



NRA NEWS

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NRA Finals Set For Feb. 5, 6, 7

It's that time of year again! Time to head for Billings to catch up on all the news since last summer and get in on the most climactic rodeo action to take place in all Montana. The finals of the Northern Rodeo Association are coming up, Feb. 5, 6 and 7 in the beautiful, climate-controlled Yellowstone METRA in Montana's Magic City.

Just about when you're sick of plowing through fence-post-high snow, pitching bales to those hungry cows, that's the time when the NRA Finals can take the blah out of the winter time blahs.

The top bucking stock from all the NRA rodeo producers will be pitted against the top 10 cowboys and cowgirls in each event, and about \$23,000 in payoff money provides enough incentive for the competitors to "give it their all."

In the bareback riding, perennial champion Bob Schall of Arlee has a \$378.71 lead over 1979 champion Clyde Mury of Sand Springs. Colin Murnion of Jordan trails in third place by \$736.67, and the rest of the top ten are close behind, making the fight for the title even more intense.

In the calf roping, last year's champion Mike Barthelmess holds a substantial \$1793.84 lead over Bert Vermandel of Billings. Barthelmess' 1981 winnings of \$4074.80 surpass his 1980 championship winnings by over \$1200, giving an indication of the type of competition in the NRA this year. The rest of the top ten are close enough in money won to enable them to really "mix up" the standings.

Don Malli, Arvada, Wyo., is a good \$800.18 ahead of second place Randy Brusett of Brusett in the saddle bronc riding, who is, in turn, only \$117.01 ahead of Kirk Marchant. Tom Wagoner is pushing Marchant, only \$168.34 behind. Only \$1432.85 separates third place Marchant from tenth place Jack Duce of Nanton, Alta., Canada. Last year's champion, Dode Givens, has been nursing a broken leg, and will not compete.

The 1980 steer wrestling champion, Wes Stoos, isn't in the standings this year, so the

title is up for grabs with Ronan's Alan Madsen holding a \$145.45 lead over Bob Schall. Madsen's 1981 winnings of \$3392.11 compare with Stoos' 1980 winnings of \$1,844.90. Second place Schall holds a \$734.36 lead over third place Bill Davis of Belgrade, and \$941.82 over fourth place Kent Mosher, Augusta. Again this year the steer wrestling event promises to bring thrills to the crowd.

Earnings for the bull riding also exceed those of last year. Champion of 1980, John Wollenberg, earned \$2369.44 to win the title last year, \$1579.81 behind what Wyoming's Britt Givens has won so far in 1981. Givens is \$569.07 ahead of second place Rookie of the Year Scott Breeding, with winnings of \$3949.25. In turn, Breeding is \$463.38 ahead of Brent Powell.

"Huffenlooman" lead the team roping going into the finals with \$3118.72, \$647.56 ahead of closest competitor, Craig Mader. The team of Glen Hough and Phil Luman will defend their title with what should be their usual display of roping skill to retain the team roping title which has been theirs for so many times. Craig Mader's partner, Arnie Mader, sits only \$80.51 behind him, while the Roundup-Melstone team of Ken Hendrix and Art Kincheloe trail in fourth place by only \$263.37. From there on down, it's anybody's team roping.

All-around standings are led by former all-around Bob Schall, who is \$1500.41 ahead of last year's all-around, Mike Barthelmess, Miles City.

On the distaff side, the ladies events are also characterized by more money won in each event. For instance, in the barrel race, Vivian Mefford leads the 1981 standings with \$4,341.71, compared with the \$2,939.17 which 1980 champion, Jimi Lou Woodard, earned to win the saddle. Trailing Vivian in second place by \$809.43 is MBRA champion Darcy Groh, and Mary Ketchum trails her by \$262.41.

The breakaway roping standings are led by Two Dot's own Janie Glennie, who is \$658.57 ahead of Kelly Bohn. And only \$12.89 separates Shaundele Leatherberry and Kelly.

