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Huge Weekend For White

The 2015 Pro Rodeo Canada season couldn't come fast enough for Big Valley, AB barrel racer Kirsty White. Now that it's begun, she's taking full advantage of a new start.

"I feel really fresh and excited right now," beams White, who won \$4,025 on the CPRA trail this past weekend. "I was just happy getting into the Grassroots Finals (now Pro Rodeo Canada Series Finals) last year. I wasn't one bit upset about not making the CFR."

A rodeo-winning time of 13.466 seconds during the final performance of the Camrose, AB, Spring Classic Rodeo capped off a three-cheque weekend for White, who also won the Kananaskis Pro Rodeo in Coleman, AB, and finished 9th at the Spring Break-Up Pro Rodeo in Dawson Creek, BC.

"She was exceptional today," said a proud White of her nine-year-old mare, *Racey* after her run Sunday afternoon at the Camrose Regional Exhibition. "Up to this point, I felt I had to not let her expose herself too much to keep her healthy. She's a horse that tries too hard. You have to re-train yourself to step on the gas."

White describes her 2014 campaign as a "tough" year. Others may use a different set of adjectives to properly paint the picture of a season that started off on the wrong foot from the beginning.

"She (*Racey*) got kicked at Coleman and I had to vet out of 4 rodeos," begins White, who qualified for her first CFR in 2013 and missed the 2012 Finals by just \$19. "Then I missed five rodeos during Calgary (Stampede) and I couldn't use her the first two days there because she got kicked just before. I broke my ribs in July, knocked a barrel in Williams Lake to win thirty-four hundred and had a premature colt die that I felt responsible for."

But the determined former Cowgirl of the Year clearly put all the bad karma behind her in getting 2015 off to the best start of her career.

It's a new season for Airdrie, AB, bareback rider, Jake Vold, too. But it appears it may be more of the same for the reigning Canadian Champion.

"My goal this weekend was to get a win," offers Vold, who was 87.5 points on Outlaw Buckers' *Dallas Steams Sexy Bucks* to win the Camrose stop. "This is awesome. It sets up the year for a guy and hopefully I can do a repeat of last year."

Craig Weisgerber won the most among the steer wrestlers during the weekend. The Ponoka, AB, cowboy pocketed \$2,959 by finishing 4th in Coleman and 2nd in Camrose.

"I've been on a heater," laughs Weisgerber, who also split the win in Medicine Hat to kick off the 2015 rodeo season earlier this month. "It's just clickin', you know. I'm trying not think about it and just going and doing it. I'm really confident in my horse and I'm making clean runs."

Other top money winners from the weekend include bareback riders, Michael Solberg (\$1,924) and Colin Adams (\$1,679); steer wrestlers, Dayton Roworth (\$2,915) and Cody Cassidy (\$2,319); team ropers, Klay White/Brett Buss (\$2,526 each), Kyle Lucas/Grady Branden (\$1,635) and Levi Simpson/Jeremy Buhler (\$1,457 each); saddle bronc riders, Rylan Geiger (\$2,456), Troy Crowser (\$2,242) and Kyle Thomson (\$2,211); tie-down ropers, Scott Meeks (\$3,175) and Curtis Cassidy (\$3,152); barrel racer, Lisa Zachoda (\$1,785) and bullriders, Ty Pozzobon (\$3,394) and Zane Lambert (\$2,928).

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Next up on the Pro Rodeo Canada schedule is the new Drayton Valley Pro Rodeo at the Drayton Valley, AB, Omniplex (May 1-3).

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