



## 2024 PBR World Finals: Unleash The Beast Eliminations

**Fort Worth, Texas – Cowtown Coliseum**

**Friday, May 10 at 6:45 p.m. CDT**

**Saturday, May 11 at 6:45 p.m. CDT**

**Sunday, May 12 at 1:45 p.m. CDT**

**APARECIDO WINS ROUND 1 TO MOVE TO NO. 2** – Entering his 13<sup>th</sup> World Finals ranked No. 4 in the Unleash The Beast standings, Eduardo Aparecido roared out of the chutes on Down Payment for 87.75 points to win the opening round of Eliminations inside an electric Cowtown Coliseum. Aparecido is chasing fellow Brazilian No. 1 Cassio Dias, who was initially called for a slap just under seven seconds into the final out of the evening. However, after review, the call was overturned, and Dias was awarded 86.75 points for his work atop Sava to tie for second in the opening round. Sitting atop the standings for all but two weeks of the 2024 season, Dias currently leads Aparecido by 552.33 points.

Tying Dias for second in Round 1 was 20-year-old Kaiden Loud. Appearing at his first World Finals, Loud was paired with Black Betty in Round 1. A rider for the Nashville Stampede on the separate PBR Camping World Team Series, Loud roared out of the gates for 86.75 points to take the lead in the opening round before eventually being overtaken by Aparecido. The Texan entered Cowtown Coliseum ranked No. 20 in the Unleash The Beast standings after a strong rookie showing, going 14-for-54 (25.9%). On the season, Loud put together three Top-5 finishes, highlighted by a second-place finish in Albany, New York. His performance Thursday evening pushed him to No. 15 in the Unleash The Beast standings.

**BRANTON CONVERTS FIRST RIDE OF 2024 PBR WORLD FINALS** – The first qualified ride of the evening belonged to Dawson Branton. In his second World Finals, the Oregonian thundered out of the chutes on Zeus for 84.25 points. Finishing the round fourth, he moved from No. 48 to No. 44 in the Unleash The Beast standings. Competing mostly outside the premier series in 2024, the Carolina Cowboys' Branton tallied two Top 10 finishes on the top tour. On the Pendleton Whisky Velocity Tour, Branton went an impressive 9-for-14 (64%) and won two events in Portland, Oregon, and Youngstown, Ohio. In addition, he tacked on three more Top 5 finishes and ended the Pendleton Whisky Velocity Tour season ranked No. 6 in the Velocity Global standings.

**DON'T GET IT TWISTED** – Dana White's Twisted Steel returns to action for his second World Finals against Qynn Andersen in Round 2 Friday evening. The powerful bovine competitor has allowed just two rides in his thirteen premier series outs (84.6 buckoff percentage) dating back to the beginning of the 2023 PBR Teams season and has bucked off six of the seven riders who have faced him during the 2024 Unleash The Beast campaign. After being ridden by Keyshawn Whitehorse for 88.75 points in Albuquerque, New Mexico, the rank animal athlete roared back, bucking off Conner Halverson in 2.58 seconds. Before being topped by Whitehorse, Twisted Steel got his revenge against the only rider who had covered him previously in the 2023-24 campaign, dispatching Andrew Alvidrez in 3.09 seconds in Albuquerque. In Tulsa, Oklahoma, in January, Twisted Steel shed Vitor Losnake in two seconds flat, the second-straight out in which he bested the Brazilian cowboy. Later that month, he unseated Eli Vastbinder in 3.2 seconds in Houston, Texas.

