

The Short Score with Kolton Schmidt, Wyatt Cox and Wesley Thorp

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This is Chelsea Shaffer, and this is season four of the score. You all have listened to this podcast, three quarters of a million times, and we are here in season four to bring you even more of what you love.

Hey guys, it's Kaitlin Gustave And if you weren't keeping up with team roping journal on Facebook or Instagram, even the website, then you were missing out on all the happenings at the BFI in Reno, we were back in Reno. It was such a fun time. It was great to see everyone. Everyone was pumped to be back in Reno, Nevada for the Reno rodeo and the Bob Fest invitational you guys.

If you miss that. Colton Schmidt and white Cox one, the roping, they were 1427 on six head, their high team back, knocked down a run and won a hundred thousand dollars. Holy cow, what a fun day? Well, in this special interview of the short score, we caught up with Colton and Wyatt shortly after their win. And they had so much to say it was so good.

Fun day for them. They knocked down, you know, a goal of theirs to win this roping as a new partner, a new partner team as well. So what a way to kick off their summer run, uh, with this win. Now they're going to be heading all over the fourth runs about to kick off. So we're excited to see where this big wind takes them.

And yeah, guys, we have a special section after you listened to Colton Hawaiians interview. I got to catch up with Leslie Thorpe. And the reason I caught up with Wesley Wesley Thorpe is because he bid on Colton and Wyatt in the BFIs cowboy auction. And, and he won a big chunk of change himself. He and his partner, Cody snow, they also placed in the roping.

They placed fifth, they are 43 0 1 on six head and they split 18,000 for their team. Um, so. Wesley was honestly the big winner. Oh, out of everyone, he he'd been on a few teams that placed in the roping. So he walked home with a big chunk of change. Uh, so I will quit talking to you. Um, and you guys stay tuned because later this week we have special interview this week and, uh, stay tuned because we're going to be heading to Greeley and cowboy Christmas is about to kick off.

So there's going to be a lot of fun interviews coming up.

Do you want a hundred thousand dollars worth of tickets? Hey, I don't know where to roping.com because coach Kolton Schmidt and his partner, white Cox just won the 2021 Reno BFI worth a hundred thousand dollars for their work on six head over the same droppings monster score to celebrate or offering 15% off all access to Schmidt code.

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I feel so blessed right now. You guys, I'm standing here with the BFI champions, Kolton Schmidt and white cop. Yeah. We feel blessed too. That's for sure. I'm finally catching my breath. You guys, holy cow, a hundred thousand here. You guys knocked down six head. Yeah. What. Explain this day to me, I don't really know.

Honestly, we did our job that we come here to win first. So everything went as planned. So it was, it was a great day. Yeah. Yeah. It's definitely a long day, but you know, you keep your head down and keep fighting. It'll pay off. Definitely. And you guys weren't, you guys didn't win any rounds or anything. Um, just knocked them down fifth in two different rounds.

I think third, what was the, you know, what was the game plan going into today? Um, I just, I was telling Kendra when I was talking to her, uh, previous times at the BFI I've roped scared, just trying to complete the course. My goal today was just to score and turn the cow as soon as I, as I could. And I was, I was actually pretty proud of myself today.

I, I wrote considerably aggressive. I rode my horse well, and I didn't rope scared one time. And I didn't, I mean, it all went well. Yeah. Why, how about on the hillside? This guy, he keeps the guy on his toes. He's sharp. So you kinda gotta be paying attention. He doesn't give you a chance to not be aggressive.

And I'm starting to really figure that out. I liked the timing of it and it felt good, but it was, it was pretty nerve wracking. They're right there in the middle of it. He's got a tempo in his run and you gotta be paying attention. Definitely. And obviously, you know, you guys are a new team for the year.

Um, How has practices been, you know, preparing for this and preparing for the pro rodeos, how have you guys worked on your roping, um, styles to match each other? We haven't really, uh, we actually really haven't practiced that much together. We probably only run when we would probably only practice six or eight days, but we, we haven't really broke it down much.

Uh, I knew white heels. And I knew I needed a fast either, so I just wanted to make my deal a little bit more consistent and just make sure horses were in a good spot. And we made a few runs and we had a rhythm. We didn't, we never really had to break it down or put anything back into it. Just the rope and selves.

