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Cowboy Peeks at Right Time in Guymon

GUYMON, Okla. – Will Lowe was excited Friday night when he arrived in the Oklahoma Panhandle for the 78th edition of the Guymon Pioneer Days Rodeo. The three-time world champion bareback rider had been paired by the blind draw with Carr Pro Rodeo's Dirty Jacket, the pick of the pen at Hitch Arena. The two tremendous athletes matched moves for 87 points on Friday night, and the score held up through the weekend to win the title at Oklahoma's Richest Rodeo. "That horse likes that arena a lot," said Lowe, an eight-time qualifier to the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo who earned $5,045 for the win. Lowe's comments might be an understatement. Dirty Jacket has carried cowboys to the Pioneer Days Rodeo title each of the last three years. The 6-year-old gelding by Night Jacket and out of Dirty also carried Joe Gunderson of Agar, S.D., to second place in Guymon – not only did the horse perform with Lowe on Friday, but it bucked again Sunday afternoon's final performance. "He's just a real good horse, the kind you want in a bucking horse," said Gunderson, who earned $3,868. "When you have a horse like that, you just let him do the work and try not to mess him up. He's too good a horse. "You'd be the only reason you don't win money on him." Dirty Jacket carried Jerad Schlegel of Glenwood, Colo., to the title in 2008 and Jared Smith of Williston, Fla., last year. In an incredible mark of consistency, he and his riders have all scored 87s to win the crowns. Pete Carr owns the rodeo firm from Dallas, providing stock at some of the biggest events in the country, including rodeos in Houston, San Antonio and Fort Worth, Texas. He purchased Dirty Jacket as a 3-year-old and began taking him to rodeos in 2008. The horse was voted as one of the best in the business in 2009, bucking in the final go-round of the Wrangler NFR. "He just likes to buck," Lowe said. "He's such a good horse. He's in the TV pen at the NFR, so you know he's the one guys want to get on." Lowe's excitement level went up Sunday when he learned of the final results. Over a career that began a decade ago, he'd never notched a victory in Guymon, one of the biggest rodeos in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association. "You usually draw good when you go to a Pete Carr rodeo, but that horse is one you'd want to get on every time," Lowe said. Gunderson hadn't seen the animal much, but he knew that drawing any Carr horse is an advantage. "He's got a really good pen of horses," he said. "There are a lot of good horses. I'm just thankful to get on those good ones." So is Josh Reynolds of Ekalaka, Mont., who rode the Carr horse Simple Man for 86 points and the victory in Texas County, Okla., known as the Saddle Bronc Riding Capital of the World. Reynolds, who qualified for the Wrangler NFR in 2005, earned $4,446 and edged five-time world champion Billy Etbauer and two-time Prairie Circuit champion Cort Scheer by a point.

"We bought Simple Man in North Dakota the first of October," said Scotty Spencer, a bullfighter and ranch hand for Carr Pro Rodeo. "He's a 5-year-old, and we hauled him to Houston and Fort Worth. So far, he seems to be the deal." Guymon Pioneer Days Rodeo Final results All-around: 1. Josh Peek, $12,919; 2. Trevor Brazile, $10,055; 3. Cash Myers, $3,620; 4. Jim Ross Cooper, $3,419; 5. Chance Kelton, $3,221. Bareback riding: 1. Will Lowe, 87 points on Carr Pro Rodeo's Dirty Jacket, $5,045; 2. Joe Gunderson, 86, $3,868; 3. Chris Harris, 85, $2,859; 4. Micky Downare, Cody DeMers and Bee Jay Scott, 84, $1,289 each; 7. Wes Stevenson and Casey Colletti, 81, $589. Team roping: Third go-round: 1. Turtle Powell/Cory Petska, 6.4 seconds, $2,489; 2. Seth Gurney/K.C. Curtis, $2,164; 3. Jay Adams/Austin Adams and Charles Pogue/Jett Hillman, $1,677; 5. Scott C White/Coy Thompson, 7.3, $1,190; 6. Steve Purcella/Jhett Johnson, 7.4, $866; 7. Nick Sartain/Kollin VohAhn and Casper May/Derrick J. Peterson, 7.5, $379. Average: 1. Adams/Adams, 28.8, $3,733; 2. Sartain/VonAhn, 33.8, $3,246; 3. Gurney/Curtis, 34.0, $2,759; 4. Coleman Proctor/Ty Knott, 34.2, $2,272; 5. Chance Kelton/Brett McDowell, 34.3, $1,785; 6. Powell/Petska, 34.8, $1,298; 7. Derrick Begay/Cesar de la Cruz and Purcella/Johnson, 35.8, $568. Steer roping:

