



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

**RAFAEL JOSE DE BRITO LEADS AFTER 6** – Rookie Rafael Jose de Brito leads the 2023 PBR World Finals in Fort Worth, Texas, after topping Short Circuit for 88.5 points and tying for second place in Round 6. The Texas Rattlers star has the chance to make history in Fort Worth as the first rookie to be crowned the PBR World Champion should he be able to hold off the field on championship Sunday. Brito, who currently sits No. 5 in the Unleash The Beast standings, 244 points behind No. 1 Kaique Pacheco, has led the Rookie of the Year race since he overtook Daniel Keeping, winning his first career premier series event in Eugene, Oregon, on February 18. He currently holds a 276.5-point lead in the Rookie standings over fellow Brazilian Wingson Henrique da Silva, who sits in third at the World Finals. Both have the chance to become not only the first rookie to win a gold buckle, but also just the fourth rookie in history to win Rookie of the Year and the PBR World Finals in the same year, behind Boudreaux Campbell in 2020, Jose Vitor Leme in 2017 and Luke Snyder in 2001. Brito faces Red Mosquito in Round 7, while Silva takes on Ivy League.

**DYNAMIC DENER WINS ROUND 6** – Barbosa danced in perfect time with Hard Candy to win Round 6 with a score of 90 points at the PBR World Finals in Fort Worth, Texas, the fourth 90-point ride of the two-week marathon. His ride and round win netted him 89 points and he currently sits No. 4 in the Unleash the Beast standings, 229.17 points behind Pacheco. The Brazilian cowboy entered the 2023 World Finals on a four-out ride streak, the longest of any rider heading into Fort Worth, after finishing second in Tacoma, Washington, and first in Louisville, Kentucky, to end the regular season. Barbosa continues his quest for his first gold buckle on I'm Legit Too in Round 7.

**A PERFECT PAIRING** – In Round 6, Eduardo Aparecido topped Chiseled for the fourth consecutive time, making the 8 for 87.75 points atop the bovine competitor. The ride finally put Aparecido on the board at the World Finals, securing him 36 points with for his fifth-place finish. In the first three meetings with Chiseled, the Brazilian cowboy managed to post three 90-point rides: 91.5 points in Allen, Texas, in 2019, 91.25 points in Las Vegas in 2019, and finally for 90.5 points in Lincoln, Nebraska, in 2020. Entering the World Finals, Aparecido was one of the hottest bull riders on tour, placing in the Top 15 in the last five events of the regular season including winning in Everett, Washington, and added on a second-place finish in the 15/15 Bucking Battle in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Aparecido looks to finish the year on a new streak to contend for his first gold buckle, taking on Tulsa Time in Round 7.

**HOT TAKES** - Ahead of Round 7 of the 2023 PBR World Finals: Unleash The Beast in Fort Worth, Texas, here are a few other storylines to note:

Still In the Hunt: While No. 1 Kaique Pacheco still sits atop the standings with a 40-point lead over No. 2 Jose Vitor Leme, championship Sunday will most likely decide the 2023 PBR World Champion with 560 points going to the event winner and so many different riders still pushing for that coveted gold buckle. Should almost any rider in the Top 20 win the event, they would be able to overtake Pacheco and, if they are able to stave off the rest of the field when the dirt settles, take home the title at Dickies Arena.

**FAMILIAR WATERS** – Round 7 of the PBR World Finals will feature ten rematches. Those rematches are:

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- Austin Richardson will look to solve Kid Knapper for the first time in his career after the animal athlete bucked him off first in 2.57 seconds in Sioux Falls in 2022, and most recently in Eugene, Oregon, in 6.88 seconds this past February.
- Boudreaux Campbell and Cold Creek have a long history, as the two have gone head-to-head four times. The Texas cowboy was bucked off in the first two meetings, first in 2.56 seconds in Las Vegas in 2021 and then in 4.62 seconds in Chicago, Illinois, in this past January. In Sacramento in February, Campbell finally made it to the bell for 85 points, but he was bucked off in 3.24 seconds in Tulsa, Oklahoma, later that month.
- Dener Barbosa has enjoyed sharing a chute with I'm Legit Too, who he has ridden in four of the pair's five outs. He first stood tall atop the bovine competitor in Las Vegas in November of 2018 for 87 points, then followed that up three years later with a 90.5-point ride in Okeechobee, Florida. I'm Legit Too got one back in Albuquerque, New Mexico, last year, bucking off the Brazilian in 5.27 seconds, but Barbosa bounced back and covered him for 90 points in Little Rock, Arkansas, earlier this year. In the pair's last meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, in April, Barbosa once again made the 8, this time for 89.5 points.
- Eduardo Aparecido rode Tulsa Time for 90.5 points in the pair's only previous meeting earlier in January.
- Jesse Petri takes on Bandito Bug for the second time after the bull got the better of him in 2.5 seconds in Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- Jose Vitor Leme runs it back against JAG Metals Grand Theft, who bucked him off in April of 2022 in 7.13 seconds after the two-time World Champion rode him for 92 points in Milwaukee that February.
- Marcus Mast seeks revenge on Cliff Hanger after he was bucked off in 3.39 seconds in July of 2022 in Big Sky, Montana.
- Silvano Alves looks for a repeat performance atop Moonlight Party, who he covered for 91.5 points the last time the pair shared a chute in Las Vegas in 2021. In their first meeting, the bovine competitor bested the three-time World Champion in 2.97 seconds.
- Tate Pollmeier looks to last the 8 atop Pearl's Ghost for the first time after being bucked off by the animal athlete in 1.64 seconds in Billings, Montana, in April.
- Wingson Henrique da Silva tries to remain perfect on Ivy League, who he danced with for 89.5 points in Milwaukee in March.

