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Turquoise Circuit Finals Rodeo Champs Advance to RAM National Circuit Finals in Florida

Prescott Valley, AZ- Rodeo's biggest stars from Arizona and New Mexico, took center stage at the RAM Turquoise Circuit Finals Rodeo (TCFR) on October 4 - 5.

Joseph McConnel of Bloomfield, NM, was the only bull rider to make three qualified rides. Claiming his title as "RAM Turquoise Circuit Finals Rodeo Bull Riding Champion," and the victory was a way of honoring a friend.

"While I was driving to the Turquoise Circuit Finals Rodeo, from a friend's funeral, I wanted to do something to honor my friend. I set a goal to ride all three bulls in my friends memory. I went in on top, and I won all three rounds. It was pretty special for me for a few reason's" said McConnel.

McConnel rode for a total 246 points on three head, with a high score of 86.5 points on Salt River Rodeo's "Soul Seeker," during the first performance. "That ride set the pace for the weekend, I needed something to get the momentum going, "Soul Seeker" bucked and helped me get my first-round win," McConnel stated.

Saddle Bronc rider, Leon Fountain of Socorro, NM, changed the leader board after the 2nd performance with 76.5 points on Salt River Rodeo's "Soda Pop." "My horse was excellent. He gets a lot of guys on the ground, and luckily I was able to stay on him. He bucked, and I was able to stay in the middle of him, I was a little rusty, but I shook it off and got the win. It changed my weekend," said Fountain. During the third and final round, Fountain came in with an 81 point ride on Salt River Rodeo's "Taos' Time Bomb" to win the RAM Turquoise Circuit Finals Rodeo.

2019 RAM Turquoise Circuit Finals Rodeo Champions

All Around - Seth Hall, Las Lunas, NM

Bareback Riding - Evan Betony, Tonalea, AZ

Steer Wrestling- Trey Nahrgang, Buckeye, AZ

Team Roping - Trey Blackmore/Seth Hall, Hillside, AZ / Las Lunas, NM

Saddle Bronc Riding - Leon Fountain, Socorro, NM

Tie-Down Roping - Shad Mayfield, Clovis, NM

Girls Barrel Racing - Tarryn Lee, St. David, AZ

Bull Riding - Joseph McConnel, Las Cruces, NM

Steer Roping - Corey Ross, Liberty Hill, TX

The top two champions in each event will represent the Turquoise Circuit in Kissimmee, Florida, for the RAM National Circuit Finals Rodeo . Learn more about the RAM NCFR and how these

champion contestants get to advance, by clicking [here](#) . Slated to join the above champions at the RAM NCFR will be Earl N Tsosie Jr. (Bareback Riding), Taos Muncy (Saddle Bronc), Lon Danley (Bull Riding), Seth Hall (Tie-Down Roping), Trevor Duhon (Steer Wrestling), Erich Rogers (Team Roping Header), Lane Siggins (Team Roping Heeler), Sarah Kieckhefer (Barrel Racing) and Garrett Hale (Steer Roping- Clem McSpadden National Finals Steer Roping/Kansas Star Arena).

The event also honors the animal athletes, winning stock awards this year are as follows:

2019 Turquoise Circuit Stock of the Year

Bareback - 6H13 Lady Assassin - Salt River Rodeo Co.

Saddle Bronc - 9466 Whiskey River - Salt River Rodeo Co.

Bull - 120 Rock Road - Salt River Rodeo Co.

2019 Turquoise Circuit Timed Event Stock of the Year

Steer Wrestling - Heza Planet - aka FRANK (owned by Wyatt Jurney. Ridden by Wyatt Jurney, Tyke Kipp, Grady Gray & Monty Eakin)

Team Roping (Header) - Lazy TB Thirty (owned by trey Blackmore. Ridden by Trey Blackmore, Josh Siggins, Brock Hanson, and Cody Cabral)

Team Roping (Heeler) - Lenas on a Roll - aka LITTLE BOY (Owned and ridden by TJ Brown)

Tie-Down - GSR Star on Tap - aka SHARKY (Owned and ridden by Kyle Dutton)

The 2019 RAM Turquoise Circuit Finals Rodeo boasted record-breaking attendance at the Findlay Toyota Center in Prescott Valley, AZ, with a 20% fan attendance increase. "We were excited to see the increase in attendance at the event this year. Our rodeo showcases the best cowboys, cowgirls, and animal athletes in the Southwest. It means a lot to us when the community supports them," said Jim Dewey Brown, President of Turquoise Circuit Finals Rodeo. The Turquoise Circuit Rodeo season kicked off last month. You can learn more about the circuit and see a rodeo schedule online at www.turquoiseircuitfinalsrodeo.com.

