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Ty Harris On Fire

San Angelo, Texas tie-down roper, Ty Harris, entered the weekend sitting eighth in the Canadian standings and ninth in the World. His brilliant performances at three Canadian rodeos changed all that. Dramatically.

The 24-year-old former collegiate champion and PRCA Rookie of the Year had already amassed over \$6000 in just four CPRA appearances. Harris, a three-time WNFR qualifier “forty percented ‘em” (winning both long and short gos and the aggregate at the lucrative Wainwright Stampede), added another win at High River’s Guy Weadick Days and collected a second-place cheque at the Sundre Pro Rodeo for a whopping \$10,836 weekend haul.

Consistency is the mark of a champion and Harris was all about consistency. His five times over the weekend were 7.9, 8.1, 8.5, 8.5 and 8.6. The spectacular effort from the San Angelo, Texas cowboy vaults him to a commanding lead atop the Canadian standings and will move him up several spots on the world leader leaderboard as well.

“I wanted to come up here to compete pretty bad,” Harris acknowledged. “I love the rodeos in Canada and I love the people as well so coming up here was definitely a priority. And I qualified for the Calgary Stampede so that worked out great for me to rodeo up here. It all just kind of came together and (roper and former Saddle Bronc Riding Champion) Clay Elliott was a big part of that. I’m staying at his place and he offered to do my entering for me and keep my horse up here when I was back down south. I wouldn’t have been able to this without Clay.”

The horse Harris referred to is one he bought through Justin Maass. “He’s a really good horse but I hadn’t rodeoed on him until up here in June. I really wanted to be able to ride him at the rodeos up here to get him ready for Calgary.”

As for a Canadian title, the 2019 CFR qualifier added, “It would be a dream of mine to win a Canadian championship. But it’s hard to beat these guys. They rope so good and they ride good horses and they know the cattle and the arenas. But, yes, I would love to win it.”

Sitting in first place heading into Cowboy Christmas, the Harris has established himself as the guy to beat in tie-down roping. He will compete in Ponoka June 29 and Williams Lake June 30, then will head south until he returns for Pool B of the Stampede.

Another cowboy on the move, courtesy of a stellar weekend, is two-time Canadian champion steer wrestler, Scott Guenther. The Provost, AB athlete put up a 4.0 to win the long go at Wainwright, added a 1/2 split 3.7 (with James Struxness), in the short go for the overall title, split the win at Sundre (with Morgan Grant) in 3.9 seconds and completed the weekend with a 5-8 split at High River.

Guenther’s earnings came to a tidy \$8438 and should guarantee the four-time WNFR qualifier a spot at the top of the Canadian standings. And the cherry on top of the sundae for Guenther

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was watching his young cousin, breakaway roper, Mikenna Schauer, who also forty percented the field for \$3300, vaulting the young cowgirl to her first pro win and into the Canadian Finals

This week's CPRA schedule takes competitors through the run known as Cowboy Christmas. Events include the Ponoka Stampede June 27-July 3, Williams Lake Stampede June 30-July 2, Airdrie Pro Rodeo and the Raymond Stampede July 1-2.

* Both the Ponoka Stampede and Williams Lake Stampede will be live streamed by FloRodeo.com (click the link for sign up details)

For complete results and the full CPRA schedule, check out rodeocanada.com

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 and Instagram @prorodeocanada, 'Like' Canadian Professional Rodeo Association on Facebook or online at RodeoCanada.com.

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