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RFD-TV's The American Semi-Finals

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## RANDEE PRINDLE & RED MAN JONES



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Randee Prindle & Red Man Jones pocket \$20,300+ on their way to the \$1 MILLION dollar RFD-TV's The American at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, TX. Read about this amazing team on page 2!

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**RED HOT HOWIE**

by Exclusive Red Man  
x Dinky's Red Man



# One Step Closer to The American Dream for Randee Prindle & Red Man Jones, Win Semifinals Rodeo

By Tanya Randall

Running first out in the last performance of RFD-TV's The American Semifinals Rodeo, held February 27-March 1 at the Cowtown Coliseum in Fort Worth, Texas, Randee Prindle and Red Man Jones ("Scooby") posted a 13.631 to win a \$24,416 championship and punch their ticket to the \$2 million rodeo in AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas.

"It's been one heck of a ride," said the Gilman City, Missouri, barrel racer. "I don't know if it's really sank in yet on where I'm going, but I guess we'll find out on Saturday!"

With nearly 1,200 barrel racers attempting to qualify for the American Semifinals, 248 including exceptions competed in a progressive first round of slack on Monday morning, February 27.

Prindle didn't have high expectations for her and Scooby.

"I only threw in four bales of hay, because I figured as the soon as the first round was over I would be headed home," she said, "so I've been having to buy hay down here. It's a good problem to have."

Running fourth on the ground right before a big drag in draw 199, Prindle and Scooby clocked a 13.859 to place sixth in the first round, earning \$4,061.

## THE RUNDOWN w/Randee Prindle

Red Man Jones "Scooby" 15 hands, 1,000 lbs.

"He's not a really big horse, but he's got decent bone."

BIT: Kathy James with twisted mouthpiece

SADDLE: I've been running him in a Burns, but we're getting a custom tree made for him," she explained. "Right now, I'm in a Master's Lightweight."

SADDLE PAD: 5-Sur

LEG GEAR: Classic equine fronts only

SHOEING: Steel shoes on front only, barefoot behind

FEED: "A concoction" of ½ pound Nutrena Performance, ½ pound of oats, ½ pound ReNew Gold and ½ pound of a fat additive

HAY: Alfalfa, grass mix

SUPPLEMENTS: MVP Exceed 6-Way, In Sync, GastroPlex and Kahm CBD

CONDITIONING-TRAINING REGIME: "He visits the chiropractor about once a month," she says. "I've been using my PEMF machine on him. He's been getting an hour a day. I tried just doing 40 minutes, but the minute I took it off he started backing up to me and was like, 'You're not done.' I did another 20 minutes and he was happy. A Spectra Therapy blanket for three to four hours a day. He has a PHT blanket that he wears sometime. He's just a spoiled brat."

CONDITIONING-TRAINING REGIME: "I might work him in the roundpen for 15 minutes every day, but other than that, he's kicked out on pasture, just being a horse," she said. "The first time I attempted to get him really in shape, he stepped on the side of the roundpen and was lame for three days, so we to keep our conditioning to a minimum and it seems to work."

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## 2020 THE AMERICAN SEMI-FINALS Red Man Jones & Randee Prindle

Pa Jones

\$ 95

Brownie Jones

Cherry Clabber

Red Man Jones

2011 Bay Gelding

Dinkys Red Man

Dinkys Purple Rain

Gone Royal

Rider/Owner: Randee Prindle, Breeder: Jud Little

Jet Deck

\$ 100

Sugaree Bars

\$ 95

Clabber Bar

\$ 85

Cathy Adair

Dinky Quail

Little Red Sandy

Royal Charge Jr

\$ 87

Gonebreeze

"For the (first run), he had a hard step around first and kind of threw me up a little on the horn. At the second, he knocked it a little with his head. He had a good third barrel. With all that, he still clocked that .8 so I figured as long as I kept him clean (on his next run) we should have a chance," she said.

Her championship run, which was worth \$20,355, came as a total surprise.

"I had no idea that he was going to run that fast," she said of the 13.631. "He rolled in there and didn't leave much room around first. He stepped passed second just a tad, but third was just on point. I was shocked at the time."

