

IMAGES SUPPLIED UPON REQUEST



RESULTS RELEASE

TROY DUNN Invitational, Townsville

June 18
June 25
July 2
July 9

BRISBANE Entertainment Centre
TOWNSVILLE Entertainment Centre
NEWCASTLE Entertainment Centre
SYDNEY Acer Arena

TOWNSVILLE, Qld, Australia: A sold out crowd of more than 4,000 cheered on winner, New Zealand's Fraser Babbington, at the 2011 Professional Bull Riders (PBR) Australian Cup Series Troy Dunn Invitational at the Townsville Entertainment Centre on Saturday night.

Almost another 1,000 fans watched the action from a live-stream video screen at Jupiter's Casino next door.

"The atmosphere was electric," said PBR Australian Cup Series General Manager, Glen Young, "both in the Entertainment Centre and next door at Jupiter's."

Organisers made last minute arrangements to stream the event into a bar at the Casino when the Troy Dunn Invitational sold out on Friday afternoon.

"A lot of people travel a long way to come to this event and we wanted to find a way to ensure as many fans could enjoy the action as possible," said Young.

The signature event of Australian bull riding legend, Troy Dunn, Townsville is the second competition of the four-stop PBR Australian Cup Series which is next at Newcastle on July 2, and ends with the National Finals in Sydney on July 9.

Winning the Troy Dunn prize buckle is one of the most sought after crowns in world bull riding circles and new title holder, Fraser Babbington, said of his win, "It's just awesome, I'm proud to take home the buckle with a legend's name behind it."

Babbington was one of only three riders, including Charters Towers (QLD) Jock Connolly and Rothbury's (NSW) Jason O'Hearn, to ride three bulls in the night's competition.

Babbington got all frothed up on Beer Goggles for an 85.5 point ride in the first round and revved Boss Hog, the bull that hung-up Brett Hanrahan in Brisbane last week, for an 87 in the second.

Babbington moved into the Championship round in first place with a combined score of 172.5.

He chose Rampage in the Championship Draft – the bull’s second-only appearance in Townsville – and the crowd went wild as Babbington brought home the competition in the last ride of the night with an 87 point ride.

Five of the eight riders scored in the Championship round including first out of the gate, Ayr’s (QLD) Budd Williamson with 88 on Evil Eyes. He’d fallen off the wagon to Rehab in the first round, but recovered for an 87.5 on Magpie in the second.

The world-dominating form of Goulburn’s (NSW) Ben Jones was set on repeat and following a disappointing slap to Hang Tough in the first round, pulled out a sharp shooting 90 on Trigger in the second. Jones delivered an 82.5, the fourth to ride and second to score, on Deja Vu in the Championship round.

Sixth out, and taking charge of That’s Gold for 90.5, Jones’ travelling partner and best mate Rothbury’s (NSW) Jason O’Hearn pipped the ‘Dancing Cowboy’ by half a point for the night’s highest score and went to second place overall.

O’Hearn got 87 for his targeted attack on Strike Force in the first round and 82 for his pumped up power on Roid Rage in the second.

2011 PBR Australian Cup Series leader and local lad, Charters Towers (QLD) Jock Connolly, was the second last to ride with 89 on Zero Gravity.

He’d gone into the Championship round in second place, strutting his stuff for 87 on Walkin Tall in the first round and 83.5 on Prodigy in the second.

Connolly keeps the lead for the 2011 PBR Australian Cup Series, next at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre on July 2 and, the National Finals at Sydney’s Acer Arena on July 9.

ENDS

The 2011 PBR Australian Cup Series, a four-stop competition tour, all on Saturday nights, kicked off at the Brisbane Entertainment Centre on June 18, continued Saturday at the Townsville Entertainment Centre on June 25, is next at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre on July 2 and wraps up with the National Finals at Sydney’s Acer Arena on July 9.

Each PBR Australia Cup Series is an individual Invitational with its own purse and winner, and all points earned go toward becoming the PBR Australian Champion!

The 2011 PBR Australian Cup Series is NOT a rodeo ... it’s 100% bull riding action from go to whoa!

Each of the Saturday night spur-starters in Brisbane, Townsville, Newcastle and the National Finals in Sydney, are two rounds (all 22 riders ride once each round) plus a final of the top eight qualifiers.

2011 Australia National Points Standings

| | Points | Brisbane | Townsville | Newcastle | Sydney | Total Pnts |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|----------|----------------|
| 1 Jock Connolly | 826 | 537.5 | 734.5 | | | 2098 |
| 2 Jason O'Hearn | | 567.5 | 729.5 | | | 1297 |
| 3 Duncan Elks | 458.5 | 297 | 328 | | | 1083.5 |
| 4 Fraser Babbington | 296.5 | | 735 | | | 1031.5 |
| 5 Jason Mara | 641.5 | 306.5 | | | | 948 |
| 6 Jim Rowsell | 802 | | 114.5 | | | 916.5 |
| 7 Luke Snyder | | 483.5 | 403 | | | 886.5 |
| 8 Rocky McDonald | | 804.5 | | | | 804.5 |
| 9 Cody Campbell | | 607.5 | 100.5 | | | 708 |
| 10 Sam Larsen | 673.5 | | | | | 673.5 |
| 11 Troy Wilkinson | 451 | 205 | | | | 656 |
| 12 Grant Wells | 617 | | | | | 617 |
| 13 Ben Jones | | 103.5 | 512.5 | | | 616 |
| 14 Beau Willis | 602.5 | | | | | 602.5 |
| 15 Michael Ford | 549.5 | | | | | 549.5 |
| 16 Roy Dunn | 538 | | | | | 538 |
| 17 Budd Williamson | | | 530 | | | 530 |
| 18 David Mason | 370 | | | | | 370 |
| 19 Mitchel Paton | 334 | | | | | 334 |
| 20 Matt Bohon | | | 328 | | | 328 |
| 21 Pete Farley | | 196 | 92 | | | 288 |
| 22 Ryan Storey | 243 | | | | | 243 |
| 23 Trefor Sproule | 228.5 | | | | | 228.5 |
| 24 Clayton O'Brien | 225 | | | | | 225 |
| 25 Cliff Richardson | 212.5 | | | | | 212.5 |
| 26 Cameron Taylor | 203.5 | | | | | 203.5 |
| 27 Zane Lambert | | | 197 | | | 197 |
| 28 Harve Stewart | | | 197 | | | 197 |
| 29 Brendon Clark | | | 197 | | | 197 |
| 30 Jared Farley | | 196 | | | | 196 |
| 31 Brett Hanrahan | | 153.5 | | | | 153.5 |
| 32 Matt Ladhams | 138.5 | | | | | 138.5 |
| 33 Craig Postle | 106.5 | | | | | 106.5 |
| 34 Jesse Van Nek | | | 103.5 | | | 103.5 |
| 35 Darcy Nixon Smith | 74 | | | | | 74 |
| Totals | 8592 | 4458 | 5302 | 0 | 0 | 18351.5 |

2011 PBR AUSTRALIAN CUP SERIES:

| | | |
|------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Saturday June 18 | BRISBANE Invitational | BRISBANE ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE Tickets: www.ticketek.com.au |
| Saturday June 25 | TROY DUNN Invitational | TOWNSVILLE ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE Tickets: www.tecc.net.au |
| Saturday July 2 | BRENDON CLARK Invitational | NEWCASTLE ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE Tickets: www.ticketek.com.au |
| Saturday July 9 | NATIONAL FINALS | ACER ARENA, Sydney Tickets: www.ticketek.com.au |