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Savage Stands Alone Among July 3 Mandan Rodeo Bull Riders

MANDAN, N.D. (July 3, 2014) –Four-time National Finals Rodeo (NFR) bull rider Clayton Savage of Yoder, Wyo., was the only bull rider to hear the eight-second buzzer while still aboard a bull at the July 3 performance of the 135th Mandan Rodeo Days Celebration. Savage scored 83 points on #422 High Horn of Dakota Rodeo Company.

The herd of bulls, owned by Chad Berger, a Mandan native whose father Joe provided bucking stock for the Mandan Rodeo in the 1980s, were able to throw all the other bull riders to the dirt, including four-time and reigning world champion J.W. Harris of Mullin, Texas.

Savage's score was one point less than event leader Garrett Vig of Newell, S.D., who competed July 2.

Colorado team ropers Ty Blasingame of Sugar City and J.W. Borrego of Weston roped their steer in 5.0 seconds to tie for the overall lead with Scott White of Oelrichs, S.D., and Justin Johnson, Casper, Wyo., who competed in the first performance.

Andrea Cline of Springtown, Texas, moved into second place in women's barrel racing with a time of 15.61 seconds.

John Addison of Midland, S.D., muscled his way into a four-way tie for the lead in bareback bronc riding with a score of 80 on Sankey Rodeo's #908 Exotic Scene.

The city-wide Mandan Rodeo Days Celebration ends with the July 4 rodeo performance, set for 7:30 p.m., followed by North Dakota's largest fireworks display at approximately 11 p.m.

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Results from the second performance of the 135th Mandan Rodeo Days in Mandan, N.D., July 3, 2014.

Bareback bronc riding: 1. John Addison, Midland, S.D., 80 points on Sankey Rodeo's Exotic Scene. 2. Blake Smith, Zap, N.D., 77. 3. (tie) Jeffery ZdZiarski, Sheridan, Wyo., and Noodles Harden, Big Valley, Alberta, 74 points each.

Steer wrestling: 1. Casey Cronin, Gettysburg, S.D., 4.5 seconds. 2. Tyrel Larson, Sturgis, S.D., 5.2. 3. Ty Lang, Montrose, Colo., 5.4. 4. Tyler Haugen, Sturgis, S.D., 5.8.

Tie-down Roping: 1. Joe Schmidt, Belfield, N.D., 10.5 seconds. 2. Chase Lako, Arthur, S.D., 10.9. 3. Will Howell, Stillwater, Okla., 11.3. 4. Paul David Tierney, Oral, S.D., 11.4. Saddle Bronc Riding: 1. Tyler Corrington, Hastings, Minn., 79 points on Dakota Rodeo's Playboy's Rooster. 2. (tie) JC DeSaveur, Roberts, Mont., and JJ Elshere, Hereford, S.D., 75 points each. 4. Cort Scheer, Elsmere, Neb., 74.

Team Roping: 1. Ty Blasingame, Sugar City, Colo., and J.W. Borrego, Weston, Colo., 5.0 seconds. 2. Tyler Schnaufer, Pueblo, Colo., and Cole Cooper, Loma, Colo., 5.8. 3. Nick Sartain, Dover, Okla., and Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas, 9.7. 4. Calvin Brevik, Durango, Colo., and Wade Masters, Durango, Colo., 14.9.

Barrel Racing: 1. Andrea Cline, Springtown, Texas, 15.61 seconds. 2. Carmel Wright, Toy, Mont., 15.71. 3. Nikki Cronin, Gettysburg, S.D., 16.23. 4. Sherri Cass, Pierre, S.D., 16.29.

Bull Riding: (one ride) 1. Clayton Savage, Yoder, Wyo., 83 points on Dakota Rodeo's 422.

The following are current leaders:

Bareback Bronc Riding: 1. (tie) Heath Ford, Slocum, Texas, on Sankey Rodeo's Winter Count; Thomas Kronberg, Forbes, N.D., on Dakota Rodeo's Blue Sugar, Joe Gunderson, on Dakota Rodeo's Bartender, and John Addison, Midland, S.D., on Sankey Rodeo's Exotic Scene.

Steer Wrestling: 1. Tyler Thorson, Towner, N.D., 3.9 seconds. 2. Del Day, Bismarck, N.D., 4.0. 3. Brett Gumb, Burwell, Neb., 4.1. 4. Tee Burress, Piedmont, S.D., 4.3.

Tie-down Roping: 1. Cole Robinson of Moorcroft, Wyo., 7.9 seconds. 2. Jon Peek, Williston, N.D., 8.8. 3. (tie) Timber Moore, Aubrey, Texas, and Michael Otero, Lowndesboro, Ala., 9.7.

Saddle Bronc Riding: 1. Jade Blackwell, Rapid City, S.D., 83 points on Dakota Rodeo's Gun Slinger. 2. Dalton Rixen, Richardton, N.D., 80. 3. (tie) Kaden Deal, Cheyenne River, S.D., and Tyler Corrington, Hastings, Minn., 79 each.

Team Roping: 1. (tie) Scott White of Oelrichs, S.D., and Justin Johnson, Casper, Wyo., and Ty Blasingame, Sugar City, Colo., and J.W. Borrego, Weston, Colo., 5.0 seconds each. 3. (tie) Tyrell Moody, Letcher, S.D., and Rory Brown, Edgemont, S.D., and Garrett Tonozzi, Fruita, Colo., and Jared Bilby, Bridgeport, Neb., 5.2 seconds.

Barrel Racing: 1. Lisa Lockhart, Oelrichs, S.D., 15.59 seconds. 2. Andrea Cline, 15.61. 3. (tie) Kassidy Lantis, Spearfish, S.D., and Desirae Weigel, Bismarck, N.D., 15.62 each.

Bull riding: (three rides) 1. Garrett Vig, Newell, S.D., 84 points on Dakota Rodeo's Slim. 2. Clayton Savage, Yoder, Wyo., 83. 3. Jeff Bertus, Avon, S.D., 69.

