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Durazo Earns Swift Current Xtreme Bulls Win

Edgar Durazo has a plan. The Mexican-born PBR veteran has his sights set on the 2019 Canadian Finals Rodeo. And he took a big step toward achieving that goal in Swift Current, Saskatchewan on the weekend.

"Swift Current was great," Durazo grinned. "Cody Snyder is a good event producer, I saw a bunch of American and Canadian friends and I rode an awesome bull in the short go."

The result, Durazo's short go ride, an 88.5 score on Nansen Vold's Strong Arm, coupled with an 83 in the long go gave the likeable athlete 171.5 points on two and \$5600 in earnings at Cody Snyder's CPRA Xtreme Bull Riding Invitational.

"Nansen told me this bull would go down on his front end in the chute but to just go ahead and take him," Durazo stated. "The bull did that and I nodded. And as soon as the gate opened he got up and blew out of there away from my hand. He was great; I'm pretty excited about the win."

Durazo (who now calls High River, AB home) is healthy after a year of nagging injuries. And the timing is right to parlay his Swift Current win - over a field that was a who's who of bull riding - into a season long pursuit of that elusive trip to Red Deer at the end of October.

Additional Weekend Highlights:

- * Ty Ellis (Sonningdale, SK) took home \$4700 for a share of fifth in the long-go, second in the short go and second in the average.
- * Trey Benton (Huntsville, Texas) also earned a healthy cheque (\$4860), courtesy of the long-go win and third in the average.

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Next weekend will be a busy one with four Pro Rodeo Canada events: the first 2019 Finning Pro Tour Rodeo - Grande Prairie Stompede - May 30-June 2, Leduc Black Gold Rodeo, also May 30-June 2, Hand Hills Lake Stampede May 31-June1 and Wildwood Bronc Bustin' June 1.

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 55 events annually with a total payout exceeding \$5.7 million. The organization holds their premiere event - the Canadian Finals Rodeo (CFR) - at Westerner Park in Red Deer, AB, October 29 - November 3, 2019 and will oversee the Finning Pro Tour Finals September 1 in Armstrong, BC and their inaugural Maple Leaf Circuit Finals November 27-30, 2019 at the Canadian Western Agribition in Regina, SK. Follow the CPRA on Twitter and Instagram @prorodeo-canada, 'Like' Canadian Professional Rodeo Association on Facebook or online at RodeoCanada.com.

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