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Vermilion a Lucrative Addition to CPRA Schedule for Bull Riders

VERMILION, Alberta – With only three events in the Canadian Professional Rodeo Association adding more than \$20,000 (per event) in the 2014 season, (Vermilion, AB; Ponoka, AB and the Canadian Finals Rodeo), placing well at Vermilion's Lakeland College CPRA Bull Riding presented by ATB Financial had a dramatic impact on the CPRA standings.

Ty Patten was the biggest beneficiary of the lucrative April 5 event, earning the win courtesy of his 89 point short-go ride aboard Calgary Stampede's 819 Man In Black. The win added \$6,949,72 to his 2014 Canadian Standings.

View Patten's winning ride: <http://youtu.be/M8CCPANtCj0>

"It's going to look pretty good in the standings and pretty good in the bank account as well," said Patten.

After coming home empty handed from the 40th Anniversary Canadian Finals Rodeo last November, Patten was ready for a win this spring.

"I was kinda sour over it during the winter, I don't want that to happen again," Patten noted. "I didn't want it as bad as I should have this winter, but I was definitely wanting it once spring came around."

The break proved to be a benefit for Patten.

"It felt really good, we'll see if I can ride the momentum out to a strong year," said Patten.

The Buck Lake, AB two-event Cowboy has his sights set high for 2014.

"If things keep going as they are it's going to be less and less pressure as the year goes on," Patten smiled. "I don't want to be going to the last two rodeos fighting for those final two spots. I've been there before and didn't make it a couple of times, I don't want to be in that position again. My whole season last year was pretty decent; I was pretty consistent but never really won big anywhere."

With the Vermilion win, it's already a different story this year and, in addition, Patten has his eyes on the Canadian All-Around Championship.

"Hopefully I can come into the CFR a little higher in the bull riding and get a spot at Calgary. And since I'm roping, and planning to go to almost all the rodeos, I should have a good shot at the All-Around title as well," said Patten.

Two-time and reigning Canadian Bull Riding Champion, Chad Besplug moved to the number one spot in the 2014 CPRA standings after a third place finish at the Vermilion event. Besplug added \$4,577.95 from the event placings, bringing his season total to \$7,902.43 after two events. Patten is second with \$6,949.72.

For complete results, see RodeoCanada.com

Next up on the 2014 Canadian Pro Rodeo Association schedule is the Broncs and Honky Tonks Rodeo in Medicine, AB from April 11th to 13th.

About the Canadian Professional Rodeo Association: The Canadian Professional Rodeo Association (CPRA) with it's headquarters in Airdrie, Alberta, is the sanctioning body for professional rodeo in Canada. The CPRA sanctions over 50 events annually with a total payout exceeding \$5.1 million. Join us for the 41st edition of the Canadian Finals Rodeo (CFR) November 5th to 9th, 2014 in Edmonton, Alberta at Rexall Place, our association's premiere event. For more information please visit RodeoCanada.com or call (403) 945-0903. Follow us on [Twitter](#), or like our page on [Facebook](#), and watch the action on [YouTube](#) throughout the year.