**COOL WHIP TIES HEARTBREAK KID, CLOSES IN ON BUSHWACKER** – Currently ranked No. 24 in the 2024 YETI PBR World Champion Bull race, Cool Whip has now bucked off 40 consecutive riders on the premier series after unseating Jesse Petri in 3.20 seconds in the Championship Round in Tacoma, Washington, in April, bringing him just two buck offs short of Bushwacker's historic 42-out run. That buck-off streak was the longest in premier series history, spanning from November 1, 2009, to August 16, 2013, and was ended by two-time PBR World Champion J.B. Mauney, who made the 8 for a monstrous 95.25 points in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Cool Whip's streak dates back to May 12, 2022, when he bucked off the soon-to-be-crowned World Champion Daylon Swearingen in 3.91 seconds. After finishing fourth in the 2023 PBR World Champion Bull race, the powerful animal athlete has bucked off all ten riders he has faced on the elite Unleash The Beast this season. After

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competing twice in Washington state in April, the rank bovine took a well-deserved break in preparation for chasing down history at the PBR World Finals in Fort Worth, Texas, though he will have to earn it. The elite animal athlete takes on Boudreaux Campbell in Round 2 and should he buck off the Texan for a fourth time and perform well enough, can earn a second out for a chance of tying Bushwacker's storied 42-out buck-off record.

**ROUND 2 REMATCHES** – Round 2 of Eliminations will feature 12 rematches. Those familiar showdowns are:

- Alan de Souza takes on Rorschach for the second time after being bucked off in 5.32 seconds in Houston, Texas, in January of this year.
- Andrew Alvidrez tries to repeat his 91.75-point showing aboard Yellowknife in Manchester, New Hampshire, in December of 2022, during Friday's second round.
- Boudreaux Campbell looks to solve Cool Whip for the first time in his career, as the powerful bovine competitor unseated the Missouri Thunder star in 7.37 seconds in Albuquerque, New Mexico, in March of 2023 and in 5.49 seconds in Billings, Montana, the following month. At last year's World Finals in May, Cool Whip again bested the Texan, this time in 4.27 seconds.
- Caden Bunch battles Big Bank once again after losing the rope in 3.46 seconds in Houston, Texas, earlier this year in January.
- Cassio Dias takes on Ricky Vaughn for a second time after topping him for 90.5 points in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in April.
- Cody Jesus shares a chute with Magic Potion in Round 2 Friday evening. The Arizona cowboy was bucked off by the animal athlete in 2.15 seconds in Chicago, Illinois, in January.
- Cort McFadden and Punchy Pete dance for the second time after the rank bovine bested the Texan in 6.61 seconds in Indianapolis, Indiana, in March.
- Dalton Kasel takes on Ridin' Solo for an incredible seventh time inside the historic Cowtown Coliseum Friday night. The Texas cowboy has yet to convert on the two-time PBR World Champion Bull, bucking off in 2.26 seconds in Ocala, Florida, in January of 2021, 3.13 seconds in Del Rio, Texas, in February of that same year, 6.67 seconds in Fort Worth, Texas, later that month, 6.57 seconds in Greensboro, North Carolina, in October of 2021, 4.65 seconds in Little Rock, Arkansas, in February of 2022 and lastly 4.56 seconds later that year in December in Albany, New York.
- Daylon Swearingen duels Knucklehead for the first time since being bucked off in 7.18 seconds in Chicago, Illinois, in January.
- Julio Cesar Marques faces off with Man Hater, the No. 1 bull in the world, for the second time after being unseated in less than a second in Ridgedale, Missouri, last September.
- Lucas Divino shares a chute with Do Dat Eddie for the first time since being bucked off in 2.04 seconds at the 2023 PBR World Finals in Fort Worth, Texas.
- Mauricio Gulla Moreira takes on Mike's Magic for the third time after being bucked off in both previous matchups, first in 7.19 seconds in July of 2021 in Tulsa, Oklahoma and more recently in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in 2.95 seconds.

**BULL PEN** – Tonight's draw will feature a rank pen, with the top contenders for this year's YETI World Champion Bull title set to take on the Top 45 riders in the world. The 2024 YETI PBR World Champion Bull will be the animal with the highest average bull score from his six highest-scored outs logged during the 2024 PBR Team Series and 2024 Unleash The Beast

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regular season, and two outs at the 2024 PBR World Finals. The top bucking bulls competing at the World Finals will receive three outs, and World Champion contenders will be able to drop their lowest score in Fort Worth.