It seemed to work. Yeah. We, our practices all seem to go great. You know, it's been, it hasn't been super. To really figure it out. But you know, he, like I said, he's got a tempo and as long as you're mashing the gas, you'll be fine. Yeah. Why, what was the hill horse you were on today? Oh, that's max. He's my baby boy.

We raised him. He's 13 years old. This year. He's been a huge blessing. Our family has been good his whole entire life. Gotcha. I was going to say you've, I mean, you've ridden that

horse for a long time and he's still fits your style. Doesn't ever cheat you. Yeah. He made it through two years of junior college.

He needs some days off. Yeah. And Colton, what was that head horse? You were on rebel. He's 11 year old bay. I just bought him in January. Uh, he's been a blessing. We've been winning a little. I mean, haven't been great on them, but where, I don't know he's done his job. He's been a good horse and he's paid for himself.

I mean, over and over again, and we're sure grateful that he's ours. You know, I talked to Wesley, um, which Wesley bought you guys. So he's actually, I guess the big winner, uh, yeah, he went more than we did in 63,000. So yeah, Wesley, Wesley, I think one more than you guys, but you guys are the big winners. Um, But Leslie was talking about, you know, you've been working really hard at your roping.

Um, what, what have you been working on? What have you been trying to revamp or? Um, mainly just my mental game, honestly. The rope and part is fine. It's just taking myself out of situations or putting myself into good situations. So I've been putting a lot of time. I've had, I've hired a couple guys coaches and stuff like that, but it seems like it's been, I don't know.

You never know, but today it works. So I'm sure. Thanks. Gotcha. Gotcha. And you said you hired coaches. What are your thoughts on that? I know like in the breakaway world, um, which anyone could go to her Donnie and Taylor's a great mental performance coach. I know a lot of people go to her. What's your thoughts on getting a mental performance coach for roping?

You know, a lot of guys are blessed and they don't need it. Uh, I, I felt like I did, and I felt like my, my, uh, roping career was missing something. So I, I, I just, I've always been the guy. I don't want to be at the end. And you're looking back and saying, I wish I would have done this. So if there's something I think that will help me or benefit me, sometimes it chase your own tail, but sometimes it works.

So I put, try to put as much as I can into it. That's awesome. That's really cool. I think it's cool that you can take that step to. I S I don't know. I don't think you should be ashamed of if you have to do it either. So if you feel like you can get better from it, why not do it right? Have you ever gone to a mental performance coach or do you call anyone?

My, uh, my mom and dad do a pretty good job. My mom she's, she's pretty tough. Love about all of it. She's hard on me. She expects a lot out of me and she should, we put in the work and she demands results. My dad he's the. The good-hearted, you know, get up, dust yourself off, keep working at it. It's gonna come.

It's gonna come around. It's going to pay. It's going to pay you off. So, you know, between that and just knowing what I've done, getting here, that gives me all the confidence in the world. And I, I really, I try not to. Look down upon myself, as far as my rope and goes, I'm trying not to get too caught up in the failures, you know, and it it's a game of failure.

It's how you deal with it. You know, I can't tell you how many times I've been to the BFI and not done good and walked out of here. Like, you know, I might not have been good enough,

but really it just didn't happen. You know, it just didn't happen that time. Something wasn't right. Made some mistakes today just came together.

You know, the confidence was there. The tempo was there. Withdrew. Right. Good horses, good partners that all went great. And have you made the call home yet? I know you were kind of talking about your dad's probably crying. Yeah. Yeah. I called my dad when I got the stalls and, and he was bawling and he's, he's not, uh, he's an emotional guy, but he doesn't cry.

So that hit kind of hard. So, uh, I had to rush him off the phone and tell him I have to call him later because I started to tear up a little bit. But yeah, it was pretty cool. He he's loved this one. For a long, long time. And ever since I was little, he used to play me these tapes and we used to watch the Matt Tyler videos and all stuff like that.

And, uh, being able to win it. I'm sure they are. They're freaking out right now. I haven't even talked to my mom yet. I guarantee she pulled the steering wheel off her car. Well, let's hope she did. I hope she's okay. Mrs. Cox say, if you made it home, please call all of us and let us know you're home safe. If you listen to this podcast, Colton, you had Katie here.

And how special is that to have your wife? Yeah, that's awesome. Uh, we're having a baby in October. So today she's got a dress on and she's showing off her baby bump for the first time. So it's a, it's a great day and I don't even have the kid yet, but stuff like that just makes everyday seem a little bit better and something to look forward to.

