



2009 NOTABLE CONTESTANTS

The Mandan Rodeo will feature competition amongst 417 professional cowboys and cowgirls including several former world champions, Wrangler National Finals Rodeo (WNFR) qualifiers and top contenders in the Badlands Circuit. Among them:

Thursday, July 2 – Slack Performance – 8 a.m.

- Scott Montague, Rapid City, a four-time WNFR bareback qualifier.
- Beau Franzen, Sidney, MT, is a two-time WNFR qualifier in the steer wrestling.
- Bobbi Grann, 2008 National High School Rodeo Goat Tying Champion and 2009 N.D. High School Rodeo All-Around Cowgirl, Goat Tying and Barrel Racing Champion of Sheyenne, N.D., will compete in the barrel racing.
- Team roper Alfred Hansen is one of North Dakota's young rodeo stars. He is a three-time qualifier for the Dodge National Circuit Finals.
- Mandan bullrider Cole Hermanson will compete. He is the 2008 PRCA Badlands Circuit Finals Champion and currently leading the circuit for 2009 with about \$3,200 in winnings so far this year. Cole is also the 2006 N.D. High School Champion and won the 2008 Mandan PRCA rodeo.

Thursday, July 2 Performance – 7:30 p.m.

- Charles Pogue of Ringling, OK, will compete in the team roping. He is a 12-time WNFR qualifier. He is currently 29th in the standings with \$14,000 in winnings for 2009.
- Jhett Johnson, a three-time National Finals qualifier from Casper, WY, is a heeler in the team roping.
- Brad Gjermundson of Marshall, N.D., four-time world saddle bronc riding champion, will compete in the team roping with Brenden Brinkman of Golden Valley.

Friday, July 3 Performance – 7:30 p.m.

- Tommy Cook of McAlester, OK, is a two-time WNFR qualifier in the steer wrestling. He is currently 39th in the world standings with nearly \$13,000 in winnings for 2009.
- Tim Pharr of Resaca, Georgia, is currently 22nd in the world standings for tie down roping with just over \$17,000 in earnings.
- Bobby Harris, an 11-time WNFR qualifier, will be heading in the team roping.

Saturday, July 4 Performance – 7:30 p.m.

- Three-time N.D. High School Bareback Champion, 2008 Reserve National High School Bareback Champion and 2009 national college rodeo finalist Ty Breuer of Mandan will compete. Breuer won the bareback riding and \$6,377 earlier this season at the SandHills Stock Show & Rodeo in Odessa, Texas. He also came away a winner at the Bismarck PRCA Rodeo in February with an 82-point ride on Mosbrucker Rodeo's Million Dollar Moon to earn \$1,160.

- Riley Knoll of Mandan will be in the saddle bronc riding. He placed 5th at the 2008 National High School Rodeo Finals, was the N.D. high school champ and competed in 2009 at the college national finals.
- Red Lemmel, Faith, SD, a three-time WNFR qualifier in the saddle bronc riding.
- Garrett Nokes, is an WNFR qualifier competing in the tie-down roping.
- K.C. Jones, a five-time WNFR qualifier, is in the steer wrestling. Jones is currently 22nd in the world standings with nearly \$18,000 in winnings for the 2009 season.
- Ivan Tiegen of Camp Crook, SD, is an seven-time WNFR qualifier in the steer wrestling.
- Matt Gilbert, also of Camp Crook, SD, is the 2003 Dodge National Circuit Finals Champion in the steer wrestling.
- York Gill, Memphis, TN, is the 2006 Cheyenne Frontier Days Champion heeler and currently 29th in the world standings with \$14,000 in winnings.
- Brittany Fleck, a hometown cowgirl, qualified in the barrel racing for the 2008 Badlands Circuit Finals Rodeo, currently ranked 4th in the circuit with \$2,700 in earnings for 2009. Brittany rides a Texas High Dasher horse bred in North Dakota.
- Gail Beebe, former WNFR barrel racing qualifier of Custer, S.D.
- BJ Schumacher, 2006 World Champion Bullrider and seven-time WNFR qualifier, is entered in the bull riding. Schumacher is from Hillsboro, Wisconsin. He is currently 12th in the world standings with nearly \$35,000 in 2009 winnings.