The 2024 YETI PBR World Champion Bull race has been dominated by Man Hater, who squares off with No. 14 Julio Cesar Marques in Round 2 Friday evening. Spanning back to the 2023 PBR Camping World Team Series season, the powerful bovine competitor had bucked off all 15 of his cowboy opponents until Cassio Dias covered him for a season-high 94.75 points in the championship round in Los Angeles to take the event title. The elite animal athlete sought his revenge in Albuquerque, New Mexico, but Dias once again made the 8, this time for a monstrous 93.25 points. Despite the two rides, Man Hater currently holds a 1.28-point lead over No. 2 UTZ BesTex Legend, who battles Kyler Oliver in Round 2. After surrendering an 88.5-point ride to Alan de Souza in St. Louis, Missouri, Legend put together a ten-out buck-off streak to somewhat close the gap on Man Hater. A member of the 2023 PBR Stock Contractor of the Year Blake Sharp's pen, Legend has bucked off 19 of the 21 riders he has faced this year after giving up a monstrous 91.5-point ride to Sage Kimzey in Tacoma, Washington.

In Houston, No. 3 Red Demon became the first animal athlete other than Man Hater to claim more than one Bull of the Event title this season, marked an impressive 47 points for bucking off Joao Ricardo Vieira in 2.3 seconds in the championship round, rising to fourth in the standings. In Sioux Falls, the powerful bovine competitor won his third Bull of the Event title, bucking off Sage Kimzey in 3.07 seconds, and he shares a chute with John Crimber for Round 2.

No. 5 Flyin Wired takes on Vitor Losnake in Round 2 this evening. A consistent presence in the Top 10 of the standings throughout the season, the powerful bovine competitor has bucked off 8 of 12 riders he has shared a chute with during the 2023-24 campaign. The first ride Flyin Wired surrendered during the 2024 Unleash The Beast season was for a monstrous 91.75 to Joao Ricardo Vieira in Tulsa, Oklahoma, tied for the third-highest score on the premier series this year. In his last out, Flyin Wired was paired with Eliminations Round 1 winner Eduardo Aparecido, who covered him for 89.25 points in Billings, Montana, in mid-April.

The other matchups for the world's Top 10 bulls are:

- No. 7 Big Bank vs. Caden Bunch
- No. 7 UTZ BesTex Smokestack vs. Dawson Branton
- No. 9 Ridin Solo vs. Dalton Kasel

**TELEVISION BROADCAST** – CBS Television Network will broadcast all the action from Round 2 of the PBR World Finals: Unleash The Beast – Championship beginning Sunday, May 19, at noon EDT.

CBS Sports Network will broadcast all the action from the PBR World Finals: Unleash The Beast – Eliminations, Round 1-4, continuing with Round 2 on Friday, May 10, at 8:00 p.m. EDT before closing out the weekend with Round 3 Saturday, May 11, at 8:00 p.m. EDT and Round 4 Sunday, May 12, at 3:00 p.m. EDT. CBS Sports Network will also broadcast Round 1, Round 3 and Round 4 of the PBR World Finals: Unleash The Beast – Championship, beginning with Round 1 on Saturday, May 18 at 9:00 p.m. EDT and Rounds 3 and 4 on Sunday, May 19, at 3:00 p.m. EDT.

The Spanish broadcast of the PBR World Finals will air on TUDN, with Thursday night's opening round set to air Friday, May 10 at 3 p.m. EDT. Coverage for PBR World Finals: Unleash The Beast – Eliminations continues with Round 2 on Saturday, May 11 at 3:00 p.m. EDT, Round 3 on Sunday, May 12, at 3:00 p.m. EDT and Round 4 on Monday, May 13, at 3:00 p.m. EDT. TUDN will also air both rounds of Ride for Redemption, beginning with Round 1 on Thursday, May 16, at 3:00 p.m. EDT and Round 2 on Friday, May 17, at 3:00 p.m. EDT. Finally, TUDN will air all four rounds of the PBR World Finals: Unleash The Beast – Championship starting with Rounds 1 and 2 on Sunday, May 19, at 3:00 p.m. EDT and Rounds 3 and 4 on Monday, May 20, at 3:00 p.m. EDT.

