world bareback standings with \$8,376 in winnings.
  - Jet Price of Buffalo, S.D. is 42<sup>nd</sup> in the world bareback standings with \$8,051 and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Badlands Circuit standings.
- Tie-Down Roping
  - Codi Hilzendegeer of Bismarck, N.D., recently qualified for the College National Rodeo Finals in Casper, Wyo. He rodeos for Dickinson State University.
  - Houston Hutto of Tomball, Texas, is a 4-time NFR qualifier, currently ranked 24<sup>th</sup> with \$16,083 won for 2013.
- Team Roping
  - 2012 Badlands Circuit Champion Header Preston Billadeau, Parshall, N.D., is roping with 2013 College National Finals Reserve Champion Levi O'Keefe, Mohall, N.D.
  - Joe Beaver has qualified in the team roping at the NFR four times and is now known for his television commentary during the NFR. He is a 2-time World All-Around Champion Cowboy and 5-time World Champion tied-down roper.
  - Heeler Cotey Hanson of Berthold, N.D., was recently the reserve champion in the team roping at the College National Finals Rodeo with Levi O'Keefe.
- Barrel Racing
  - 2012 NFR qualifier Nikki Steffes of Vale, S.D., often competes on a palomino mare owned by Alan Woodbury of Dickinson, N.D. Steffes won the Mandan Rodeo in 2012.
- Bull Riding
  - Ty Clearwater finished 21<sup>st</sup> in the world standings in 2012.
  - Abe Dillman of Grassy Butte, N.D., is 33<sup>rd</sup> in the 2013 world standings with \$14,986 in winnings.
  - John Young of Orient, Iowa, finished 6<sup>th</sup> at the recent College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyo.

## **Wednesday, July 3 Performance – 7:30 p.m. (gates open at 5 p.m.)**

- Bareback Riding
  - Logan Hodson, of Telkwa, British Columbia, is 45<sup>th</sup> in the world standings with \$7,603 won.
  - Bee Jay Scott of Otley, Iowa, is a 4-time National Circuit Finals qualifier.
- Tie-Down Roping
  - Dane Kissack of Spearfish, S.D., was a College National Finals Rodeo competitor in June, competing for Black Hills State University. He is 45<sup>th</sup> in the world standings with \$10,229 in PRCA winnings for 2013.
  - Tyler Thiel of Belle Fourche, S.D., is the 49<sup>th</sup> ranked roper with nearly \$10,000 won so far this year.
  - Randall Carlisle of Castor, Louisiana, is 6<sup>th</sup> in the world standings with \$22,740 in winnings.
  - Barrett Threadgill of Hallettsville, Texas, is 40<sup>th</sup> in the world standings with nearly \$11,000 in 2013 winnings.
  - Seven-time NFR qualifier Scott Kormos of Teague, Texas, is 48<sup>th</sup> in the 2013 world standings with nearly \$10,000 won.

- Saddle Bronc Riding
  - Jeremy Meeks of Belle Fourche, S.D., is ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Badlands Circuit with nearly \$5,000 in winnings.
  - Jeremy Means, Eagle Butte, S.D., is 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Badlands Circuit.
- Team Roping
  - JoJo LeMond of Andrews, Texas, is a 3-time NFR qualifier.
  - Jimmy Tanner of Tifton, Georgia, is a 2-time NFR qualifier.
  - Ty Blasingame is an NFR qualifier, currently ranked 15<sup>th</sup> in the team roping standings among headers with \$17,933 in winnings. He won the Mandan rodeo in 2012. Partner Matt Zancanella of Aurora, S.D., is a 3-time NFR qualifier. He is presently 27<sup>th</sup> in the world standings with \$13,633 in winnings.
- Barrel Racing
  - 18<sup>th</sup> ranked Kim Couch of Rattan, Okla., has \$20,735 in 2013 winnings.
  - Kristi Steffes of Vale, S.D., was a 2013 College National Finals Rodeo qualifier.
  - Tammy Fischer of Ledbetter, Texas, is a 6-time NFR qualifier.
- Bull Riding
  - Matt Pojanowski of Woodbury, Minn., is ranked 25<sup>th</sup> in the world standings with \$20,108 won.
  - Casey Stirling of New Underwood, S.D., is ranked second in the Badlands Circuit.

**Thursday, July 4 Performance – 7:30 p.m. (gates open at 5 p.m.)**

- Saddle Bronc Riding
  - J.J. Elshere of Hereford, S.D., is a 4-time NFR qualifier.
  - Dickinson, N.D., cowboy Clay Schaeffer is 41<sup>st</sup> in the world standings with \$8,155 in 2013 winnings.
  - Dustin Flundra is a 2-time NFR qualifier of Pincher Creek, Alberta, is vying for another trip to Las Vegas. He is 29<sup>th</sup> in the world standings with \$12,994 won this year.
  - Troy Crowser of Whitewood, S.D., is 12<sup>th</sup> in the world standings with \$21,190 in 2013 winnings and first in the Badlands Circuit.
  - Chuck Schmidt, born in Hettinger, N.D., now of Keldron, S.D., is an NFR qualifier, currently ranked 23<sup>rd</sup> in the world standings with \$14,260 won to date.
  - Dawson Jandreau of Kennebec, S.D., is 18<sup>th</sup> in the world standings with \$17,252 won so far.
- Tie-Down Roping
  - Former World All-Around Champion and 7-Time Tie-Down World Champion Fred Whitfield of Hockley, Texas, returns to the Mandan Rodeo for at least his 3<sup>rd</sup> year. He has \$3.1 million in career PRCA winnings and is 27<sup>th</sup> in the 2013 world standings with \$15,288 in winnings.
  - Jason Schaffer of Broadus, Mont., is 14<sup>th</sup> in the 2013 world standings with \$19,271 in winnings and sitting first in the Badlands Circuit.
  - Local cowboy Cole Hatzenbuehler of Solen, N.D., is 7<sup>th</sup> in the Badlands Circuit standings for 2013.
- Team Roping
  - 2012 NFR qualifiers Spencer Mitchell, of Colusa, Calif, and Dakota Kirchenschaleger of Stephenville, Texas, won the 9<sup>th</sup> round at the NFR. Mitchell is 26<sup>th</sup> in the world standings with \$14,686 in winnings.
  - Kelsey Parchman of Cumberland, Tenn., is an NFR qualifier, now 44<sup>th</sup> in the world standings with \$10,292 in wings. He ropes with Matt Garza of Las Cruces, N.M., who is 39<sup>th</sup> in the world heeling standings with \$10,660 in winnings.
  - 2011 World Champion and 5-time NFR qualifier Jhett Johnson, of Casper, Wyo., is now 49<sup>th</sup> in the world standings with \$9,578 in winnings.

