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Movin' On Up the Standings

Aussie, Aussie, Aussie... oi, oi, oi!!

It's been a familiar refrain at the London Olympics but that's not the only place Australian celebrations have been taking place.

Two time Australian bareback riding champion and four time Canadian Finals qualifier, Jake Marshall, had them chanting in Strathmore and Abbotsford over the weekend.

An 85.25 point ride on Outlaw Buckers' American Trip earned the likable Marshall top honours and a whopping \$6260 payday at Strathmore; then the Cessford, Alberta resident split the title at the Lower Fraser Pro Rodeo (with Michael Solberg)—this time putting up an 85.5 score on Big Stone Rodeo's Easy Money to add \$1342 to the weekend haul. Factor in a second place cheque at High Prairie's Elks Pro Rodeo for \$1073 and that takes the 'down-under' cowboy's week-long take to a tidy \$8675 and a jump from 10th to a comfortable top five spot in the Canadian bareback standings heading into the season's home stretch.

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What a difference ten days can make. On July 27, Madden, Alberta bull rider Skylar McBride was sitting on season earnings of just a tick under \$2000. After this weekend's action that saw McBride top the field at Strathmore with an 86.75 on Northcott's Inside Job for \$6260, the bull producer/rider's ten day earnings reached \$9898 (\$3438 for the win at Medicine Hat and \$200 at Bulls for Breakfast in Camrose). More importantly, McBride has thrust himself into the thick of the race for the final few CFR qualifier spots jumping from 22nd to the top fifteen in the standings.

Other Strathmore winners included Rylan Geiger, who solidified his lead at the top of the bronc riding leaderboard with his 84.50 points on Outlaw Buckers' Devil's Who - good for \$6,035; Ludlow, South Dakota's Chason Floyd - 3.9 seconds, \$6,387 in steer wrestling; Apache, Oklahoma roper Hunter Herrin, (second in the world standings) 7.4 seconds, \$5,668; Kelli Tolbert (Hooper, UT), 17.383 seconds, \$6,768 in the barrel race and the American duo of Dustin Bird and Paul Eaves who combined for a 4.6 second run in the team roping for \$2,961 and a move to the number one spot in the standings.

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For the rest of the week's results, including a detailed look at Strathmore, Abbotsford, Camrose, Grimshaw and High Prairie, check the website RodeoCanada.com.

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This week takes rodeo athletes to Lacrete, AB. August 6 and 7 and Dawson Creek, BC. Aug 10-12.

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