1st

TOP HAND COWGIRL CHALLENGE

RANCH CUTTING

2026 Fall
Cannon Falls, MN

Judge's Signature _____ Date: 10/16

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188	- - -	-1/2	-1/2	√	√	√				67.5
146	-1 1/2	√	-1/2	√	-1	√				67.5
165	-1/2	√	√	√	+1/2	√				70
124	-1 1/2	√	-1/2	√	-1/2	-1/2				67.5
135	√	√	√	√	-1	-1/2				68.5
169	+1 1/2	√	+1	+1/2	+1	√				74 (4)
116	-1 1/2	√	-1/2	√	-1	√				67.5
139	-1/2	√	√	√	-1/2	-1				67.5
130	√-1	-1/2	-1	√	-1/2	-1				66

2nd

TOP HAND CowGirl Challenge

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168	-1	-1/2	-1/2	√	√	-1/2				68.5
113	-1 1/2	√	√	√	-1 1/2	-1/2				66.5
176	-1/2	√	√	√	√	-1/2				69
175	-1/2	-1/2	√	√	-1/2	-1/2				68
151	-1	√	√	√	-1 1/2 -1/2	-1/2				66.5
129	-1 1/2	√	√	√	-1/2	-1/2				66.5
137	-1/2	√	√	√	-1 1/2	-1/2				67.5
164	-1 -1/2	√	√	√	-1 1/2	√				67
120	-1	√	-1/2	√	√	√				67

3rd set

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171	+1	√	+1	+1/2	+1 1/2	√				74
126	-1/2 -1	√	√	√	-1/2	√				68
143	-1	√	-1	√	-1/2 -1/2	√				67
180	+1/2	√	1/2	√	+1/2	+1/2				72.5
150	+1/2	-1/2	√	√	√	√				70
154	+1	√	√	+1	+1/2	√				72.5
118	-1	√	-1/2	√	-1/2	-1/2				67.5
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167	+1	√	√	+1	+1 1/2	√				74	3rd
149	1/2	√	√	√	√	√				70.5	
182	√	√	+1/2	√	√	-1/2				70	
121	+1	√	+1/2	√	+1	√				72.5	(10)
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147	+1	√	+1	+1	+1	+1				75	(1)
128	+1	√	+1	+1	+1	√				74	(5)

5th

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114	-1.5	√	√	√	-1	-1 1/2				66.5
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