

# 2023 PBR World Finals: Unleash The Beast Dickies Arena – Fort Worth, Texas Saturday, May 20 at 7:45 p.m. CDT Sunday, May 21 at 1:45 p.m. CDT

**LEME CLOSES THE GAP ON PACHECO** – Two-time PBR World Champion Jose Vitor Leme had not bucked off five times in a row since March of 2019. He kept that streak alive last night, making the 8 atop Pneu Dart's Wild Card for 88.5 points to stop his 0-for-4 slide at the World Finals. The ride tied him for fifth in Round 5, netting him 34 points in the Unleash The Beast standings and putting him just 40 points behind No. 1 Kaique Pacheco, who is not competing due to injury. Seeking to become just the third man in history behind Adriano Moraes and Silvano Alves to win a third gold buckle, Leme will once again stand alone atop the standings with a third place or higher finish in each of the two remaining rounds. The Austin Gamblers superstar takes on Big Johnny Reb in Round 6.

**ALVIDREZ BREAKS THROUGH TO WIN ROUND 5** – Texas's Andrew Alvidrez snapped a five-out buckoff streak to win Round 5 courtesy of a monstrous 91.5-point ride on Red Mosquito. Bringing Dickies Arena to an uproar with the highest-marked ride of the 2023 PBR World Finals, the Missouri Thunder's Alvidrez secured 89 points and rose to No. 4 in the Unleash The Beast standings, 276 points behind leader Kaique Pacheco. Alvidrez, who was the No. 1-ranked rider for five weeks after winning back-to-back events in Manchester, New Hampshire, and Albany, New York, has never finished higher than 26<sup>th</sup> in the standings before this season. He looks to continue his championship run on Casper in Round 6.

THE ROOKIE TRIUMVIRATE – After five rounds at the PBR World Finals, the top three spots on the event leaderboard are all rookies, as Wingson Henrique da Silva, Braidy Randolph and Rafael Jose de Brito pace the field. Silva began his first World Finals with two consecutive buckoffs but has since looked unstoppable, topping Bison for 86 points in Round 3, Flyin Wired for 89.5 points in Round 4 and Tijuana Two-Step for 88 points in Round 5. So far, he has netted 116 Unleash The Beast points, moving him into the Top 10 in the standings and pulling him within 230.5 points of Brito in the Rookie of the Year race. Randolph has also made the most of his first career stop on bull riding's biggest stage, as he recorded the best of his three rides at the World Finals, an 89.25-point dance with Cherry Bomb, to move into second in the event standings. The Pennsylvanian has skyrocketed up the standings, going from the No. 26 spot entering World Finals to the No. 17 spot entering the final two days. Rounding out the top three is Brito, who sits in third with just two rides thanks to a monstrous 90.5-point performance on Chiseled in Round 3, the first 90-point ride of this year's World Finals. Silva takes on Bandito Bug in Round 6, while Randolph battles Pegasus and Brito shares a chute with Short Circuit.

**HOT TAKES** - Ahead of Round 6 of the 2023 PBR World Finals: Unleash The Beast in Fort Worth, Texas, here are a few other storylines to note:

Still Alive: Through five rounds at the PBR World Finals, No. 1 Kaique Pacheco is still atop the leaderboard in the Unleash The Beast standings, though his lead has now dwindled to just 40 points ahead of No. 2 Jose Vitor Leme. With three rounds left to go, almost every rider sitting in the Top 20 is still in the running for a gold buckle should they be able to string together three rides and win the event as the action heats up heading into the final weekend.

**FAMILIAR WATERS** – Round 6 of the PBR World Finals will feature ten rematches. Those rematches are:

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- Dakota Louis looks to solve Top Shelf for the first time in his career after being bucked off in 7.93 seconds in the two's first meeting in Glendale, Arizona, in March of 2022 and in 1.85 seconds this past March in Albuquerque.
- Eduardo Aparecido tries to keep the good times rolling atop Chiseled, who he has successfully ridden three straight times. The first was in Allen, Texas, in 2019 for 91.5 points, the second in Las Vegas later that same year for 91.25 points, and finally, in Lincoln, Nebraska, for 90.5 points in October of 2020.
- Rafael Jose de Brito will try to improve upon his score of 84.5 points on Short Circuit that the two posted in their first meeting in March of last year in Abilene, Texas.
- Ramon de Lima looks to last the 8 on Skippy, who bucked him off in 1.91 seconds in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, this past March.
- Wingson Henrique da Silva takes on Bandito Bug for the second time after the animal athlete bested him in 4.26 seconds in Albuquerque in April.