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1981 NRA STANDINGS

BAREBACK RIDING

1. Bob Schall, Arlee.....	3,705.60
2. Clyde Mury, Sand Springs.....	3,326.89
3. Colin Murnion, Jordan.....	2,590.22
4. Joe DeMers, Boulder.....	2,390.51
5. Bruce Martin, Lewistown.....	2,022.71
6. Tom Wagoner, Buffalo, Wyo.....	1,710.35
7. Curt Pate, Helena.....	1,578.74
8. Wade Barkshire, Fort Shaw.....	1,191.42
9. Paul Palczewski, Bowman, N.D.....	960.51
10. Steve Cutler, Lewistown.....	923.73
11. Joe Smith, Ronan.....	884.42
12. Kevin Jeffries, Glendive.....	819.81
13. Bill Stovall, Red Lodge.....	770.28
14. Jay Kirkland, Billings.....	716.15
15. Vic Proulx, Billings.....	700.69

CALF ROPING

1. Mike Barthelmeess, Miles City.....	\$4,074.80
2. Bert Vermandel, Billings.....	2,280.96
3. Danny Cross, Kalispell.....	1,840.41
4. Ron Currin, Pendelton, Ore.....	1,755.33
5. Rob Black, Ekalaka.....	1,636.08
6. Kent Mosher, Augusta.....	1,446.03
7. Mark Cain, Volberg.....	1,335.34
8. Mike Collins, Philipsburg.....	1,262.14
9. Casey Cox, Hermiston, Ore.....	1,182.85
10. Buster Record, Buffalo, Okla.....	1,178.53
11. Dick Ragland, Bridger.....	1,122.68
12. Herb Harris, Ronan.....	1,094.64
13. Foreman Mader, Weston, Wyo.....	1,089.59
14. Pete McGinley, Oshkosh, Neb.....	1,043.38
15. Gary Sutton, Ekalaka.....	1,043.13

STEER WRESTLING

1. Alan Madsen, Ronan.....	\$3,392.11
2. Bob Schall, Arlee.....	3,246.66
3. Bill Davis, Belgrade.....	2,512.30
4. Kent Mosher, Augusta.....	2,304.84
5. Richard Carpenter, Kalispell.....	2,046.73
6. Ron Currin, Pendelton, Ore.....	1,597.57
7. Tip Coleman, Cut Bank.....	1,383.16
8. Mike Collins, Philipsburg.....	1,265.95
9. Danny Cross, Kalispell.....	1,218.88
10. Ray Stoops, Geraldine.....	1,182.33
11. J. B. Lord, North Platte, Neb.....	885.37
12. Herb Harris, Ronan.....	939.61
13. Merle Rasmussen, Sidney.....	774.83
14. Allen Jones, Stevensville.....	706.24
15. Roger Nordahl, Helena.....	590.73

SADDLE BRONC RIDING

1. Don Malli, Arvada, Wyo.....	\$3,269.72
2. Randy Brusett, Brusett.....	2,469.54
3. Kirk Marchant, Lovell, Wyo.....	2,352.53
4. Tom Wagoner, Buffalo, Wyo.....	2,184.19
5. Gary Richardson, Powell, Wyo.....	1,942.11
6. Buzz Cope, Colstrip.....	1,586.70
7. Randy Clabaugh, Arvada, Wyo.....	1,180.88
8. Jamie Byrne, Mill Iron.....	1,137.99
9. T.R. Staley, Riverton, Wyo.....	1,061.47
10. Jack Duce, Nanton, Alta.....	1,036.69

11. Judd Twitchell, Jordan.....	998.18
12. Sid Brakke, Glendive.....	675.14
13. Don Ramsey, Cochran, Alta.....	655.35
14. Rockie Taylor, Sidney.....	582.35
15. Bill Johnson, Casper, Wyo.....	521.04