Final Results, RAM Turquoise Circuit Finals Rodeo, October 4 - 5 2019

Bareback riding: First round: 1. Earl Tsosie Jr., 72.5 points on Salt River Rodeo's Gunfighter, \$1,720; 2. Tolman Moore, 71, \$1,290; 3. Evan Betony, 67.5, \$860; no other qualified rides. Second round: 1. Evan Betony, 79.5 points on Salt River Rodeo's Grit Your Teeth, \$1,720; 2. Earl Tsosie Jr., 59, \$1,290; no other qualified rides. Third round: 1. Earl Tsosie Jr., 77.5 points on Salt River Rodeo's Lady Assassin, \$1,720; 2. Evan Betony, 74.5, \$1,290; 3. Tolman Moore, 45, \$860; no other qualified rides. Average: 1. Evan Betony, 221.5 points on three head, \$2,580; 2. Earl Tsosie Jr., 209, \$1,935; 3. Tolman Moore, 116 on two head, \$1,290; no other qualified rides.

Steer wrestling: First round: 1. Trey Nahrgang, 4.6 seconds, \$1,870; 2. Tyke Kipp, 5.2, \$1,403; 3. Trevor Duhon, 5.4, \$935; 4. Dean McIntyre, 5.6, \$468. Second round: 1. Damian Padilla, 4.0 seconds, \$1,870; 2. Trevor Duhon, 4.7, \$1,403; 3. Trey Nahrgang, 4.9, \$935; 4. Clayton Tuchscherer, 5.0, \$468. Third round: 1. Monty Eakin, 4.7 seconds, \$1,870; 2. Jace Melvin, 4.8, \$1,403; 3. Trey Nahrgang, 5.0, \$935; 4. Grady Gray, 5.1, \$468. Average: 1. Trey Nahrgang, 14.5

seconds on three head, \$2,806; 2. Jace Melvin, 15.8, \$2,104; 3. Trevor Duhon, 17.3, \$1,403; 4. Tyke Kipp, 25.1, \$701.

Team roping: First round: 1. Erich Rogers/Lane Siggins, 5.0 seconds, \$1,880 each; 2. Travis Whitlow/Tanner Luttrell, 5.3, \$1,410; 3. Tanner Baldwin/Kory Bramwell, 6.0, \$940; 4. Tom Richards/Nick Sarchett, 6.1, \$470. Second round: 1. Trey Blackmore/Seth Hall, 5.2 seconds, \$1,880 each; 2. Travis Whitlow/Tanner Luttrell, 5.7, \$1,410; 3. Chris Francis/Cade Passig, 5.8, \$940; 4. Chase Massengill/Daylan Frost, 7.6, \$470. Third round: 1. Lee Kiehne/Clinton Teller, 4.8 seconds, \$1,880 each; 2. Erich Rogers/Lane Siggins, 5.3, \$1,410; 3. Tom Richards/Nick Sarchett, 5.5, \$940; 4. Trey Blackmore/Seth Hall, 5.9, \$470. Average: 1. Trey Blackmore/Seth Hall, 23.0 seconds on three head, \$2,820 each; 2. Erich Rogers/Lane Siggins, 24.9, \$2,115; 3. Tom Richards/Nick Sarchett, 27.7, \$1,410; 4. Travis Whitlow/Tanner Luttrell, 31.0, \$705.

Saddle bronc riding: First round: 1. Jay Joaquin, 79 points on Honeycutt Rodeo's Knock Out, \$1,776; 2. Creighton Curley, 77, \$1,332; 3. Leon Fountain, 74.5, \$888; 4. Taos Muncy, 74, \$444. Second round: 1. Leon Fountain, 76.5 points on Salt River Rodeo's Soda Pop, \$1,776; 2. Jay Joaquin, 72, \$1,332; 3. Taos Muncy, 69, \$888; 4. Corey LeFebre, 60, \$444. Third round: 1. Leon Fountain, 81 points on Salt River Rodeo's Taos' Time Bomb, \$1,776; 2. Taos Muncy, 80, \$1,332; 3. Creighton Curley, 77, \$888; 4. Preston Ogle, 74, \$444. Average: 1. Leon Fountain, 232 points on three head, \$2,665; 2. Taos Muncy, 223, \$1,998; 3. Creighton Curley, 154 on two head, \$1,332; 4. Jay Joaquin, 151, \$666.

