Leme reclaims No. 2 spot in world bull riding standings

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WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – As a raucous crowd looked on from Dean C. Jackson Memorial Arena at the kickoff of the Professional Bull Riders Pendleton Whiskey Velocity Tour second half, 2017 Rookie of the Year Jose Vitor Leme, Ribas Do Rio Pardo, Brazil, turned in a flawless 2-for-2 performance to win the annual "Bucking On The Rez 2019," presented by the Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture Sept. 4.

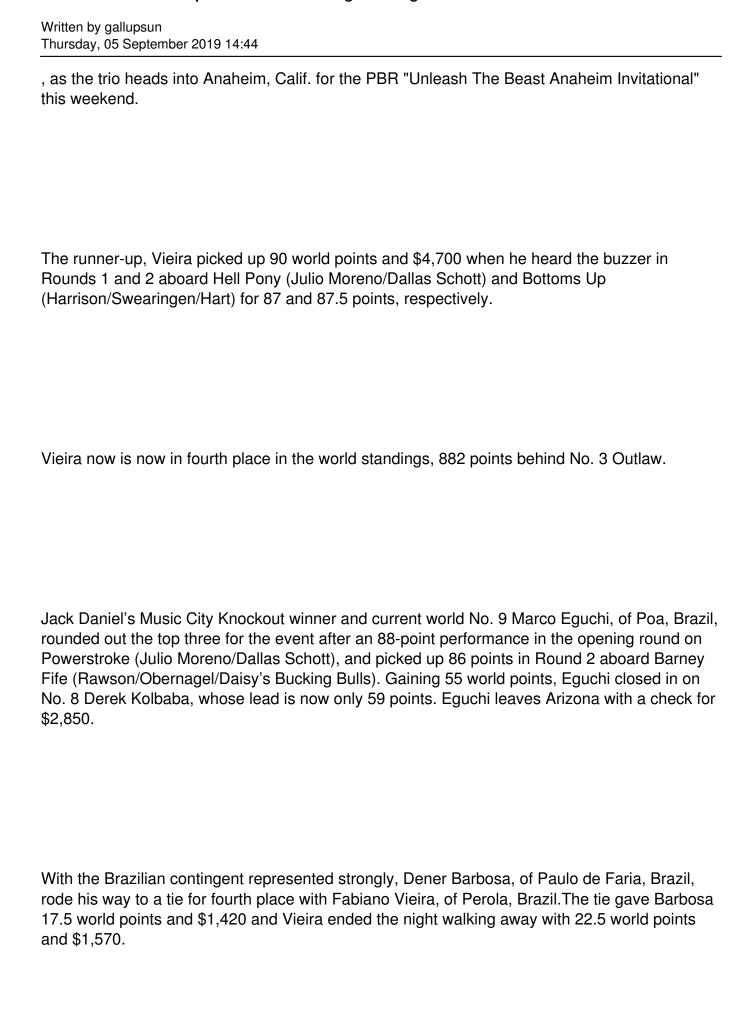
Leme conquered the top scored bovine athlete of the event Sledge Hammer (Golden Boys) for 91 points in Round 1 on Wednesday night, and carried that momentum into the championship round where he made the 8 onC haos Ghost (Winston Bucking Bulls/Melton Bull Company) for 86 points, enough to edge out his fellow countrymen Joao Ricardo Vieira (Itatinga, Brazil) for the victory.

The 23-year-old Leme's second PWVT event win of the season came in his third attempt on the year, locking him in first place in the tour standings.

By claiming the title in Window Rock, Leme pocketed \$6,850 and picked up 220 world points, enough to vault him back into the No. 2 spot in the world standings, overtaking Chase Outlaw, of Hamburg, Ark., and just 248 points behind current world No. 1 Jess Lockwood, of Volborg,

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