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Friday Night Lights

An unstoppable kid, a legendary veteran and an arena record highlighted round three action at the Canadian Finals Rodeo at Rexall Place in Edmonton.

So you're twenty years old. You're at your first Canadian Finals Rodeo and you're up against eleven of the best bareback riders on the planet.

Rookie nerves, right?

Wrong.

J. R. Vezain of Cowley, Wyoming has won the first three rounds as his 84.25 score on the Calgary Stampede mare Princess Warrior topped the Friday night bareback riding action and took his three day money total to \$34,194 (\$11,398 per round). Most important, the young American has made up virtually all of the ground he had to and now sits just \$1200 back of four time Canadian titleist and season leader Dusty LaValley. With a comfortable lead in the average as well (251.75 on three head), Vezain now sits in the driver's seat and is showing no sign of letting up as the championship week moves into the second half.

Tanner Byrne, the long, tall redhead from Prince Albert, Saskatchewan rode the high leaping Big Stone bull Pop Evil to 87.5 to edge great veteran and former champion, Scott Schiffner, by one half point. Earlier in the evening the popular Schiffner was honoured as the 2012 CPRA Cowboy of the Year.

Stephenville, Texas cowgirl Carlee Rae Pierce (born in Red Deer, AB) set a new arena record in the Barrel Race with a blistering 14.214 on a five year-old gelding called Hammer. He's one of two five year-olds the season leader brought to Edmonton as she rests her number one mount, Dillion.

"I was planning to run Tyson, the horse I'd run in the first two rounds but he slipped on the ice earlier today so I had to go to Hammer." The forced substitution turned out to be a blessing in disguise as the record-setting run proved. Pierce also extended her lead over two time world champion, Lindsay Sears, to \$15,000.

After three rounds, the Steer Wrestling leaderboard sees ten guys who still have a shot at being the 2012 champion. Night number three saw Pouce Coupe, B.C. dogger Clayton Moore make a move as his lightning fast 3.6 second run took the round and moved Moore to third place overall behind Tanner Milan and Zane Hankel. One of the ten contenders, Matt Reeves, suffered a potentially Finals ending knee injury en route to a second place 3.9 second run.

A spectacular round of Team Roping saw season leaders, Paul Eaves of Millsap, Texas and partner Dustin Bird of Cutbank, Montana, light it up with a 3.8 run, just a tenth of a second off the arena record. The go round win was the second for the season leading American duo, sandwiched around a no time.

The "TV Pen" of saddle broncs featured six horses that have been 'Horse of the Year' and when the dust settled and the smoke cleared, Oklahoma bronc rider Tyler Corrington moved into title contention with an 85.50 score on the Northcott bucking horse—Charley Horse. Ponoka's Luke Butterfield continues to lead the Bronc Riding by a ten thousand dollar margin over Rylan Geiger.

In the Tie Down Roping, Magrath, Alberta hand, Logan Hofer, posted the fastest time of the week to date to win the round and move to fourth overall. Hofer is within \$10,000 of leader Shane Hanchey with three rounds remaining. Hanchey had a no time Friday night to go out of the average where Hofer sits fifth, a stat that could become critical come championship Sunday.

Complete Round Three Results:

BAREBACK 1 JR Vezain, Cowley WY, 84.50; 2/3 Jake Vold, Ponoka AB, 84.00; 2/3 Jason Havens, Prineville OR, 84.00; 4 Michael Solberg, Sunnynook AB, 83.50; 5 Clint Lait, Cadogan AB, 83.00;

Total Season Earnings

1 Dusty LaValley, \$51,250.37; 2 JR Vezain, \$50,080.34; 3 Jake Voldt, \$34,369.45 ; 4 Michael Solberg, \$25,018.00; 5 Matt Lait, \$23,101.80;

STEER WRESTLING 1 Clayton Moore, Pouce Coupe BC, 3.6, ; 2 Matt Reeves, Cross Plains TX, 3.9,;

3 Zane Hankel, Redcliff AB, 4.0,; 4 Chason Floyd, Ludlow, SD, 4.1,; 5 Tanner Milan, Cochrane AB, 4.3;

Total Season Earnings

1 Tanner Milan, \$33,370.57; 2 Zane Hankel, \$32,703.94; 3 Clayton Moore, 26,630.05; 4 Coleman Kohorst \$26,296.06; 5 Matt Reeves, \$25,868.30;