TEAM ROPING

1. Phil Luman, Glen Hough.....	\$3,118.72
2. Craig Mader, Gillette, Wyo.....	2,471.16
3. Arnie Mader, Gillette, Wyo.....	2,390.65
4. Art Kincheloe, Ken Kendrix.....	2,127.28
5. Todd Phillips, Gillette, Wyo.....	1,746.78
6. John Small, Blaine Small.....	1,718.14
7. Mike Barthelmeess, Bill Ayre.....	1,657.38
8. Dav Inman, Pendelton, Ore.....	1,439.14
9. Jeff Gorrel, Terry Selland.....	1,259.59
10. Danny Cross, Richard Carpenter.....	1,237.11
11. Rob Black, Ekalaka.....	1,100.93
12. Foreman Mader, Weston, Wyo.....	1,046.86
13. Gary Phillips, Gillette, Wyo.....	890.15
14. Casey Cox, Hermiston, Ore.....	874.17
15. Ron Currin, Pendelton, Ore.....	867.60

BULL RIDING

1. Britt Givens, Arapahoe, Wyo.....	\$3,949.25
2. Scott Breeding, Miles City.....	3,380.18
3. Brent Powell, Pendelton, Ore.....	2,916.80
4. Jim Logan, Billings.....	2,725.95
5. Mark Dunn, Helena.....	2,070.68
6. Jim Leatherberry, Absarokee.....	1,908.11
7. Mike Goyins, Helena.....	1,871.73
8. Kevin Nordahl, Helena.....	1,475.43
9. Brian Cooley, Musselshell.....	1,454.03
10. Doug Heny, Powell, Wyo.....	1,398.78
11. Bill Stovall, Red Lodge.....	1,350.21
12. Butch Bratsky, Helena.....	1,275.46
13. Jim Bushnell, Helena.....	1,237.80
14. Colin Murnion, Jordan.....	1,176.62
15. Gary Reiser, Bozeman.....	1,055.59

LADIES BARREL RACING

1. Vivian Mefford, Parkman, Wyo.....	\$4,341.71
2. Darcy Groh, Circle.....	4,076.17
3. Mary Ketchum, Plevna.....	2,366.74
4. Kay Fowlie, Billings.....	2,104.33
5. Lisa Scheffer, Hamilton.....	1,710.02
6. Lori Grantier, Winnett.....	1,454.10
7. Lynda Ottun, Forsyth.....	1,219.43
8. Judy Myllymaki, Arlee.....	979.96
9. Debbie Dupea, White Sulphr. Sprgs.....	961.07
10. Lisa Dupea, White Sulphr. Sprgs.....	949.37
11. Cinde Barthelmeess, Miles City.....	888.02
12. Carrie Cloninger, Helena.....	840.00
13. Charlene Cox, Billings.....	804.91
14. Katie Bickle, Ismay.....	797.92
15. Mary Melaney, Wolf Creek.....	790.66

LADIES BREAKAWAY ROPING

1. Janie Glennie, Two Dot.....	\$2,855.91
2. Kelly Bohn, Winnett.....	2,197.34
3. Shaundeale Leatherberry, Absarokee.....	2,184.45
4. Betty Benson, Melstone.....	2,080.67
5. Shari Schall, Arlee.....	1,888.91

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6. Vickie Warneke, Pryor	1,246.16
7. Deb Leatherberry, Billings	1,097.58
8. Cinde Barthelness, Miles City	1,091.35
9. Karen Miller, Absarokee	824.33
10. Zale Delp, Hardin	816.77
11. Kim Moore, Columbus	785.77
12. Jill Rugg, Pendelton, Ore.	708.92
13. Kathy Kennedy, Thedford, Neb.	630.11
14. Jana Woodford, Mosby	611.33
15. Mary Hill, Geysler	597.67

JUNIOR BARREL RACING

1. Colette Clark, Ryegate	\$735.50
2. Michelle Daum, Pryor	308.50
3. Missy Lytle, Arlee	298.33
4. Jona Newman, Winnett	196.25
5. Tammie Collie, Miles City	177.25
6. Gene Cole, Harlem	158.50
7. Rhonda Reilly, Terry	125.00
8. Tina Raburn, Winnett	82.50
9. Dana Reilly, Terry	63.50
10. Patti Jo Wilhelm, White Splhr. Sprgs. .	30.00
11. Marty McConnell, Harlem	29.00
12. Tana Tryan, Park City	23.00
13. K. C. Jones, Ralston, Wyo.	15.50

NRA Finals...

