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Iowa Cowboys Take Lead at Mandan Rodeo Days

MANDAN, N.D. – The opening night of the 136th Mandan Rodeo Days started and ended with Iowa cowboys in the driver’s seat in two of the three rough stock events.

Bee Jay Scott, who has been riding bareback broncs for more than two decades, showed the youngsters how to ride in style. The Otley, Iowa, cowboy scored 81 points on Dakota Rodeo’s Blueberry Buckle. Mandan’s National Finals Rodeo (NFR) cowboy Ty Breuer was second with 79.

Another Iowan, Jimmy Maten of Donahue, was the only bull rider to make a qualified ride. The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) rookie scored 80 points on Rock River Red and pocketed \$1,400 day money in addition to any prize money he wins in the overall rodeo.

Maten had never been on the bull, but expected Rock River Red to turn back to the right.

“He made one round to the right and then came back around to the left,” he said. Maten was sporting a facial injury from last weekend in Clear Lake, S.D., but was feeling pretty good after his ride.

Texas cowgirl Megan Williams-Mariluch leads the barrel racing with the only time under 16 seconds—15.87. Michelle Lummus of Hiram, Ga., the leader after 86 barrel racers in Thursday morning’s slack, still held second place with a 16.17, despite an early morning storm that dumped more than an inch of rain and left the arena muddy.

Blake Mindemann of Blanchard, Okla., the fourth steer wrestler in the slack, leads that event with 4.2 seconds.

Mandan Rodeo Days continues at 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 3 with Patriot Night and concludes at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 4.

Unofficial leaders from the 136th Mandan Rodeo Days after Thursday, July 2 in Mandan, N.D.

Bareback Bronc Riding: 1. Bee Jay Scott, Otley, Iowa, 81 points on Dakota Rodeo's Blueberry Buckle. 2. Ty Breuer, Mandan, N.D., 79. 3. Tate Schwagler, Mandan, N.D., 76. 4. Kyle Brennecke, Stephenville, Texas, 75.

Steer Wrestling: 1. Blake Mindemann, Blanchard, Okla., 4.2 seconds, 2. Kory Calson, Dunn Center, N.D., 4.4, 3. Tom Hansen, Killdeer, N.D., 4.5. 4. Cameron Morman, Glenullin, N.D., 4.7.

Tie-down Roping: 1. Logan Hofer, Magrath, Alberta, Canada, 9.6 seconds Dustin Entzel, Killdeer, N.D., 11.0 seconds, 2. Jon Peek, Berthold, N.D., 11.4, 3. Justin Scofield, Volga, S.D., 11.8, 4. Rusty Parmely, Wolsey, S.D., 13.5

Saddle Bronc Riding: 1. JJ Elshere, Hereford, S.D., 81 points on on Dakota Rodeo's Hermit. 2. Ty Manke, Hermosa, Calif., 78. 3. Ryan Elshere, Elm Springs, S.D., 77. 4. Louie Brunson, Interior, S.D., 73.

Team Roping: 1. Clayton Miller, Billings, Mont., and Hank Hollenbeck, Molt, Mont., 5.5 seconds. 2. Brent McInerney, Alzada, Mont., and Cody Hutchison, Moorecroft, Wyo., 5.8 seconds. 3. (tie) Al Fuchs, Teton Village, Wyo., and Sloan Hendley, Abilene, Texas, and Scot White Oelrichs, S.D., and Jayden Johnson, Casper, Wyo. 6.4.

Women's Barrel Racing: 1. Megan Williams-Mariluch, Daingerfield Texas, 15.87 seconds. 2. Michelle Lummus, Hiram, Ga., 16.17 seconds, 3. Kailee Webb, Isabel, S.D., 16.23. 4. Wanda Brown, Edgemont, S.D., 16.29

Bull Riding: (one qualified ride) 1. Jimmy Maten, Donahue, Iowa, 80 points on Dakota Rodeo's Rock River Red.

Photo cutline: Bee Jay Scott of Otley, Iowa, takes the bareback riding lead at Mandan (N.D.) Rodeo Days on Dakota Rodeo's Blueberry Buckle. Photo by Jackie Jensen