**TELEVISION BROADCAST** – CBS Sports Network will air every round of the 2023 PBR World Finals: Unleash The Beast LIVE, including Round 6 LIVE on Saturday, May 20, at 9:00 p.m. EDT, and concluding with Round 7 and the championship round LIVE on Sunday, May 21, at 3:00 p.m. EDT.

Veteran broadcaster Craig Hummer will deliver play-by-play, with two-time PBR World Champion Justin McBride providing color commentary and Kate Harrison reporting from the dirt. Pre-show coverage will also feature veteran bullfighter Cody Webster and former PBR Livestock Director, PBR co-founder and Texas Rattlers Head Coach Cody Lambert.

**PBR RIDEPASS ON PLUTO TV COVERAGE** – PBR RidePass on Pluto TV, the new, 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 <a href="https://www.pluto.tv">www.pluto.tv</a>.

In addition to re-airs of the 2023 Worlds Finals at a later date, RidePass will feature auxiliary events surrounding the World Finals. Check Pluto TV listings for events and times.

**INJURY UPDATES** – Following Round 5's action, below is the current injury report for the 40 riders competing inside Dickies Arena:

Joao Ricardo Vieira is not competing in the remainder of the PBR World Finals due to a rib injury.

**WORLD RANKINGS RISERS** – Compliments of their finishes in Round 5, eight riders rose in the world standings:

Andrew Alvidrez – No. 8 to No. 4 (+4)
Rafael Jose de Brito – No. 7 to No. 5 (+2)
Wingson Henrique da Silva – No. 13 to No. 10 (+3)
Braidy Randolph – No. 21 to No. 17 (+4)
Marcus Mast – No. 40 to No. 35 (+5)
Flavio Zivieri – No. 45 to No. 40 (+5)
Dawson Branton – No. 59 to No. 48 (+9)
Josh Frost – No. 62 to No. 61 (+1)

#### **TOP 10 UNLEASH THE BEAST STANDINGS** – Here are the Top 10 in the 2023 PBR Unleash The Beast standings:

	Rider	Points	Behind Leader
1.	Kaique Pacheco	980	
2.	Jose Vitor Leme	940	-40
3.	Dalton Kasel	792.66	-187.34
4.	Andrew Alvidrez	704	-276

5.	Rafael Jose de Brito	690	-290
6.	Cooper Davis	679.5	-300.5
7.	Boudreaux Campbell	671.66	-308.34
8.	Dener Barbosa	661.83	-318.17
9.	Eduardo Aparecido	595.5	-384.5
10.	Wingson H. da Silva	459.5	-520.5

#### THE ROOKIE RACE

	Rider	<b>UTB Rank</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Behind Leader</b>
1.	Rafael Jose de Brito	5	690	
2.	Wingson H. da Silva	10	459.5	-230.5
3.	Daniel Keeping	12	434.33	-255.67
4.	Tate Pollmeier	14	405.25	-284.75
5.	Braidy Randolph	17	341	-349
6.	Thiago Salgado	23	277.5	-412.5
7.	Guilherme Valleiras	31	197	-493
8.	Koltin Hevalow	34	184.5	-505.5
9.	Sandro Batista	37	166.5	-523.5
10.	Wyatt Rogers	39	157.25	-532.75
11.	Casey Roberts	41	149	-541
12.	Vitor Losnake	50	66.5	-623.5
13.	Briggs Madsen	59	40	-650

#### **2023 PBR WORLD FINALS ROUND WINNERS** – Here are the round results from the 2023 PBR World Finals:

Round 1: Derek Kolbaba with 89.75 points on Top Shelf

Round 2: Austin Richardson with 89.75 points on Kid Knapper

Round 3: Ramon de Lima with 90.50 points on Chiseled

Round 4: Joao Lucas Campos with 89.5 points on Moonlight Party and Wingson H. da Silva with 89.5 points on Flyin Wired

