



Huge Weekend for Cort Scheer

Cort Scheer is making up for lost time.

The Elsmere, Nebraska bronc rider set his sights on the Canadian Finals Rodeo and National Finals Rodeo when he established his goals for 2019.

The plan took a hit when the 33 year-old broke some ribs while competing at Leduc at the end of May, forcing him to miss a number of rodeos on both sides of the 49th parallel. But this past weekend's results at the Medicine Hat Stampede, the Hard Grass Bronc Match in Pollockville, AB and the Bruce Stampede have the likeable Nebraskan back on track.

"We live for weekend's like this," Scheer grinned. "It was awesome to win a bunch at those really good rodeos." The five time CFR qualifier topped the field at Medicine Hat (Finning Pro Tour rodeo) with 87.5 points on Kesler Rodeo's Flaming Shadow for \$2722.08.

"That horse was outstanding," Scheer noted. "I'd seen Zeke (Thurston) at Cloverdale and knew he was good, but he was even better than I thought he would be."

Scheer then added \$7462 to his weekend pay packet by splitting second and third in both the long and short go's, and the average, at Pollockville. He collected an additional \$848 for a third place result at Bruce for an overall total of \$11,032 - second only to Zeke Thurston who padded his Canadian and Season totals by \$12,258 - much of that courtesy of his win at Pollockville's Bronc Match. While Thurston remains comfortably in the lead in the Canadian saddle bronc standings, Scheer's weekend success vaulted him from 25th to well inside the top ten.

A frequent visitor at Canadian rodeos since the beginning of his career, Scheer recalled, "I was rodeoing with Chet Johnson and Tyler Corrington and I was a 'young, dumb kid'. I just went where they wanted to go. I came to love these Canadian rodeos and keep coming back."

Scheer, like all of the bronc riders, is pursuing Thurston, who has been 'lights out' all season long. "He's awesome," Scheer acknowledged. "I think he's riding better this year than the year he won the World. And when somebody's riding like that, it makes all of us ride better."

Other recent event winners included Regina, SK bareback rider, Ty Taypotat, who hit the winner's circle at the Bowden Bonanza Daze Bareback Challenge; Sunnybrook, AB bull rider, Shay Marks, who captured the crown at the inaugural Lacombe Bull Riding event and Lonnie West (Cadogan, AB) who forty percented the field (won both go's and the average) at the White Lightning Professional Cowboy Crunch in Oyen, AB.

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There CPRA roster remains busy with the High Prairie Elks Pro Rodeo July 30-31, two Finning Pro Tour events - Strathmore Stampede August 2-5 and Regina, SK's Pile 'O Bones Rodeo August 2-4 as well as the North Peace Stampede in Grimshaw, AB August 3-4.

About the Canadian Professional Rodeo Association

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