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Taking a Chance

Ponoka steer wrestler Chance Butterfield took a big step toward that coveted trip to the Canadian Finals Rodeo as he posted two wins over the past weekend. The 27 year old third generation bull dogger posted a 4.4 at Taber for \$1390 and was even quicker at Harmon Valley with a 3.6 for \$1426. His total weekend earnings of \$2816 will propel the Texas Tech grad up the standings and into the hunt for a CFR berth.

Bronc rider Justin Berg (Marwayne, AB) enjoyed a productive weekend as well with a win at Harmon Valley (81 points on Northcott's Hoop Dancer for \$943) and a second place at Teepee Creek for an additional \$985 for a total of \$1929.

Other Harmon Valley winners included several Alberta-based athletes: Longview's Steele Depaoli in the tie-down roping (8.5, \$1189), Taber's Nancy Csabay in the barrel racing (15.156, \$1144), Clyde team ropers, Murdoch Keith and Cody Potts (4.4, \$1022/each), Cessford bareback rider Clayton Bunney (81.5 on Northcott's Ninety Proof, \$1165) and Crossfield bull rider Kyle German (86 points on Northcott's Pay N' Rent, \$1297). The novice saddle bronc winner was Layton Green from Meeting Creek (79 points, \$706).

Teepee Creek winners included Eckville saddle bronc rider Jake Brown (78.5 points on Outlaw Bucker's American Sister, \$1191), Airdrie bareback rider Matt Lait (82.5 on Outlaw Bucker's Madame, \$1229) and bull rider, Devon Mezei of Big Valley (87.5/\$1500 on Outlaw Bucker's Lazy Boy). Timed event wins went to tie-down roper Riley Warren of Stettler who was 9.6 for \$1372, steer wrestler Todd Maughan of Airdrie-3.5 for \$1524 and Brooks barrel racer Stephanie Mather who was 15.744 for \$1307. The team roping win was split between Stacey Cornet/Dale Skocdopole and Murray Linthicum/Casper Roy, both teams with 4.9 second runs for \$1027 each. Novice winners were Cole Neely in saddle bronc (68.5 points for \$384) and Dylan Bilton in bareback (64.5 points for \$353). The steer riding title went to Kagen Schmidt with a sensational 82 point score for \$446.

Other Taber champions included Nanton bull rider Beau Brooks (76 points on Kesler's Who Knew for \$921), saddle bronc rider Justin Meston (74.5 points on Kesler's Centre Stage for \$714) and a split in the bareback riding – with Bowden's Ky Marshall on Kesler's Spanish Breeze and New Zealander Joseph Fentiman on Kesler's Must Have - both marking 76.5 points for \$642 each. In the timed events, former Canadian champion Al Bouchard of Scandia was the tie-down roping winner with an 8.9 for \$961 while Brett Buss of Ponoka and Matt Fawcett of Stettler won the team roping with 5.4/\$903/each. St Paul's Rylee McKenzie picked up the barrel racing title with a 17.572 – good for \$724. Novice saddle bronc riding was split between Cole Neely and Layton Green (61.5/\$308). The steer riding winner was, once again, Kagen Schmidt (77 points/\$436).

This coming weekend's rodeo action will take athletes to Maple Creek (July 18-20) and Kennedy, SK (July 21-22) and Morris, MB July 19-22

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