**PBR RIDEPASS ON PLUTO TV COVERAGE** – PBR RidePass on Pluto TV, a free, 24/7 Western sports and lifestyle channel, offers live coverage of select PBR Unleash The Beast series events. In addition, PBR RidePass on Pluto TV will offer to-be-announced re-airs and on-demand replays of every PBR Unleash The Beast event. PBR RidePass is available on desktops, laptops and mobile devices via [www.pluto.tv](http://www.pluto.tv).

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Round 1 and Round 2 of the PBR World Finals: Unleash The Beast – Ride for Redemption will air LIVE exclusively on RidePass on Pluto TV. Coverage for Round 1 will begin Wednesday, May 15, at 8:40 p.m. EDT and Round 2 coverage will begin Thursday, May 16, at 8:30 p.m. EDT.

**WORLD RANKINGS RISERS** – Compliments of their finishes in Round 1 on Thursday night, five riders rose in the world standings:

Eduardo Aparecido – No. 4 to No. 2 (+2)  
Leonardo Castro – No. 12 to No. 11 (+1)  
Kaiden Loud – No. 20 to No. 15 (+5)  
Vitor Losnake – No. 24 to No. 23 (+1)  
Dawson Branton – No. 48 to No. 44 (+4)

**TOP 10 UNLEASH THE BEAST STANDINGS** – Here are the Top 10 in the 2024 PBR Unleash The Beast standings:

	<b>Rider</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Behind Leader</b>	<b>Dollars Won</b>
1	Cassio Dias	1,566.33	0.00	\$436,274.00
2	Eduardo Aparecido	1,014.00	-552.33	\$257,909.81
3	John Crimber	959.83	-606.50	\$221,132.00
4	Dalton Kasel	949.00	-617.33	\$203,629.00
5	Alan de Souza	915.00	-651.33	\$205,016.81
6	Koltin Hevalow	541.50	-1,024.83	\$104,434.67
7	Austin Richardson	533.50	-1,032.83	\$188,437.00
8	João Ricardo Vieira	504.00	-1,062.33	\$103,401.67
9	Brady Fielder	466.16	-1,100.17	\$94,486.81
10	Caden Bunch	430.83	-1,135.50	\$110,764.17

**ROOKIE OF THE YEAR STANDINGS** – Here are the standings for the 2024 Rookie of the Year Race:

**Elite Tour**

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Rider</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Behind Leader</b>
1	Cassio Dias	1,566.33	0.00
3	John Crimber	959.83	-606.50
10	Caden Bunch	430.83	-1,135.50
11	Leonardo Castro	422.50	-1,143.83
14	Julio Cesar Marques	371.32	-1,195.01
15	Kaiden Loud	366.00	-1,200.33
17	Cort McFadden	338.00	-1,228.33
21	Sage Steele Kimzey	279.00	-1,287.33
24	Felipe Furlan	256.00	-1,310.33
26	Clay Guiton	238.66	-1,327.67
27	Paulo Eduardo Rossetto	233.50	-1,332.83
29	Ednélio Almeida	231.00	-1,335.33
40	Callum Miller	147.50	-1,418.83
49	Jake Morinec	57.50	-1,508.83
52	João Lucas Campos	42.00	-1,524.33
52	Flavio Zivieri	42.00	-1,524.33

**2024 PBR WORLD FINALS ROUND WINNERS** – Here are the round results from the 2024 PBR World Finals:

Round 1: Eduardo Aparecido – 87.25 points on Down Payment

**HIGH-MARKED BULLS OF THE 2024 PBR WORLD FINALS** – Here are the bulls that received the highest score during each round of the 2024 PBR World Finals:

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1- The Intimidator (44.75 points)

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