**BULL PEN: ONE LAST OUT** – Round 7 and the championship round of the 2023 PBR World Finals will feature the third of three outs for the bulls contending for the 2023 YETI PBR World Champion Bull honor. The 2023 YETI PBR World Champion Bull will be the animal with the highest average bull score from his six highest-scored outs logged during the 2022 PBR Team Series and 2023 Unleash The Beast regular season, and two outs at the 2023 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.

Ridin' Solo currently sits atop the standings boasting an average of 45.7 points, .7 points ahead of UTZ BesTex Legend in the No. 2 spot. Solo has been completely dominant at this year's World Finals, bucking off Dener Barbosa in Round 2 in 5.9 seconds for 46 points and following that up by bucking off Chase Outlaw in 3.54 seconds for an event-high 46.5 points, and he sits awaiting a chute partner in the championship round after Round 7. While not quite as dominant, Legend has been close on the 2022 YETI PBR World Champion Bull's hooves, as he bucked off Wingson Henrique da Silva in 4.00 seconds in Round 2 and Aaron Williams in 1.56 seconds in Round 4, both for 46 points to propel him up the leaderboard. He is set to buck second in the championship round.

In third sits Flapjack, boasting a 45.53-point World Average and bucking to become the first bull to win both and ABBI Championship and become a PBR World Champion Bull in the same year. Unflappable all season, the bovine competitor began his World Finals by shedding Lucas Divino in 1.51 seconds in Round 1 for 44.75 points before he bucked off Josh Frost in 4.08

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seconds in Round 2 for 46.25 points, the best bull score of that round. Flapjack will buck last in the championship round. Cool Whip, who has bucked off all 20 cowboys he has faced this season, sits in fourth. Leading the standings for more than a month heading into World Finals, the animal athlete has been an enigma to riders all season. He bucked off Boudreaux Campbell in Round 2 for 42.75 points before ejecting Tyler Manor in Round 4 in 3.15 seconds for 44 points. Sitting at 45.45 points, Cool Whip will need a massive showing in Round 7 to come back and claim the top spot, as he faces Koltin Hevalow.

**TELEVISION BROADCAST** – CBS Sports Network will air every round of the 2023 PBR World Finals: Unleash The Beast LIVE, 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 [www.pluto.tv](http://www.pluto.tv).

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.

**WORLD RANKINGS RISERS** – Compliments of their finishes in Round 6, five riders rose in the world standings:

Dener Barbosa – No. 8 to No. 4 (+4)  
Jesse Petri – No. 11 to No. 10 (+1)  
Ramon de Lima – No. 15 to No. 14 (+1)  
Kyler Oliver – No. 22 to No. 20 (+2)  
Brady Turgeon – No. 42 to No. 38 (+4)

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

	<b>Rider</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Behind Leader</b>
1.	Kaique Pacheco	980	
2.	Jose Vitor Leme	940	-40
3.	Dalton Kasel	792.66	-187.34
4.	Dener Barbosa	750.83	-229.17
5.	Rafael Jose de Brito	736	-244
6.	Andrew Alvidrez	704	-276
7.	Cooper Davis	679.5	-300.5
8.	Boudreaux Campbell	671.66	-308.34
9.	Eduardo Aparecido	631.5	-348.5
10.	Jesse Petri	490	-490

## **THE ROOKIE RACE**

	<b>Rider</b>	<b>UTB Rank</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Behind Leader</b>
1.	Rafael Jose de Brito	5	736	
2.	Wingson H. da Silva	11	459.5	-276.5
3.	Daniel Keeping	12	434.33	-301.67
4.	Tate Pollmeier	15	405.25	-330.75
5.	Braidy Randolph	17	341	-395
6.	Thiago Salgado	23	277.5	-458.5
7.	Guilherme Valleiras	31	197	-539
8.	Koltin Hevalow	34	184.5	-551.5

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9.	Sandro Batista	37	166.5	-569.5
10.	Wyatt Rogers	40	157.25	-578.75
11.	Casey Roberts	42	149	-587
12.	Vitor Losnake	50	66.5	-669.5
13.	Briggs Madsen	59	40	-696

**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

Round 6: Dener Barbosa with 90 points on Sugar Smack

**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
4.	90.0	Dener Barbosa	Sugar Smack (Julian Cattle)	6

**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)
- War Department/Flyin Wired (Round 6)

**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
4.	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
8.	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
10.	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

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45.5	War Department	Rockin T Ranch	6	Dalton Kasel, 4.46 seconds
45.5	Flyin Wired	Tommy Julian/BS Cattle Co	6	Tate Pollmeier, 2.7 seconds
20. 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
23. 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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