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June 21st – 12:00PM / Rounds 1, 2, and Short Round
Where: **Reno Livestock Events Center**
Reno, Nevada

ADAMS BROTHERS FINISH FIRST and SECOND! **WGR Qualifier is in the Books**

Reno, Nevada / June 20, 2009 – The first ever World's Greatest Roper Qualifier is in the books. Two Nevada brothers – Austin Adams and Jay Adams finished the two-round qualifier first and second respectfully to advance to Sunday's competition. Austin Adams swept most of the pay-out for a \$6,000.00 payday with more on the line tomorrow!

New for 2009, Lazy E Productions changed the event format from previous years. For the first time ever, the WGR was "OPEN TO THE WORLD". Meaning, any roper could enter this year's event – thus making the WGR a true WORLD COMPETITION. Qualifying rounds were held today at the Reno Livestock Events Center to determine who advanced to the Sunday show where the 2009 Champion will be crowned. A total of twenty-six (26) qualifiers were competing for seventeen (17) spots to rope on Sunday. Those seventeen qualifiers will be joining an elite fraternity of eight (8) World Champions that were exempt from having to qualify that include; K.C. Jones, Chad Masters, Trevor Brazile, Daniel Green, Randon Adams, Matt Sherwood, Kyle Lockett, and Jimmie Cooper.

The Adams brothers that qualified first and second will be joining other brother and World Champion Randon Adams in the competition on Sunday. Some of the biggest names in ProRodeo will be competing for the title and over \$88,000.00 in prize money.

The following are the results from the Saturday qualifier.

Qualify for Sunday Competition

1. AUSTIN ADAMS	52.3	10. JAKE COOPER	80.1
2. JAY ADAMS	58.5	11. KORY KOONTZ	83.7
3. BRETT FLEMING	60.9	12. JOJO LeMOND	84.4
4. LANCE HARVEY	66.1	13. PRESTON WILLIAMS	84.7
5. BEAU FRANZEN	70.8	14. CALEB TWISSELMAN	85.3
6. RUSSELL CARDOZA	71.1	15. BOOGIE RAY	90.2
7. PAT BOYLE	72.6	16. RHETT KENNEDY	97.4
8. SHANE SPROUL	73.6	17. MIKE GEORGE	100.5
9. MARTY BECKER	78.1		

Failed to Qualify for Sunday Competition

18. GARRETT TONOZZI	102.1
19. JADE CORKILL	116.6
20. ADAM ROSE	118.2
21. CHRIS GREEN	140.9
22. COLEMAN PROCTOR	164.3
23. JIM ROSS COOPER	178.9
24. BLAINE KETSCHER	185.2
25. RHEN RICHARD	185.3
26. JUSTIN DAVIS	222.1

Qualifier Pay-Out:

Average *

1. Austin Adams, 52.3 seconds - \$3,000.00
2. Jay Adams, 58.5 seconds - \$2,000.00
3. Brett Fleming, 60.9 seconds - \$1,000.00

Fastest Go-Round *

1. Austin Adams, 26.1 seconds - \$2,000.00

Fastest Run Bonus *

Heading –	Adam Rose, 6.3 - \$1,000.00
Tie-Down Roping –	Austin Adams, 9.5 - \$1,000.00
Heeling –	Rhen Richard, 5.0 - \$1,000.00

The World's Greatest Roper is one of pro rodeo's most unique events and is patterned after the highly successful Wrangler Timed Event Championship – which is a true all-around test of roping skills. At the WGR, each contestant is required to compete in all three roping disciplines: team roping heading, tie-down roping, and team roping heeling.

Each round of competition features excitement with leaders changing after every run, with only seconds separating them. The champion isn't determined until the last rope is thrown, the flag is dropped and the clock has stopped. Last year in Reno, four-time WTEC Champion K.C. Jones of Burlington, Wyoming bested a field of 40 World Champion titles earning him a payday of \$25,000 and the title of World's Greatest Roper.

In addition to this tremendous event, the Reno Rodeo Committee, Lazy E Productions and the Bob Feist Invitational has put together a three-event bonus called the "Reno Triple Crown" which would pay an extra \$100,000 check to a roper who would win the World's Greatest Roper, win the BFI on June 22nd, and then win either the tie-down roping or the team roping average at the Reno Rodeo. All together, officials from the three organizations anticipate that if attained, one roper could walk away from Reno with a staggering \$225,000 in earnings.

The World's Greatest Roper is sponsored by Reno-Tahoe, Wrangler, the Silver Legacy Resort Casino, Boot Barn, Priefert Ranch & Rodeo Equipment, U.S. Smokeless Tobacco, Ariat Boots, Gist Silversmiths, CSI Saddlepads, The Roping Show on RFD-TV, Rodeo Video, the Reno Rodeo, the Bob Feist Invitational Team Roping Classic and Cactus Saddlery.

The World's Greatest Roper is a Lazy E Production. For more information and/or ticket sales for the World's Greatest Roper, contact the Lazy E Arena at (800) 595-RIDE or log on to www.lazye.com.