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COMPETITORS DOUBLING DOWN AT COLEMAN AND CAMROSE

CAMROSE/COLEMAN, ALTA – If you were going to make a bet this past weekend, it would have been safe to go double or nothing on the two-time Canadian Champion Bull Rider. Thirty-six-year-old Scott Schiffner is showing no signs of slowing down this season after winning the Kananaskis Pro Rodeo with an impressive 90 point ride on Kesler Rodeo’s “Flight Plan”.

The winning ride was actually made on a young bull that was in the re-ride pen, Schiffner says the bull proved to be even better than expected. “Duane said ‘you probably want to get on him Scott, he’s pretty good’,” said Schiffner when making the decision to take his re-ride draw after his first bull of the night stumbled, “He wasn’t pretty good, he was pretty exceptional.”

The Strathmore cowboy also battled it out and split the win at the Camrose Spring Classic with the “Young Gun” Lonnie West who is 16 years Schiffner’s junior. The two tied with a pair of 87.5 point rides, Schiffner’s done on the Outlaw Buckers bull “Brahma Boots Chrome”.

“I was pretty excited to go there because that’s the bull that I turned out in the sixth round last year at CFR, that was the first time in my 15 year history at the CFR that I didn’t get on a bull so it was kind of nice to have him again and know that I could ride him,” said Schiffner.

The Bull Rider has been there, done that, in the Canadian rodeo world and is still proving he has what it takes to be among the top 12 in Canada on a consistent basis, but Schiffner says he’s hoping to enjoy life outside of the bucking pen a little more this rodeo season.

“I want to try to go to a few less rodeos and still make the CFR. I still support Canadian rodeo but I’ve got a lot going on and my girls are getting to the age now where they’re pretty fun and I don’t want to miss out on things that they’re going to do maybe once or twice in their lifetime,” said Schiffner.

Between the two rodeos Schiffner will pocket \$3,032.10 unofficially, making him the top bull riding earner of the weekend.

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A competitor that was just shy of a double win this weekend was Okotoks Barrel Racer Crystal Christman. The cowgirl placed first at the Kananaskis Pro Rodeo with a speedy time of 12.951 seconds on her horse “Blazin Boy” otherwise known as “Binger”. She was then barely edged out for the lead at Camrose by Canadian Champion Barrel Racer, Deb Guelly.

Christman, who is not currently well known on the CPRA trail, has placed at all three of the first Canadian Professional Rodeos and surpassed her entire life earnings record in just two weekends, but with two kids at home and a busy work schedule, Christman says she’s just out there to have fun.

“I’ll make it to the ones I can get to and try to take it easy on the old boy,” Christman says of the 16-year-old horse she describes as a warrior, “We’re just going to go out and have fun, we’re going to get to where we can go and enjoy the ride.”

Christman was your highest earning barrel racer, and overall rodeo competitor, of the weekend with an unofficial total of \$3,833.08 to go on the Canadian Professional Rodeo Association season leaderboard. At this rate, a CFR qualification may start to be on her mind and who knows, stranger things have happened to people when they’re having fun.

Whether it’s competing at CPRA rodeos or enjoying life at home, Christman says there are many people to thank for the fun she’s had along the way and wishes to send a special shout out to the Webb and Depaoli families as well as her own family including her two little girls.

Other competitors that collected two paychecks this weekend include: your top Bareback money earner, Caleb Bennett with \$1,822.57 in total earnings, Dustin Walker who topped the class in the Steer Wrestling with \$3,070.51 between his win at Camrose and third place split in the Kananaskis Country, Team Ropers Braidy Davies and Chase Simpson placed twice this weekend to earn \$1,687.76 each, in the Saddle Bronc it was Cole Scott who took home the most cash with a total of \$1,988.38, and the top earner in the Tie Down Roping was Cody Brett with \$2,282.32 on the board.

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Next up on the Canadian Professional Rodeo Association schedule is Drayton Valley April 29th to May 1st.

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