Round 5: Andrew Alvidrez with 91.5 points on Red Mosquito

### **2023 PBR WORLD FINALS 90-POINT RIDES** – Here are the 90-point rides from the 2023 PBR World Finals:

	Score	Rider	Bull (Stock Contractor)	Round
1.	91.5	Andrew Alvidrez	Red Mosquito (Cord McCoy / Zach Muegge)	5
2.	90.5	Rafael Jose de Brito	Chiseled (Flinn / D&H Cattle Co)	3
3.	90.25	Boudreax Campbell	I'm Legit Too (Hart Cattle Co/Hale)	3

# **HIGH-MARKED BULLS OF THE 2023 PBR WORLD FINALS** – Here are the bulls that received the highest score during each round of the 2023 PBR World Finals:

1- Huckleberry (Round 1)
Flapjack (Round 2)
Renegade (Round 3)
Ridin' Solo (Round 4)
Red Demon (Round 5)

## **2023 PBR WORLD FINALS HIGH-MARKED BULLS** – Here are the top bull scores for the 2023 PBR World Finals:

	Score	Bull	Stock Contractor	Round	Rider
1.	46.5	Ridin Solo	Cord McCoy/Bill McCarty/McCoy Rodeo	4	Chase Outlaw, 3.54 seconds
2.	46.25	Flapjack	Parker / OK Corralis / Gordon / D&H Cattle	2	Josh Frost, 4.08 seconds

	46.25	Red Demon	Universal Pro Rodeo/Rachel & Dustin Powell	5	Vitor Losnake, 5.27 seconds
3.	46	Huckleberry	Buckin Fun Group/Twisted Horn Ranch	1	Rafael dos Santos, 2.99 seconds
	46	UTZ BesTex Legend	Blake Sharp/Chris Utz/Carey Brothers	2	Wingson H. da Silva, 4 seconds
	46	Ridin' Solo	Cord McCoy/Bill McCarty/McCoy Rodeo	2	Dener Barbosa, 5.9 seconds
	46	UTZ BesTex Legend	Blake Sharp/Chris Utz/Carey Brothers	4	Aaron Williams, 1.56 seconds
7.	45.75	Smooth Steel	Flying C/Tom Baker	4	Joao Ricardo Vieira, 2.1 seconds
	45.75	Top Dollar	Hookin' W/DeHoff/VanCleave	4	Josh Frost, 1.98 seconds
9.	45.5	Flyin Wired	Tommy Julian/BS Cattle Co	1	Kyler Oliver, 3.74 seconds
	45.5	Ricky Vaughn	D&H Cattle Co./Buck Cattle Co.	1	Dalton Kasel, 2.29 seconds
	45.5	Cold Creek	Young Cattle Co/Rocking A/Crooked Crown	2	Lucas Divino, 2.36 seconds
	45.5	Renegade	Cord McCoy/Rodosky/Lovell/Punke/McCoy Rodeo	3	Andrew Alvidrez, 3.74 seconds
	45.5	Mike's Magic	Five Star Ranch/BS Cattle	4	Braidy Randolph, 3.37 seconds
	45.5	Centerfold	Blake Sharp/Michael Floyd	4	Derek Kolbaba, 45.5 seconds
	45.5	UTZ BesTex Smokestack	Blake Sharp/Chris Utz/Carey Brothers	4	Wyatt Rogers, 4.76 seconds
	45.5	Exodus	Jane Clark/Gene Owen	4	Austin Richardson, 1.72 seconds
17.	45.25	Hard Candy	Braun Bucking Bulls	1	Chase Outlaw, 2.09 seconds
	45.25	Top Dollar	Hookin' W/DeHoff/VanCleave	1	Rafael Jose de Brito, 2.41 seconds
	45.25	Kid Knapper	Phillips/Cooper/Scruggs Bucking Bulls	2	Wyatt Rogers, 2.03 seconds
20.	45	Top Dollar	Hookin' W/DeHoff/VanCleave	2	Chase Outlaw, 4.20 seconds
	45	Big Bank	Universal Pro Rodeo/Rachel & Dustin Powell	2	Keyshawn Whitehorse, 4.55 seconds
	45	Renegade	Cord McCoy/Rodosky/Lovell/Punke/McCoy Rodeo	4	Dalton Kasel, 3.32 seconds
	45	Night Hawk	Logan Clancey/Dakota Rodeo/Chad Berger	4	Koltin Hevalow, 2.39 seconds

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