Bred by the barrel racing industry's leading breeder Jud Little, Scooby was one of more than a dozen horses competing in the Semifinals that were created by the Ardmore, Oklahoma, oilman. Scooby, a 9-year-old gelding by Brownie Jones out of multiple AQHA and Congress barrel racing and pole bending champion Dinkys Purple Rain, by Dinky's Red Man, first sold to Kelsey (Deal) Knight at the 2013 Jud Little Production Sale where he brought \$6,900 as 2-year-old.

The gelding started his futurity career with Knight, who later consigned him to the 2015 BBR World Finals Horse Sale, where he caught the eye of Prindle's mother, Kim.

"Honestly when I went to that sale, I had my mind on a 2- or 3-year-old just because I didn't think I could afford any of the started horses," she said. "My mom is actually the one that stopped at his pen. I had seen that he was started, so I figured he was out of my price range. I looked over him and left. Mom said she liked him. I said, I guess we'll try because he went right before the young one that I was interest in. I ended up getting him."

When the gavel dropped at \$16,500, Prindle was hoping for a

solid 1D horse at the local races. However, the pairing struggled early on. Scooby injured a suspensory ligament. Prindle was pregnant with her 4-year-old daughter Kayla. Once they got back to running, Scooby was anything but consistent.

"He had an issue running up the fence," she explained. "He had a slight tear in a suspensory. He was off for six months, but by the time I was able to ride him, I was six months pregnant. So, he only had like four runs that fall as a 4-year-old. I brought him back out as a 5-year-old and we still had problems with him running up the fence for about a year and a half, and then finally everything fell together."

Even with a rapidly growing win record throughout the Midwest, Scooby was still prone to being "a brat."

"It's kind of a surprise," she laughed. "He'll be rolling in and set for the first barrel and kind of hump. It's not a hard buck; it's more of a rocking buck. You think you could get him to run out of it but 'Nooo.' Once he starts, he's very determined to keep going."

"Last year at the Bonus Race Finals, in the small pen, he about bucked the whole pattern," Prindle laughed. "He ended up 21st in the 5D in that small pen, bucking about the whole thing. It was quite entertaining."

The spontaneous bucking also thwarted their first attempt to qualify for the American Semifinals.

"At Marshall, Texas, he did really good on Friday and Sunday, he won the race, but on Saturday for the Qualifier he decided to buck through the pattern, so I had to go up to Winona, Minnesota," said Prindle, "and I finished second up there."

Prior to the American Semifinals, Prindle had made a couple of trips to Texas for some of the winter rodeos. She and Scooby placed at the Odessa, Texas, pro rodeo and finished fourth at San Angelo. Her finish at San Angelo put her just three spots out of making another rich event—Rodeo Houston.

"I've hit a few (rodeos)," she said. "I haven't entered any lately. I don't know where this is going to go and I don't want to run his legs off. I try to pick and choose the best ground. Sometimes that's hard when you've never been there. I'm up in the air if I want to try rodeoing or just stick to the three-day weekends. I've got five others that I can run. I like to go to those three-day weekends because I can haul them all and run them all."

Prindle, who has also shown miniature horses nationally, inherited the barrel racing bug from her mother, who along with her brother Daniel, grandparents Gary and Marion Moulin and her fiancé Hunter Van Patten have been her biggest supporters.

"I have to thank everyone at home for keeping everything running smoothly, my sponsors who keep me well-stocked in everything and the Lord, because if it wasn't for him...He's been watching over me, for sure."

Prindle is anxiously awaiting the outcome of her American Dream.

"This is going to be a totally new experience," she said. "I didn't even watch it last year. I've never been there before but at least I don't have to buy a ticket!"

## The American Semi-Finals // Feb. 24 - March 1, 2020, Ft. Worth, TX

### Performances

|                    |           |                                                   |                |        |          |
|--------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------|----------|
| 1 Red Man Jones    | 11 b. g.  | Brownie Jones-Dinkys Purple Rain, Dinky's Red Man | Randee Prindle | 13.631 | \$20,355 |
| 2 Epic Guy         | 15 gr. g. | Epic Leader-Frenchilicious, Frenchmans Guy        | Kassie Mowry   | 13.724 | \$15,333 |
| 3 Slicks Lil Amigo | 14 b. g.  | Slick Design-Bough Chicka Wowwow, Bully Bullion   | Sabra OQuinn   | 13.79  | \$11,330 |