Tie-down roping: First round: 1. Shad Mayfield, 7.9 seconds, \$1,870; 2. Kyle Dutton, 8.3, \$1,403; 3. John P Etcheverry, 8.8, \$935; 4. J.D. Kibbe, 8.9, \$468. Second round: 1. Jesse Clark, 7.5 seconds, \$1,870; 2. Shad Mayfield, 7.7, \$1,403; 3. Luke Jeffries, 8.3, \$935; 4. Seth Hall, 8.7, \$468. Third round: 1. J.D. Kibbe, 8.3 seconds, \$1,870; 2. Shad Mayfield, 8.8, \$1,403; 3. (tie) Luke Jeffries, Kyle Dutton and Tristan Mahoney, 9.2, \$468 each. Average: 1. Shad Mayfield, 24.4 seconds on three head, \$2,806; 2. Kyle Dutton, 26.3, \$2,104; 3. John P Etcheverry, 27.4, \$1,403; 4. Luke Jeffries, 27.6, \$701.

Barrel racing: First round: 1. (tie) Tarryn Lee and Leia Pluemer, 14.75 seconds, \$1,637 each; 3. Lori Todd, 14.85, \$935; 4. Mindy Goemmer, 14.97, \$468. Second round: 1. Tarryn Lee, 14.66 seconds, \$1,870; 2. Lori Todd, 14.81, \$1,403; 3. Kortney Kizer, 15.21, \$935; 4. Sharon Harrell, 15.22, \$468. Third round: 1. Cindy Smith, 14.35 seconds, \$1,870; 2. Tarryn Lee, 14.40, \$1,403; 3. Sarah Kieckhefer, 14.48, \$935; 4. Lori Todd, 14.64, \$468. Average: 1. Tarryn Lee, 43.81 seconds on three head, \$2,806; 2. Lori Todd, 44.30, \$2,104; 3. Sarah Kieckhefer, 44.69, \$1,403; 4. Kortney Kizer, 45.30, \$701.

Steer roping: First round: 1. Corey Ross, 14.5 seconds, \$1,526; 2. Chance Kelton, 14.9, \$1,145; 3. Garrett Hale, 17.1, \$763; 4. Shank Edwards, 21.4, \$382. Second round: 1. (tie) Kenyon Burns and Shank Edwards, 16.4 seconds, \$1,335 each; 3. Chad Mathis, 17.8, \$763; 4. Garrett Hale, 18.0, \$382. Third round: 1. Garrett Hale, 10.1 seconds, \$1,526; 2. (tie) Chance Kelton and Corey Ross, 10.8, \$954 each; 4. Marty Jones, 14.2, \$382. Average: 1. Corey Ross, 44.4 seconds on

three head, \$2,289; 2. Garrett Hale, 45.2, \$1,717; 3. Chance Kelton, 25.7 on two head, \$1,145; 4. Marty Jones, 33.0, \$572.

Bull riding: First round: 1. Joseph McConnel, 86.5 points on Salt River Rodeo's Soul Seeker, \$1,833; 2. Tanner Willis, 85, \$1,375; 3. Lon Danley, 77, \$916; 4. Dugan Black, 76.5, \$458. * Second round: 1. Joseph McConnel, 79.5 points on Salt River Rodeo's Super Beast, \$4,582; no other qualified rides. * Third round: 1. Joseph McConnel, 80 points on Honeycutt Rodeo's True Believer, \$4,582; no other qualified rides. Average: 1. Joseph McConnel, 246 points on three head, \$2,749; 2. Tanner Willis, 85 on one head, \$2,062; 3. Lon Danley, 77, \$1,375; 4. Dugan Black, 76.5, \$687. *(all totals include ground money). Total payoff: \$181,895. Stock contractors: Salt River Rodeo, Honeycutt Rodeo and JK Rodeo.

** All results are unofficial. Visit PRCA for official results.

About Turquoise Circuit Finals Rodeo

Turquoise Circuit Finals Rodeo is part of the circuit system devised by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association. The United States is divided into 12 sections and the Turquoise Circuit is comprised of rodeos and athletes in New Mexico and Arizona. Each circuit holds a finals rodeo to determine which two contestants from each event are to be sent to represent the Circuit at the RAM National Circuit Finals Rodeo in Kissimmee, FL.
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