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**BRITTAN PROTECTS COWBOYS, REPRESENTS RODEO AUSTIN / RODEO RESULTS**

**MARCH 24<sup>th</sup>**

Austin, Texas, March 25, 2010 – Lance Brittan always planned on being a professional athlete; the chosen sport may have just been a little unclear, however. The 35-year-old bullfighter, who now resides in Windsor, Colorado, originally had dreams of playing Major League Baseball. Lance attended Garden City Community College on a baseball scholarship. Still, Lance's career would soon take a different direction. Brittan claims that a girl broke his heart in college, and as a result, he returned to his family's home in Kansas, essentially ending his baseball career. It was at that time that Lance began riding bulls. His cousin was a bull rider and brought Lance along to the practice pen. Because there were no bullfighters in practice, they would take turns protecting each other in the arena. Although Lance would continue to ride bulls for several more years, he admits that he was never really successful as a bull rider. Nevertheless, he would develop the skills that would lead to a promising career as a professional bullfighter.

One day at an amateur rodeo in Kansas, a bull stepped all over Lance. When the stock

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contractor asked Brittan if he was okay, Lance had a few choice words to say about the stock contractor's bullfighters. "The stock contractor told me that if I thought I could do any better, then get out and do it," said Brittan. The stock contractor was surprised to see Lance show up the next week with his old baseball cleats in hand, ready to prove a point. That was the start of Lance's professional career. Lance quickly made a name for himself in the arena and was able to quit his day-job as a welder. He competed in the professional bullfighting tour and qualified for the finals in 1998, his second year on tour. The very next year, he went on to win the World Bullfighting Championship.

Lance now makes a living protecting cowboys all over the country in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA). His wife, Cami, of eight years, and their two daughters, Madison, 5, and Morgan, 3, travel the U.S. with him to the majority of his rodeos. Lance also represents Rodeo Austin 365 days a year as a member of Team Rodeo Austin. He wears the Rodeo Austin logo at every event he attends and serves as an ambassador for the rodeo and Austin, Texas. Spectators can watch Lance in action this week at Rodeo Austin up through the finals on March 27<sup>th</sup>.

The March 24<sup>th</sup> ProRodeo Results are as follows:

#### **Bareback Riding**

1. Kelly Timberman - 86 points
2. Clint Cannon - 85 points
3. Cody DeMers 80 points
4. Logan Hodson - 78 points
5. TIE Caleb Bennett - 72 points

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5. TIE Craig Wisehart - 72 points
7. Chase Erickson - 70 points
8. Heath Ford - 61 points

**Steer Wrestling**

1. Todd Suhn - 4.0 seconds
2. Dru Melvin - 5.0 seconds
3. Casey McMillen - 14.0 seconds
4. Trell Etbauer - 14.2 seconds
5. Sean Mulligan - 14.3 seconds

**Team Roping**

1. Brandon Beers / Ryan Motes - 4.9 seconds
2. Garrett Tonozzi / Kinney Harrell - 6.7 seconds
3. Cody McMinn / York Gill - 10.4 seconds
4. Mike Fletcher / Tommy Zuniga - 14.9 seconds

**Saddle Bronc Riding**

1. Bradley Harter - 84 points
2. Dusty Hausauer - 83 points
3. Samuel Kelts - 82 points
4. Sam Spreadborough - 79 points
5. Trell Etbauer - 77 points
6. Shaun Stroh - 72 points
7. Ryan Mackenzie - 71 points
8. Brody Bolton - 41 points

**Tie-Down Roping**

1. Cade Swor - 7.7 seconds
2. Cimarron Boardman - 7.8 seconds
3. Tuf Cooper - 9.1 seconds
4. Kolt Henderson - 10.0 seconds
5. Skyler Moore - 12.6 seconds

**Barrel Racing**

1. Jill Moody - 15.11 seconds
2. Bennette Barrington 15.25 seconds
3. TIE Mary Burger - 15.35 seconds
3. TIE Christina Richman - 15.35 seconds
5. Sioux Smith - 15.38 seconds
6. Gaylene Buff - 15.53 seconds
7. Shelley Morgan - 15.55 seconds
8. Jordon Peterson - 15.60 seconds

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### **Bull Riding**

1. Chad Everett Denton - 87 points
2. TIE Cole Hermanson - 86 points
2. TIE Shane Gordon - 86 points
4. Douglas Duncan - 85 points
5. Shawn Hogg - 77 points

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