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FRYAR FINDS INSPIRATION IN GRANDFATHER / RODEO RESULTS MARCH 25th

Austin, Texas, March 26, 2010 – Barrel Racer Stephanie Fryar of Big Spring, Texas is ready to turn things around. After a fantastic 2008, where Stephanie qualified for her first National Finals Rodeo (NFR), things were more than a little rough for her in 2009. The year had started off great for the 2006 Women’s Professional Rodeo Association (WPRA) Rookie of the Year. Stephanie had won over \$20,000 going into March and was looking forward to a repeat trip to the NFR, and possibly a World Championship. However, her horse, an eleven-year-old mare named “Sail on Lena” (aka Salena), was injured in late March. Stephanie let Salena recuperate for three months until she was ready to compete again in June. Nevertheless, Salena re-injured herself and was out for the majority of the year. This was a huge blow for Stephanie, who admits that her horses are her life. “My horses eat before I do,” she says, “I don’t know what I would do without them.”

Stephanie was dealt another crushing blow in December. Her grandfather, who she lists as one of the most important people in her life, passed away. Fryar was absolutely devastated. Stephanie described her grandfather as a fighter, her inspiration, and the reason she is where she is today. “He absolutely loved that I was barrel racing and supported me all the way. He would talk to me at two in the morning as

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I was driving to another rodeo, just to make sure I was okay,” she recalled. After his passing, Stephanie had contemplated leaving the sport of rodeo. However, she says that in her heart, she knew that her grandfather would never want her to give up the thing she loved so much.

Stephanie states that one of the biggest lessons learned from her grandfather was to “fight for what you believe in.” Fryar is doing exactly that in 2010 as she continues to use her grandfather for inspiration. She qualified for the short round at San Antonio and is currently sitting just outside the Top 15 in the World Barrel Racing Standings. Although Fryar and Salena hit a barrel (resulting in a time of 20.59 seconds) in Thursday evening’s performance at Rodeo Austin, the pair will be one of the best stories to watch for in 2010.

The March 24th ProRodeo Results are as follows:

Bareback Riding

1. Royce Ford - 83 points
2. Russ Hallaby - 82 points
3. Eric Swenson - 80 points
4. Dusty LaValley - 78 points
5. TIE Will Lowe - 76 points
5. TIE Wes Stevenson - 76 points
7. Micky Downare - 75 points
8. Matt Lait - 70 points

Steer Wrestling

1. Spud Duvall - 3.6 seconds
2. Matt Reeves - 3.7 seconds
3. Ronnie Fields - 4.3 seconds
4. Joey Bell, Jr. - 4.5 seconds
5. Stockton Graves - 4.6 seconds
6. Beau Clark - 5.6 seconds
7. Olin Hannum - 8.2 seconds
8. Chancey Larson - 14.6 seconds

Team Roping

1. Turtle Powell / Cory Petska - 5.3 seconds

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2. Nick Sartain / Kollin VonAhn - 5.6 seconds
3. Casey Gattis / Billy Dean Adamson - 7.3 seconds
4. Caleb Mitchell / Justin Copp - 8.6 seconds

Saddle Bronc Riding

1. Billy Etbauer - 84 points
2. Jacobs Crawley - 82 points
3. Justin Arnold - 81 points
4. Ryan Montry - 80 points
5. Cody Taton - 78 points
6. Taos Muncy - 73 points
7. TIE Curtis Garton - 68 points
7. TIE Seth Glause - 68 points

Tie-Down Roping

1. E.J. Roberts - 7.6 seconds
2. Seth Hopper - 8.3 seconds
3. Jack Vanderlans - 10.0 seconds
4. Matt Shiozawa - 10.1 seconds
5. Ryan Watkins - 10.3 seconds
6. Bradley Bynum - 19.2 seconds
7. Timber Moore - 22.4 seconds

Barrel Racing

1. Tana Renick - 15.47 seconds
2. Lisa Lockhart - 15.49 seconds
3. Molly Powell - 15.53 seconds
4. Layna Kight - 15.57 seconds
5. Anessa Self - 15.60 seconds
6. Lacy Wilson - 15.67 seconds
7. Brooke Catalani - 15.72 seconds
8. Sabrina Ketcham - 15.77 seconds

Bull Riding

1. J.W. Harris - 84 points
2. Blake Rowen - 80 points
3. Seth Glause - 77 points
4. Ted Bert - 72 points

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