So I'm sure thankful for that. Yeah. It's. So is this money going to, are you going to put in savings for this kid? Oh, I don't know. I'm sure I'll spend it somewhere. Um, and have you talked to your parents, your family or anything? Yeah. Well, I haven't had a chance to call him. Uh, my phone died. I haven't even looked at my phone and I've got so many text messages and stuff from all my friends.

They, uh, man, I go to, I have a great support system from close friends to close friends to everything. So my phone died from how many people have texted me. So I haven't had a chance to call him or talk to him, but I'm sure somebody called them and said something to him. That's a cool feeling. You have your phone blowing up for that reason because it's always a blessing for sure.

And you know, I want to talk about it too. After you guys wrote that short round run, why you didn't even know you guys won the roping until Colton's over hooping and hollering? What, what, why didn't you think you want me to open? Like, um, I was just, I was focused on doing my job, you know? When you're, when you wrote at this level against these kinds of guys, you, you have to really pay attention in key situations because that's one of them and that's where you get paid.

And if you don't, if you don't function right there, if you mess up, you know, nobody, it's not, it's not ever going to get written down. It's not ever, nobody's going to remember it. So you might as well keep your head down and keep after it. I, I doubt it. And it was just like, hi, I know we caught, I knew we were going to get paid something.

And when I looked up, he was screaming and looking at me so high, it was like, that was kind of surreal. I didn't really. I just, I lost my mind there for that. Right. Colton, you, you were screaming, super excited. What was your thought process? Did you have time to even gather your thoughts? Oh, I mean, I don't know.

Uh, I don't know. Really just, it was, it was a long day. Um, try to stay focused all day. I try to do the best I could to stay in my own little world. So when we did catch, I, I just felt like. It was a sigh of relief. So everything that was laid out and that was just like the release of today. Like it's over, we did what we came here to do.

And it was just, I dunno, you dream about winning that rope and ever since you ever seen the first BFI tape, so to have it go our way and to be a BFI champion is. That's something that will stick with us for the rest of our lives. So that's pretty amazing. That's you're excited. Yeah. To win a BFI that is finally back in Reno after a crazy year.

Yeah. That's super cool. I, I think that's even more exciting than anything. Yeah. Yeah. VFI and Reno. It just seems right. So. And honestly, I've been this happy if I wanted and Guthrie too. So the Bob Feis imitation is the BFI, no matter where it is. And, uh, they happened to have two this year and there's two champions and I'm just glad we're one of them.

And were there any, I mean, obviously big winners, were there any bobbles in any of your runs or anything you guys were kind of concerned about? Oh, wow. Oh yeah. Yeah. You know, like I said, he makes some sharp runs and we had a stick. Kinda it kinda hopped really fast in the corner and had to pick the timing back up.

And when I healed him, I went over my horn one time and it's a blessing that Colton was already coming around because I would've lost my mind. If I lost my rope right there, I panicked and I got to take a big old, deep breath when we got out the back, because that one, it almost literally slipped through my fingers.

Oh my gosh. That's a scary feeling. That's for sure. What about on the head side? Any, anything you were kind of, uh, the, the, the fifth round, I felt a little nervous. Uh, I wrote to neck, um, I felt like I could have, I probably should have done my job rubbed some couple of swings sooner. Uh, maybe, I don't know.

I mean, that's really breaking it down, but I sure thought today went pretty well. Yeah, no, I thought all your guys' runs were great. It was a great day. Um, and. Summer run is officially here. Um, what's, what's the plan going down the road. Yeah. As fast as we can go everywhere, we can get to, uh, chin down and hopefully look up at the end of the year and happy where we ended up.

So we've got a busy couple of months and I mean, you ask anybody, everybody's sure blessed that we get to go somewhere and things are back to normal. So I'm glad that rodeos are having, you know, real rodeos, big rodeos were busy. The schedule is full. Yeah. You know, cowboy team, Ralph we're we're, we're pumped.

We're happy. Why, what about you ready for the summer run? Okay. Oh yeah. I'd I'd like to take this into the summer and, and really get to pin our ears and stay aggressive and kind of

stay after them. You know, momentum is huge all over, over the 4th of July. And I think, uh, this is gonna push with us. So I, uh, I look forward to it, you know, this is, this is gonna.