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Kelly Bohn leads the ladies all-around with \$3092.38 total earnings for the year, \$851.93 ahead of Shaundele Leatherberry. Young Lisa Scheffer of Hamilton is pushing Shaundele, only \$72.92 behind.

In the junior events Colette Clark is way out in front in the barrel race and the all-around standings, leading the all-around by \$211.50 and the barrel race by a whopping \$427. K.C. Jones is \$172.50 ahead of Gene Cole in the breakaway roping standings, and these two will no doubt go head to head to win the title. Junior events, two go-rounds, are scheduled for 9 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 6 in the METRA.

The general membership meeting is slated for 10 a.m. Saturday morning in the METRA, and **all members are urged to be there and voice their opinions on how the organization should be run.** The directors, old and new, will meet at 1 p.m. at Holiday Inn East on Saturday.

And by all means, don't forget the awards banquet and dance Sunday night at Holiday Inn West!

Holiday Inn East has come up with a rodeo special during the finals: \$30 per room, with no limit on the number of persons in the room.

Write to the METRA for tickets: Box 1523, Billings, Montana 59103.

JUNIOR BREAKAWAY

1. K. C. Jones, Ralston, Wyo.	\$532.50
2. Gene Cole, Harlem	360.00
3. Robert Newman, Melstone	220.00
4. Sid Newman, Melstone	155.00
5. Jay Murnion, Jordan	104.00
6. Patti Jo Wilhelm, White Splr. Sprgs.	77.50
7. Matt Miller, Absarokee	77.00
8. Stacey Ellis, Broadus	69.00
9. Toby Hawks, Billings	52.00
10. Randy Ragland, Bridger	51.00
11. Laramie Bauman, Hardin	48.00
12. Rhonda Reilly, Terry	38.50
13. Colette Clark, Ryegate	24.00
14. Peggy Hillman, Musselshell	20.00

ALL AROUND COWBOY

1. Bob Schall, Arlee	\$7,647.96
2. Mike Barthelness, Miles City	6,147.55
3. Britt Givens, Arapahoe, Wyo.	4,959.90
4. Dan Cross, Kalispell	4,296.46
5. Kent Mosher, Augusta	4,261.79

ALL AROUND COWGIRL

1. Kelly Bohn, Winnett	\$3,092.38
2. Shaundele Leatherberry, Absarokee ..	2,240.45
3. Lisa Scheffer, Hamilton	2,167.53
4. Cinde Barthelness, Miles City	1,979.37
5. Vicki Warneke, Pryor	1,412.95

JUNIOR ALL AROUND

1. Colette Clark, Ryegate	\$759.50
2. K. C. Jones, Ralston, Wyo.	548.00
3. Gene Cole, Harlem	518.50
4. Rhonda Reilly, Terry	146.50
5. Patti Jo Wilhelm, White Sulphur	107.50

From the Crow's Nest . .



While you're making New Year's resolutions and setting goals for the coming year, resolve to send your editors your various news items, news of coming rodeos, of members, etc., etc., etc. The newsletter is a voice of the organization, but if the only voices heard are ours, then somehow it isn't working.

Also, resolve to keep us informed of your correct, complete address, which includes box number or street address and zip code.

Help us to help you! See you at the Finals!
Tootie and Stan Rasmussen

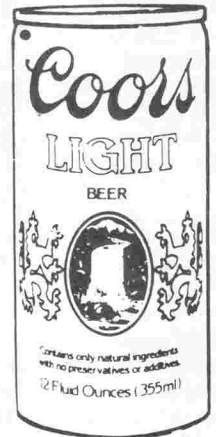
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