NOVICE Bareback

1 Kody Lamb, Sherwood Park AB, 80.00; 2 Jacob Stemo, Calgary AB, 73.50 3 Dylan Bilton, Innisfail AB, 67.00;

Total Season Earnings

1 Kody Lamb, \$7335.97; 2 Dylan Bilton, \$7155.93 ; 3 Jacob Stemo, \$7040.23;

NOVICE Saddlebronc

1 Cole Neely, Duchess AB, 75.00; 2 Layton Green, Meeting Creek AB, 74.00; 3 Lane Watt, Ponoka AB, 70.00;

Total Season Earnings

1 Layton Green, \$10,389.49 ; 2 Cole Neely, \$7212.55 ; 3 Lane Watt, \$2826.28 ;

Boys STEER RIDING 1 K's Thomson, Lundbreck AB, 74.50.

No other qualified rides.

Total Season Earnings

1 Kagen Schmidt, \$8147.91; 2 Griffin Smeltzer, \$5,888.08; 3 Logan Biever, \$5,439.66;

TEAM ROPING 1 Dustin Bird, Cut Bank MT & Paul Eaves, Millsap TX,;, 3.8; 2 Levi Simpson, Ponoka AB, & John Robertson, Polsen MT,;, 4.3; 3 Clint Buhler, Okotoks AB, & Riley Wilson, Cardston AB,;, 5.2; 4 Clint Maddox, Eckville AB, & Travis Booth, Calgary AB,;, 5.5; 5 Chase Simpson, Claresholm AB, & Rhen Richard, Roosevelt UT, 6.5;

Total Season Earnings Header

1 Dustin Bird, \$25,449.81; 2 Levi Simpson, \$20,762.27 3 Clay Ullery, \$16,138.72; 4 Roland McFadden, \$14,446.43; 5 Clint Buhler, \$14,213.03;

Total Season Earnings Heeler

1 Paul Eaves, \$25,006.09; 2 John Robertson, \$20,762.26; 3 Jeremy Buhler, \$17,201.22 4 Klay Whyte \$12,979.54; 5 Chad Johnson, \$12,841.99;

SADDLE BRONC

1 Tyler Corrington, Guymon OK, 85.50,; 2 Dusty Hausauer, Dickinson ND, 84.75,; 3/4 Rylan Geiger, Duchess AB, 83.75, 3/4 Jim Berry, Rocky Mntn House AB, 83.75; 5 Dustin Flundra, Pincher Creek AB, 83.25;

Total Season Earnings

1 Luke Butterfield, \$53,542.64; 2 Rylan Geiger, \$43,639.73 ; 3 Dustin Flundra, \$36,712.18 ; 4 Jim Berry, \$36,206.49; 5 Tyler Corrington, \$32,885.73;

TIE-DOWN ROPING 1 Logan Hofer, Magrath AB, 7.4; 2 Chad Johnson, Del Bonita AB, 8.0,; 3 Joshua Peek, Pueblo CO, 8.1. 3 Murray Pole, Erskine AB, 8.3,; 5 Alwin Bouchard, Scandia AB, 8.6;

Total Season Earnings

1 Shane Hanchey, \$36,627.36; 2 Murray Pole, \$30,193.71; 3 Alwin Bouchard, \$27,435.38; 4 Logan Hofer, \$27,270.75; 5 Cliff Cooper, \$26,862.22;

LADIES BARREL RACING 1 Carlee Rae Pierce, Stephenville TX, 14.214; 2 Lisa Lockhart, Oelrichs SD, 14.364,; 3 Trula Churchill, Valentine NE, 14.454,; 4 Lindsay Sears, Nanton AB, 14.516,; 5 Nancy Csabay, Taber AB, 14.580,;

Total Season Earnings

1 Carlee Rae Pierce, \$54,887.09; 2 Lindsay Sears, \$39,126.80; 3 Lisa Lockhart, \$32,366.23; 4 Trula Churchill, \$28,825.21; 5 Cranna Roberts, \$28,250.39;

BULL RIDING 1 Tanner Byrne, Prince Albert SK, 87.50; 2 Scott Schiffner, Strathmore AB, 87.00; 3 Ty Pozzobon, Merritt BC, 86.00,; 4 Dakota Buttar, Kindersley SK, 82.75;

Total Season Earnings

1 Ty Pozzobon, \$50,850.65 ; 2 Scott Schiffner, \$41,756.15 ; 3 Dakota Buttar, \$40,528.15 4 Tanner Byrne, \$40,237.89 ; 5 Jody Turner, \$39,228.46;

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