Rodeo Families

- Four-time world saddle bronc riding champion Brad Gjermundson is competing in the team roping on July 2. Son Kane will compete in the bronc riding on July 3, and daughter Hali, a three-time N.D. High School Rodeo All-Around Champion, competes in the barrel racing during the slack.
- Twin brothers Dan and Don Miller, both of Raleigh, are in the bareback riding on July 4.
- Husband-wife competitive combos include Tate Eck in the saddle bronc and Shannon Eck in the barrel racing on July 2; and Brian Wieser in the bareback riding and Jessica Wieser in the barrel racing on July 4.

North Dakota Contestants

Bareback

July 3

- Zane Forster, Richardton
- Josh Luger, Ft. Yates
- Tucker Zingg, Bismarck

July 4

- Dan Miller, Raleigh
- Don Miller, Raleigh
- Brian Wieser, Walcott
- Sam Nordick, Mohall
- Ty Breuer, Mandan

Saddle Bronc

July 2

- Tate Eck, Kindred
- Steve Johnson, Watford City
- Britt Luger, Ft. Yates

July 3

- Roosta Chalmers, Marshall
- Kane Gjermundson, Marshall
- Wesley Jensen, Dickinson

July 4

- Clay Schaeffer, Medora
- Hugh Connolly, Golden Valley
- Riley Knoll, Mandan
- Matt Schlegel, Bowdon

Tie-Down Roping

July 2 Slack

- Joe Schmidt, Jamestown
- Broden Porter, Dickinson
- Dustin Entzel, Killdeer
- Clint Neshem, Dickinson
- Turner Harris
- Robert Sperry, Trotters

July 2 Performance

- Tyler Schau, Almont
- Kelly Eggl, Minot
- Blake Eggle, Minot

July 4 Performance

- Jason Lawrence, Washburn

Steer Wrestling

July 2 Slack

- Bob Christopherson, Grassy
- Brent Dolezal, Killdeer
- Anton Helfrich, Killdeer
- Sheldon Portwine, Killdeer
- Jim Hansen, Dunn Center
- Kory Carslon, Dunn Center
- Preston Oyloe, Williston
- Ryan Dale Hanna, Killdeer
- Will Meyer, Dickinson
- Broden Porter, Dickinson
- Josh Bubel, Killdeer
- Scott Kleeman, Killdeer
- Jason Reiss, Dickinson
- JD Dolezal, Killeer

July 2 Performance

- Tyler Schau, Almont
- Tom Hansen, Dunn Center

July 3

- Bobby Meester, Killdeer

July 4

- Jason Lawrence, Washburn

Team Roping

July 2 Slack

- Clint Gorrell, Beach
- Drew Kalenze, Ft. Yates
- Thomas Kraft, Berthold
- Brandon James Knudsen, Marion
- Mitch Smith, Valley City
- AJ Ziemann, Dickinson
- Nathan Ziemann, New Rockford
- Alfred Hansen, Dickinson
- Turner Harris, Killdeer
- Robert Sperry, Trotters

July 2 Performance

- Brad Gjermundson, Marshall
- Brenden Brinkman, Golden Valley

July 3

- Layne Carson, Grassy Butte
- Chase Carson, Grassy Butte

- Drew Gartner, Killdeer
- Tim Franzen, Dickinson
- Chad Kieson, Dickinson
- Tom Jorgenson, Williston

July 4

- Preston Billadeau, Parshall
- Jesse Fredrickson, Upham

Barrel Racing

July 2 Slack

- Jennifer Meyer, Dickinson
- Heidi Uecker, Hettinger
- Hope Sickler, Gladstone
- Jody Hintz, Grassy Butte
- Whitney Sprunk, Wheatland
- Bobbi Grann, Sheyenne
- Hali Gjermundson, Marshall
- Kelsey Hermanson, Bismarck
- Lacey Kuschell, Almont
- Brenda Hughes, New Salem
- Kirsten Peterson, Dickinson

July 2 Performance

- Shannon Eck, Kindred
- Jackie (Olson) Schau, Almont

July 4

- Brittany Fleck, Mandan
- Jessica Wieser, Walcott

Bull Riding

July 2

- Cole Hermanson, Mandan
- Dustin Bishop, Nome
- Cody Kleeman, Killdeer
- Taryl Smith, Litchville

July 3

- Ian Pennington, Cartwright
- Frankie Dillman, Turtle Lake
- Jay Dunford, Menoken
- Nathan Schaper, Halliday (injured)

July 4

- Cody Staiger, Hebron