

## **Heading West for Rodeo Riches**

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In the mid 1800's thousands of people flooded to the west looking for gold. A century and a half later, Canada's professional rodeo athletes head west every Victoria Day weekend for much the same reason.

Some of them find it.

As the Pro Rodeo Canada schedule took cowboys and cowgirls to Falkland in the BC Interior and Luxton on Vancouver Island, the trip proved lucrative for several trying to make a move in the early season standings that lead to the biggest pot of gold of all—the Canadian Finals Rodeo.

British Columbia's own Clayton Moore enjoyed one of the most profitable weekends as the Pouce Coupe hand topped the bulldogging field in Falkland with a 3.4 second run and an \$1859 pay day, then collected \$975 at Luxton with a 4.0 run and a 4/5 split (with Jessie Heggie) to add a total of \$2834 to his season output to date, much of which prior to this weekend, Moore had pulled out of the US rodeos.

"I guess I am on kind of a roll right now," Moore admitted, citing confidence, good horses and a schedule that allows him to concentrate on rodeo first and foremost as key factors in his great start to 2012. That start has seen him place at every rodeo he's been to since Red Bluff, California a month back.

"This is, undoubtedly, the best streak I've ever put together. I just hope it keeps up."

Zane Hankel of Redcliffe, AB posted a 3.8 to capture top honours at Luxton, good for a sizeable \$1794 first-place steer wrestling cheque.

Australian-born bareback rider Jake Marshall was another two-cheque cowboy as he spurred out an impressive 86.5 point ride on Big Stone Rodeo's Tar Baby for the first place cheque of \$1,380 at Luxton and added a fifth place \$413 placing at Falkland for a weekend total of \$1793.

Stephan Peloquin enjoyed one of his best career results as his 85 points on Northcott Rodeo's Night Mare earned the Longview, Alberta bareback rider the first place cheque for \$1,333 at Falkland.

Another BC product and many-time CFR qualifier, Jolene Seitz of Savona, was one of the two barrel racing titlists as her 15.55 second run earned the winner's share (\$977) at

Luxton while on the mainland two time Canadian champion Lisa Lockhart of Oelrichs, South Dakota bested the Falkland field with a 16.428 for \$1436.

2007 Canadian Champion tie down roper Clint Robinson posted an 8.2 run for the win at Falkland. The Farmington, Utah timed event specialist collected \$1794 for the effort. The Luxton tie down roping winner was Curtis Cassidy. The holder of ten Canadian titles (including the 2001 tie down roping championship) Cassidy, of Donalda, AB put together a duplicate 8.2 run to claim top spot and \$1578 at Luxton.

Reigning Canadian Champion saddle bronc rider Taos Muncy of Corona, New Mexico was good for 82.5 points on Northcott Rodeo's Rockin Horse at Falkland to take a \$1,471 step toward defence of the title he won in November at the CFR. Across the water at Luxton, it was the Ponoka, AB stalwart, Luke Butterfield, getting the bronc riding big cheque (\$1428) with 81.5 points on Big Stone Rodeo's Smokey.

Bull rider Ty Patten, of Buck Lake AB made a return to the pay window, as he handled Northcott Rodeo's Whiplash, for 84 points and \$1,526 at Falkland while it was just another day at the office for 2007 World Champion Wesley Silcox of Santaquin, Utah as he grabbed the bull riding honours at Luxton with 87 points on Big Stone Rodeo's Renegade and \$1,447.

The brothers Buhler struck twice in the team roping over the weekend. Clint and Jeremy posted a 4.6 second run at Falkland for first place winnings of \$1,226 each; then added a fourth place 5.8 at Luxton for another \$526 to each man making the weekend a tidy \$1752 for the Okotoks ropers. The Luxton overall team roping title went to Riley Warren (Stettler) and Kenton Fawcett (Ponoka) with a 4.3 run good for \$1,090 each.

The steer riding title at Falkland went to Dawson Hay of Wildwood AB as his 76 point ride garnered a \$388 payday for the son of bronc riding legend, Rod Hay.

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