



## CFR '45 - Changes at the Top

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The first three rounds of CFR '45 were not kind to Scott Guenthner. The 2018 season leader had seen his spot at the top of the Canadian standings slip away. It was time for a change.

"I was having the worst luck," the Provost, AB cowboy admitted, "so I thought I'd switch everything up. I rode a different horse, had a different hazer and it went a lot better.

"I switched horses to Tyson, Curtis Cassidy's horse. Curtis was really good about it even though there's five guys riding him. (I'm going to be riding him at the NFR in Vegas too.) And Baillie Milan hazed for me. It felt awesome."

The five time Canadian Finals Rodeo qualifier posted a 3.7 to win the round and jump back into contention for the Canadian title - which will be awarded Sunday afternoon. While Guenthner re-claimed the overall lead, he sits sixth in the aggregate and still has work to do. Among those who have a legitimate shot at the steer wrestling title at this point are Stephen Culling (who sits second overall and second in the aggregate), Tanner Milan (3rd overall and 3rd in the aggregate) and Dallas Frank who is 5th overall but leads the aggregate.

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Saddle bronc rider, Jake Watson, has been flying under the radar for much of the 2018 season... and the early rounds of this CFR. But tonight that changed.

"I had Lunatic Party of Outlaw Buckers and it couldn't have gone any better," the Hudson Hope, BC native stated. "Just a great horse... she goes out and does her job every time. I've been waiting quite a while to get on that horse."

Watson posted his second 87 point score of the Finals to win round four and take home the first place cheque of \$10,530. He moved to third overall (\$12,000 back of leader, Clay Elliott). Watson, however, leads the lucrative aggregate while Elliott sits fourth and second place man, Zeke Thurston, fell to eight after a Friday night buck-off.

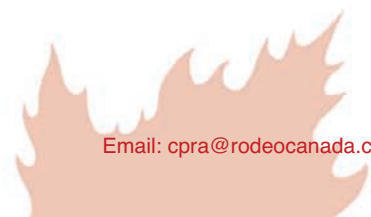
A number of other races also became more interesting as a result of Friday night's performance. In the tie-down roping, Carstairs, AB roper, Kyle Lucas, took over the overall lead as well as moving to top spot in the aggregate with two rounds remaining.

Oregon barrel racer, Callahan Crossley, lengthened her lead by posting the fastest time of the rodeo to date (13.454 seconds) to win her third consecutive go-round. The three time CFR qualifier remains first overall and leads the aggregate.

In the team roping event, Kasper Roy and Brady Tryan won the round for the second night in a row while Riley and Brady Minor cling to the overall lead just ahead of 2016 World Champions Levi Simpson and

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Jeremy Buhler who lead the aggregate.

Three time Canadian bareback champion, Jake Vold, holds a \$9000 lead over second place man Richmond Champion of Dublin, TX but Champion sits second in the aggregate. Vold is seventh and out of the aggregate standings for the moment.

And in the bull riding, Ponoka hand, Wacey Finkbeiner, continued his dominating performance at CFR '45 as he posted an 85 point score to win third - and more importantly - remain first in the aggregate. He is one of only two men to ride four bulls in four performances, the other being Cody Coverchuk of Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan.

While the 2018 novice champions were declared after performance three - Mason Helmeczi in the novice bareback and Cooper Thatcher in novice saddle bronc riding - the steer riding event wrapped up Friday. Tristen Manning of Yellowhead County, AB, went four for four and won two rounds en route to the Canadian Steer Riding Championship.

Bull rider, Jacob Gardner, who grabbed a spot on the CFR bull riding roster when Brock Radford withdrew, claimed the 2018 All Around title by placing in rounds three and four.

And the Miss Rodeo Canada competition concluded Friday with the crowning of Jaden Holle as the 2019 queen.

### **Round Four Summary**

Bareback riding round winners: (tie) Orin Larsen - 86.25 points on Calgary Stampede's Xavier Joan and tJake Vold - 86.25 points on Outlaw Buckers' American Thumper

Overall bareback riding leader: Jake Vold

Aggregate leader: Clint Laye

Steer wrestling round winner: Scott Guenther - 3.7 seconds

Overall steer wrestling leader: Stephen Culling

Aggregate leader: Dallas Frank

Team roping round winners: Brady Tryan/Kasper Roy - 4.6 seconds

Overall team roping overall leaders: Riley Minor/Brady Minor

Aggregate leaders: Levi Simpson/Jeremy Buhler

Saddle bronc riding round winner: Jake Watson, 86 points on Outlaw Buckers' Magic Carpet

Overall saddle bronc riding leader: Clay Elliott

Aggregate leader: Jake Watson

Tie-down roping round winner: Kyle Lucas - 7.9 seconds

Overall and Aggregate tie-down roping leader: Kyle Lucas

Ladies barrel racing round winner: Callahan Crossley - 13.454 seconds

Overall and Aggregate ladies barrel racing leader: Callahan Crossley

Bull riding round winner: Jordan Hansen - 85.75 points on Girletz Rodeo's Willy Wonka

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Overall and Aggregate bull riding leader: Wacey Finkbeiner

Steer riding round winner: Carter Sahli - 83 points

**Steer Riding Champion: Tristen Manning**

**Novice Bareback Riding Champion: Mason Helmeczi**

**Novice Saddle Bronc Riding Champion: Cooper Thatcher**

Saturday, November 3 will be a busy day at Westerner Park. The fifth performance of the Canadian Finals Rodeo runs Saturday, November 3 at 7:00 pm but earlier in the day (1:00 pm), fans can enjoy the Junior Canadian Finals Rodeo.

Look for complete results at [rodeocanada.com](http://rodeocanada.com)

### **About the Canadian Professional Rodeo Association**

The Canadian Professional Rodeo Association (CPRA) with headquarters in Airdrie, Alberta is the sanctioning body for professional rodeo in Canada. The CPRA approves over 50 events annually with a total payout exceeding \$5.1 million. The organization holds the Grass Roots Final in late September at Stampede Park in Calgary, Alberta and their premiere event - the Canadian Finals Rodeo (CFR) - at the ENMAX Centrium, Westerner Park in Red Deer, Alberta, October 30 - November 4. Follow the CPRA on Twitter and Instagram @prorodeocanada, 'Like' Canadian Professional Rodeo Association on Facebook or online at [RodeoCanada.com](http://RodeoCanada.com).

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