



Movin' On Up

Airdrie, ALTA – July 11, 2017 - Eckville tie-down roper, Clayton Smith took a big step toward making a return trip to the Canadian Finals Rodeo with his weekend performance.

The 20 year-old - who made his first trip to the CFR in 2016 and won Saturday night's fifth go-round - enjoyed a productive effort, winning the Benalto Fair and Stampede and splitting 2/3 at the Coronation Pro Rodeo. His 7.5 second run at Benalto was worth \$1276... and with a \$969 cheque out of Coronation, Smith, who had been having a relatively quiet 2017 to date, added \$2245 to his season earnings total to vault him several spots up from the 25th place standing he held going into the weekend.

"I'm hoping this will get me going," Smith noted. "I've been riding a lot of different horses so far this year and it's been a bit hit and miss."

The former Southwestern Oklahoma State College student rode his own horse, a ten year-old mare he calls Dolly, for the Benalto win. "I knew I had to be fast; there'd been some really good runs already. I had a good calf, got a really good start and things worked out."

A couple of veteran rough stock riders also collected substantial cheques at both venues. Five time CFR saddle bronc riding qualifier Justin Berg of Wainwright rode C5 Rodeo's Shattered Valley to 85 points and \$921 for a \$1341 weekend haul, while three-time Canadian Champion bareback rider, Kyle Bowers, split the win at Benalto (81.5 points on C5 Rodeo's Blue Chantel) and added a second place finish at Coronation to pocket \$1380 in total.

For complete weekend results go to prorodeocanada.com.

This week CPRA cowboys and cowgirls head off to Teepee Creek, Alberta for three days of action Friday July 14 through Sunday, July 16.

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