Fifth go-round: 1. Neal Wood, 11.6 seconds, $1,945; 2. Scott Snedecor, 12.0, $1,691; 3. Vin Fisher Jr., 12.2, $1,437; 4. Trevor Brazile, 12.6, $1,184; 5. Jim Ross Cooper, 12.7, $930; 6. Cody Garnett, 12.8, $676; 7. Rocky Patterson, 13.2, $423; 8. J.P. Wickett, 13.3, $169. Average: 1. Wood and Patterson, 67.0 on five runs, $5,454 each; 3. Wickett, 76.5, $4,312; 4. Yates, 77.7, $3,551; 5. Will Gasperson, 87.6, $2,790; 6. Herren, 89.0, $2,029; 7. Wade Shoemaker, 93.9, $1,268; 8. Snedecor, 52.1 on four, $507. Saddle bronc riding: 1. Josh Reynolds, 86 points on Carr Pro Rodeo's Simple Man, $4,446; 2. Billy Etbauer and Cort Scheer, 85, $2,964 each; 4. Tyrell Smith, 84, $1,630; 5. Sam Spreadborough, Chad Ferley, Jacobs Crawley and Anthony Bello, 83, $704. Steer wrestling: Third go-round1. Josh Peek and Clint Robinson, 3.6 seconds, $1,929; 3. Beau Franzen and John Franzen, 3.8, $1,391; 5. Stockton Graves, 3.9, $987; 6. Kyle Irwin, 4.0, $718; 7. Kody D. Woodward, 4.1, $449; 6. Tanner Milan and Casey McMillen, 4.2, $90. Average: 1. Peek, 12.0 on three runs, $3,095; 2. Kyle Irwin, 12.3, $2,692; 3. Spud Duvall, 12.5, $$2,288; 4. Graves, 12.8, $1,884; 5. Clint Robinson, 13.0, $1,480; 6. Todd Suhn and Cole Edge, 13.2, $875; 8. Gorsuch and John Franzen, 13.3, $135. Tie-down roping: Third go-round: 1. Jeremiah Peek, 7.3 seconds, $2,648; 2. Fred Whitfield, 7.9, $2,302; 3. J.D. Kibbe, 8.1, $1,957; 4. Justin Truman and Jesse Sheffield, 8.4, $1,439; 6. Boe Brown and Josh Peek, 8.6, $748; 8. Trevor Brazile, 8.8, $230. Average: 1.Brazile, 25.2 seconds on three runs, $3,971; 2. Peek, $25.8, $3,453; 3. Whitfield, 26.3, $2,935; 4. Jesse Sheffield, 26.4, $2,417; 5. George Rowland, 27.1, $1,899; 6. Kibbe, 27.6, $1,381; 7. Durfey and Jim Locke, 27.9, $604. Barrel racing: Second go-round: 1. Ashley Leifester and Lisa Anderson, 17.13 seconds, $2,576; 3. Tana Poppino, 17.21, $1,981; 4. Shali Lord, 17.25, $1,717; 5. Lacy Wilson, 17.28, $1,321; 6. Jill Moody, 17.34, $1,057; 7. Robin Montague, 17.35, $793; 8. Shelley Morgan, 17.38, $528; 9. Jeanne Anderson, 17.40, $396; 10. Savanah Reeves, 17.43, $264. Average: 1. Poppino, 34.74 on two runs, $2,774; 2. Leifester, 34.78, $2,378; 3. Lisa Anderson, $34.86, $1,981; 4. Moody, 34.88, $1,717; 5. Lord, 35.04, $1,321; 6. Sydni Blanchard, 35.07, $1,057; 7. Montague, 35.11, $792; 8, Morgan, 35.12, $528; 9. Wilson, 35.14, $396; 10. Cervi, 35.16, $264. Bull riding: 1. Tyler Smith, 90 points on Powder River/D&H Cattle Co.'s Rock Face, $4,418; 2. Jesse Bail, 86, $3,387; 3. Blake Rowen, 83, $2,503; 4. Cole Hermanson, 82, $1,620; 5. Dustin Elliott, 81, $1,031; 6. Shawn Hogg, 80, $736; 7. Jacob O'Mara and Bryan Richardson, 79, $515. -30-

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