

TOP RIDERS

TO LOOK FOR AT THE BIG SKY EVENT

LUKE SNYDER

Snyder has been in the Guinness Book of World Records twice – once for the most money won in the PBR as a rookie, and once for an incredible streak of 275 straight events. The Missouri native was the 2001 PBR Rookie of the Year and the 2001 PBR World Finals Event Champion. Snyder has four BFTS event wins under his belt as well as 19 90-point rides. He's never had fewer than three top-10 finishes per season and has qualified for the PBR World Finals every season in his career. He was also the 18th millionaire in the PBR, crossing the \$1 million mark at the Express Classic in Oklahoma City, in 2009.

BEAU HILL

One of the top 45 competitors in the PBR, Beau Hill has also competed in the National Finals Rodeo twice, the PBR World Finals four times, and was the National PBR Champion in Canada in 2009. He lives in Columbia Falls, Mont. with his wife Keri and three children. Hill suffered a knee injury in early 2011, knocking him out of the top tier of riders. "It's about coming back stronger than when you left," Hill says. This summer, he's riding in PBR events in Billings, Missoula, Livingston and Big Sky.

SHANE PROCTOR

Shane Proctor is rider on the PBR Built Ford Tough Tour. Originally from Grand Coulee, Wash., Proctor competed in all six rodeo events in high school and qualified for the finals in bareback and saddle bronc riding twice and in bull riding three times. In college at MSU, he competed on a rodeo scholarship, and he now rides out of Mooresville, N. Carolina and competes on the Built Ford Tough Series.

WILEY PETERSEN

Wiley Petersen is a professional bull rider who shares his faith in Jesus. His grandfather, Arch Cutler, was a former bull rider who encouraged Petersen to get on his first steer when he was 10 years old and taught him to ride. Petersen attended Idaho State University in Pocatello on a rodeo scholarship, and competed for two years before joining the PBR. He and his wife, Amy, have two sons, Kaden and Rylan.

AUSTIN MEIER

(Pictured on the cover of this issue of the Big Sky Weekly) After finishing second in the Rookie of the Year standings in 2006, it's been clear Austin Meier is one tough customer. He's been a champion at every level of competition. In 2010, he won five PBR events and finished second in the world.