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Two local area teams finished among the top four teams in the team sorting competition during the fair last week.

In the competition, two riders attempt to sort off 10 cattle in order, according to number, from one pen into another. They are given 90 seconds to do so.

If one of the cattle breaks through into the other pen out of order, the team records a no-time. The teams consist of three riders with each rider pairing up with their other teammates, for a total of three go-rounds.

The Thompson team of Dickens won the event, sorting and penning off a total of 16 head.

Team members included Ron Thompson, Billy Sanchez and Steve Miller. They won \$726.40 for their efforts and also won the calcutta.

The team of Cecil Johnson of Imperial and Reid DeHart and Chance Alexander took second place. They sorted off 12 head and won \$544.80.

The Wild West Cowgirls, including Lisa Wood of Imperial, DeAnn Doetker of Wauneta and Stacy Duvel of Max, took third.

While they only sorted off five head in the three go-rounds, they did not allow any cattle to break through out of order to avoid a no-time. They collected \$363.20.

These were the only three teams not to take a no-time.

The S.J. Donohue team from Benkelman finished fourth overall, penning 14 head in the least amount of time, despite taking one no-time. They took home \$181.60.

The team with the most sorted in the 90-second go won \$120 in each of the three go-rounds.

The Thompson team took the first go-round with five head.

The Tropf team of Vern and Bobbi Tropf and Ty Spickelmier won the second go with seven head sorted.

The Donohue team took the third go-round money, sorting off all 10 head.

The event was sponsored by Top Hat, LLC, Brophy Electric, Imperial NAPA and R-Nette, Inc.