Yeah, you guys got some good cushion for you going down the road. Awesome. Well, I'm not going to hold you guys up anymore. I know you guys are tired from today. Um, but congratulations again, you guys, what a fun interview that was with the BFI winners, Kolton Schmidt in white. Now let's listen to it. Wesley Thorpe pest to say so we just saw Colton Schmidt and Wyatt Cox when the BFI this year.

But the big surprise is Leslie Thorpe is actually the big money winner from this roping today. What was your thoughts on buying them? Um, Colton's one of my good friends. Uh, I've known him a long time and I've got to be around him a good bit lately. And we've done some stuff together. He's been working on himself a lot here lately.

He's been practicing hard. He's been working on his mental game. And I just, I believe in that when somebody puts that much effort into something, uh, they don't give up and they cut the negativity out of what they're doing. I mean, you can't go wrong. So it's been pretty cool for me to see it firsthand.

How hard he's worked. I mean, I just shit, I was there and there was no way I wasn't gonna bet on that. On my buddy, 63,000. How, you know, you've roped pretty good here obviously ended up in the short round and come home with 63,000, actually one fourth and fifth and the Calcutta also. But, um, I, it was a good day.

Uh, lot. I got to bet on my friends and I it's, I've got to do some stuff with them through a project I'm working on lately. So we've been around each other a lot more and just get to see them in action. So I just, I enjoyed betting on him cause I knew that. They've been, they put as much into it as anyone, so to be able to place there with them too, it was pretty cool.

So it was a fun day for me, definitely. And did you just buy them in the average or did he buy them in any of the rounds? I just bet on him in the average, I didn't buy anybody in the rounds, but I actually didn't even get there in time for the round. So I just got there for the average and bet on the friends and rolled out.

That's awesome. That's awesome. Besides buying your friends. I want to talk about, um, your course, um, everyone kind of has been talking about that new horse you got, what is it? I came from Wayland Davis. I'm a guy I've known since I was a kid. He's really good hand with the horse and he rides a lot of horses.

Ropes. Good, really good cab. Um, I got him from him just a few months ago and it was really one of the best decisions I've made. He's fit in perfectly with me. Uh, took some pressure off my black, um, as well as another horse, I was in the progress of buy on soon as he got sound. So it let me have something really, really good until that horse was ready and it's just been a great fit for me.

Um, I've been super blessed to have him. Uh he's he's awesome. And what do you call that horse? How old is he? He's 11 years old. I call him cap gun. He's tough. He's tough. He's gotta

be tough. Start the summer, Ron it's officially started we're in Reno. So have you wrote, did you ride him in the Rido Reno rodeo?

I am planning on riding. He's the only one I brought to this route. I'm going to ride him next Friday at the Reno rodeo and then my blacks on the other route over Springdale, us and stuff. So. Gotcha. And what about that? Horse's style fits you? What are, what are like the little things you can pick out that you just love about it?

Um, well, the one thing he doesn't do is anything wrong. He's really fast. He doesn't make any mistakes. He's smooth when he does things. Um, just like our fifth one, I stuck my tail through my loop and he let me recover. And, uh, he's very fast, very smooth. He reads the situation. Good. Keeps the shoulders up, but she can put him in whatever spot you want.

He'll kind of pull you out of the situation without making any extra movements. Pretty uncommon. Uh, he's a very smart horse, not anything I've showed him that just to fit me better. He's picked it up. They won. Uh, it's, it's been a heck of a, a fun experience having. Yeah, definitely. And I want to talk about it too.

Um, in that, what was it? The fifth round? You fifth round, you had to kick up and yeah, fifth round Cody turned, it gets here. We had a chance to be high call and right as I was going to throw it, it was perfect. And my tail went under my horse and through my loop and like right as I was going to throw it, just cut the momentum off my loop and it was just kind of a wreck I had to kick back up and just make sure I got him down.

So it's kind of cool that we got buy-in cause it could have really gone bad, but uh, unfortunately Cody had to good enough today. He should have won the open, but at least we were able to stay hooked and when something good. I mean, there is a ton of great heel shots all day, but that was a great recovery that you did right there.

I, you know, some people would have given up after that happened, you stuck with it and you guys were 10, but it, yeah, that's right. It definitely could have been a lot worse that's for sure. So it was, it was cool. Gotcha. Gotcha. Well, what are you going to do with your winnings? I've got plenty of stuff going on right now.

Uh, I'm sure I can find a spot for it pretty easily. So definitely. Awesome. Well, congratulations, Wesley. Thank you very much.