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2022 Maple Leaf Circuit Finals at Midway Point

December 2, 2022 - The Maple Leaf Circuit Finals is well underway at Regina, Saskatchewan's Brandt Centre as part of Canadian Western Agribition. An outstanding field of rodeo stars is enjoying success as they vie for Maple Leaf Circuit supremacy.

Among those competing through the event's four performances--November 30 through December 3 at 7 pm each evening—are four recently-crowned Canadian Champions—bareback rider Ty Taypotat, barrel racer Taylor Manning and the team roping brother combination of Dawson and Dillon Graham.

Taypotat, a longtime former Regina resident came out on top of a down-to-the-last-horse battle at the recently concluded Canadian Finals Rodeo in Red Deer, Alberta while Manning put together a stellar effort over the CFR's six performances en route to the teenager's first Canadian title.

The Graham brothers who hail from Wainwright, Alberta, in addition to a spectacular 2022 season that saw them win twelve rodeos, are also the defending Maple Leaf Circuit champions.

Professional rodeo athletes competed at 35 plus events across western Canada with ten in each event making the cut for the Finals. The \$12,000 in prize money up in each event will count toward the 2023 regular season standings. And the top two competitors in each event from the season standings receive berths to the NFR Open slated for next July at the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Highlights after the first two performances:

- * Longview, Alta. barrel racer and breakaway roper, Kylie Whiteside, earned round wins in both events on night #1
- * Tie-down roper, Shane Smith (Wimborne, Alta.) was a back to back winner over the first two performances
- * Regina, Sask. native, Ty Taypotat (now from Nanton, Alta.) has earned the most money in the bareback riding at the half-way point - with a round win and a third place cheque. Carbon, Alta.'s Cole Goodine remains well in the bareback lead overall
- * Eckville, Alta. saddle bronc rider, Ben Andersen, bested both draws in his event, earning two first place cheques at the half way point
- * Bull rider, Coy Robbins (Camrose, Alta) who finished in the reserve position at the recently concluded Canadian Finals Rodeo in Red Deer, Alta., and is leading the Maple Leaf Circuit standings, earned a share of second spot in Regina on night #1, then split the round last night with fellow Albertan, Wyatt Gleeson, to remain well out in front in the bull riding standings

Watch for results, photos and highlights at the conclusion of the event later this week at rodeo-canada.com The Maple Leaf Circuit Finals is being live streamed at FloRodeo.com

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The Canadian Professional Rodeo Association (CPRA) with headquarters in Airdrie, Alberta is the official sanctioning body for Professional Rodeo in Canada. The CPRA approves 55 events annually with a total payout exceeding \$5.7 million. The organization oversees the SMS Equipment Pro Tour Finals each fall in Armstrong, BC, holds their premiere event - the Canadian Finals Rodeo (CFR) - at Westerner Park in Red Deer, AB in early November and endorses the Maple Leaf Circuit Finals as part of Canadian Western Agribition in Regina, SK. Follow the CPRA on Twitter @prorodeocanada and Instagram @prorodeocanadaofficial, 'Like' Canadian Professional Rodeo Association on Facebook or online at RodeoCanada.com.

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