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IT WAS WORTH THE WAIT

From the first time Luke Butterfield watched Stampede Warrior buck, he's been waiting to get aboard the ten-year-old mare. And, when he finally got the chance to ride the Calgary Stampede's four-legged star, he was not disappointed.

"There's a reason that horse is in all those four-rounds everywhere you go for all that money," suggested Butterfield after his rodeo-winning, 86-point ride Saturday night at the 55th annual Innisfail Pro Rodeo, at the Daines Ranch north of Innisfail, AB. "It's what you want in a bucking horse. I wished I would have had a little better spur out.

"I was there when they cracked that horse out at (eight-time Canadian champion) Rod Hay's school back in 2010. I was coming back from a tough winter run and stopped in for some polishing. They had all those 'S' colts there. She was unbelievable back then."

Butterfield's weekend win was worth \$2,220, nearly doubling the 2012 Canadian champion saddle bronc rider's season earnings and enough to help him move inside the top ten of the new Pro Rodeo Canada bronc riding standings.

"I just wanted to do everything the same as I do with any other horse," offered the seven-time Canadian Finals Rodeo qualifier. "If you switch things up, you can over-ride her or mentally mess yourself up. I took a deep breath, got in the stirrups and went about it."

The 30 year-old, Ponoka, AB, cowboy, who also competed in the steer wrestling at the Daines Ranch, captured the All-Around championship trophy as well.

"It's nice to win at a rodeo like this because it's bronc riding oriented," said Butterfield. "I've been coming here since I was a little kid so I'm glad it worked out."

Bareback rider, Trenton Montero was making his first visit to Innisfail. It was a trip he won't soon forget.

"This is my first time coming up to Canada for rodeos," said the Winnemucca, NV, cowboy, who won \$2,185 for a first place, 88.5-point ride on Calgary Stampede's Special Delivery on Sunday afternoon. "I've always wanted to, but it's been a financial issue. This year I was doing a lot better with my pocketbook so I thought I better invest in some plane tickets and passport and start coming up here."

It was the 23 year-old, New Mexico State University grad's second cheque of the season. The first came from Dawson Creek, BC, back in April.

“I’m going to be going back and forth all summer trying to make the Canadian and National Finals Rodeos.”

Montero was one of three American cowboys to win buckles from the Daines Ranch. Montana’s Nolan Conway topped the steer wrestling with a 4.2-second run while Blair Burk of Durant, OK, was fastest in the tie-down roping with a 7.2-second trip.

“This is one of my favorite rodeos,” beamed the 41 year-old, 14-time WNFR qualifier, who rode Curtis Cassidy’s 2010 Canadian Tie-Down Roping Horse of the Year, Stick. “It’s good to be back up here with my Canadian family. I’ve made so many good friends up here over the years.”

Other champions from the Daines Ranch Rodeo included barrel racer, Bobbie Goodwin (15.327-seconds, \$3,102); team ropers, Clint Buhler/Trent Tunke (5.1-seconds, \$2,297 each); bullriders, Ben Turner (85.5-points on Kesler’s Whiskey Jack, \$2,399) and Adam Jamison (85.5-points on Outlaw Bucker’s Big Rig, \$2,399); novice bareback rider, Ryley Borris (77-points, \$543); novice saddle bronc rider, Blaze Cress (76-points, \$605); steer rider, Carter Sahli (76-points, \$417) and tie-down roper/steer wrestler, Curtis Cassidy who captured the Hi-Point buckle.

Next up on the Pro Rodeo Canada schedule is the Wainwright Stampede, the 3rd stop on the Wrangler Canadian Professional Rodeo Tour, in Wainwright, AB (June 17-21) and the Sundre Pro Rodeo in Sundre, AB—a Pro Rodeo Canada Series rodeo (June 19-21).

About Pro Rodeo Canada: With its headquarters in Airdrie, Alberta, Pro Rodeo Canada is the sanctioning body for professional rodeo in Canada. The organization endorses over 50 events annually with a total payout exceeding \$5.1 million. Join us for the 42nd edition of the Canadian Finals Rodeo (CFR) November 11th-15th, 2015 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](https://twitter.com), or like our page on [Facebook](https://facebook.com), and watch the action on [YouTube](https://youtube.com) throughout the year.