- Barrel Racing
  - Tana Renick of Kingston, Okla., is a 2011 National Circuit Finals Champion.
- Bull Riding
  - Seven-time WNFR qualifier Bobby Welsh is currently ranked 23<sup>rd</sup> with \$21,126 in winnings. He has \$1.1 million in career earnings in the PRCA's bullriding event.
  - Stetson Lawrence of Williston, N.D., is leading the Badlands Circuit with nearly \$4,000 in winnings.

### **North Dakota Contestants**

#### **Bareback**

July 2

- Austin Martin, Grand Forks

July 3

- Thomas Kronberg, Forbes
- Zane Forester, Richardton

July 4

- Tate Schwagler, Mandan
- Dan Miller, Raleigh
- Don Miller, Raleigh
- Sam Nordick, Mohall

#### **Saddle Bronc**

July 3

- Chase Kukuchka, Dickinson
- Riley Knoll, Mandan

July 4

- Clay Schaeffer, Dickinson
- Britt Luger, Ft. Yates

#### **Tie-Down Roping**

July 2 Slack

- Dustin Entzel, Killdeer
- Jon Peek, Williston
- Dillon Wickum, Minot
- Kelly Eggl, Minot
- Blake Eggl, Minot
- Seth Murphy, South Heart
- Dan Bishoff, Cogswell
- Tanner Wznick, Dickinson
- Broden Porter, Dickinson

July 2 Performance

- Preston Billadeau, Parshall
- Cody Hilzendeger, Bismarck
- July 4
- Cole Hatzenbuehler, Solen
- Joe Schmidt, Belfield

#### **Steer Wrestling**

July 2 Slack

- Justice Johnson, Bismarck
- Evan Entze, Golden Valley
- Jim Hansen, Watford City
- Anton Helfrich, Killdeer
- Tom Hansen, Watford City
- Jim Roedeske, Carwright
- Austin Maier, Elgin
- Caleb Teigen, Bismarck

- Sam Arndorfer, Baldwin
- Kory Carlson, Dunn Center

- J.W. Lorenz, Washburn
- Kory Carlson, Dunn Center
- Seth Murphy, South Heart
- Lafe Nelson, Almont
- Scott Kleeman, Killdeer
- Jason Reiss, Dickinson

July 3 Performance

- Tyler Pittsley, Killdeer

July 4 Performance

- Ben Grann, Mandan
- Sheldon Portwine Dickinson
- Web Lembke, Hebron
- Tyler Thorson, Towner
- Tyler Schau, Almont

#### **Team Roping**

July 2 Slack

- A.J. Zieman, Sheyenne
- Luke Morast, Halliday
- Jesse Fredrickson, Menoken
- Brad Gjermundson, Marshall
- Wyatt Bice, Killdeer
- Ethan Rodne, Medora
- Parker Murnion, Bowman
- Cole Spurgeon, Beach
- Sloan Hendley, Beach
- Turner Harris, Killdeer
- Ross Carson, Killdeer

July 2 Performance

- Preston Billadeau, Parshall
- Levi O'Keefe, Mohall
- Cotey Hanson, Berthold
- Jake Herman, Halliday
- Cody Hilzendeger, Bismarck
- Clint Gorrell, Beach
- Chase Carson, Grassy Butte
- Layne Carson, Grassy Butte

July 3

- Chad Nelson, Bowman

July 4

- Drew Gartner, Killdeer
- Terry Fischer, Ft. Yates
- Brandon Knudson, Marion
- Mitch Smith, Valley City

## **Barrel Racing**

July 2 Slack

- Molly Otto, Grand Forks
- Heather Nordick, Mohall
- Lindsey Goulet, Watford City
- Katelyn Fairfield, Valley City
- Britta O'Keefe, Mohall
- Mackenzie Weber, New Rockford
- Britany Fleck, Solen
- Desirae Weigel, Bismarck
- Karleen Weigel, Napoleon

July 2

- Tess Hansen, Dickinson
- Erin Wanner, Dickinson
- Jennifer Meyer, Dickinson

July 4

- Heidi Schmidt, Belfield
- TK Lawrence, Williston

## **Bull Riding**

July 2

- Kacey Senger, Devils Lake
- Abe Dillman, Grassy Butte

July 3

- Taryl Smith, Litchville

July 4

- Cole Hermanson, Mandan
- Chaz Lee, Grassy Butte
- Clayton Enzminger, Steele
- Stetson Lawrence, Williston

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