



## Hot Start Continues For Taypotat

Ty Taypotat's Medicine Hat (Broncs and Honky Tonks Spring Rodeo) meeting with Kesler Championship Rodeo's CFR/NFR mare, Garden Party, was about redemption.

"She made me look pretty silly at the CFR last year," the Regina bareback rider recalled. "I didn't want that to happen again. She was awesome in Medicine Hat and the ride felt really good."

The result was a whopping 88 points on the 11 year-old buckskin and a win worth \$1169.47. One of the key differences this time around had to do with Taypotat's health.

"I was riding pretty sore at the end of last year. I broke my sternum at Kennedy earlier in the year and I was hurting pretty good the last part of the season."

Despite the lingering effects of the injury, the six-time CFR qualifier managed to pull off the win at the Grass Roots Final in Calgary. "I knew there was a chance I could get bumped from the CFR (roster) so I needed to go to the Grass Roots Final. I guess it worked out pretty well."

After kicking off the 2018 campaign with a second place finish at Regina, a healthy Taypotat could be a force to be reckoned with throughout the season.

"I'll take a look at things this week and see if I can get headed back down south for a while." Taypotat had managed a split of 8th at the recently concluded Austin, Texas but got bumped from the Final by a coin toss.

"Yeah, that was a pretty crappy way to lose a shot at a short-go for sure," the veteran recalled with a laugh. "Who knows, maybe I could have won that one too."

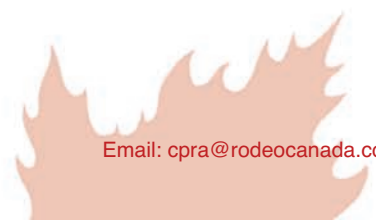
Other winners at the kickoff to the calendar year's CPRA rodeos included hometowners Braidy Davies and Kevin Schreiner who topped the field in the team roping with a 4.7 second run for \$1156 each. Matt Richardson captured the steer wrestling honours dogging his steer in 4.7 seconds for \$1275; bronc rider Jim Berry put together 85.5 points on Kesler Championship Rodeo's 733 Flash Dance for \$1169.47; Kirsty White navigated the barrels in a blistering 12.868 seconds to earn \$1959.20; Saskatchewan bull rider, Cody Coverchuk recorded his own 88 score, this one on Kesler Championship Rodeo's Pink Panther for a first place cheque of \$1264.87; and after a disappointing 2017, tie down roper Scot Meeks posted a quick 8.1 second run for \$1816.06 and a nice start to his season as well.

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Next up on the CPRA calendar is the Tofield Bull Bash on April 14 and two three day rodeo events, the Camrose Spring Classic and the Kananaskis Pro Rodeo, both slated for April 27-29

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