



New Leaders at Half-Way Point of CFR '45

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For Ponoka, Alberta bull rider, Wacey Finkbeiner, good things come in threes. At his third Canadian Finals Rodeo, the 26 year old is three for three after mastering Outlaw Buckers' Brahma Boots Chrome in meeting number three to the tune of 87.75 points and the round win.

"I'd been on him twice previously and he got the best of me both times so I'm pretty dang happy to get the best of him today," the second generation talent smiled. "The two previous times I had him he'd go both ways and get me on the switch-back. He does that every single time and I knew that so as long as you're riding around to the right and play catch-up back to the left, you'll get a pretty good score on that bull."

Finkbeiner earned a second place cheque opening night and round wins in performances two and three for a total of \$28,890 to move to the overall lead in the bull riding. He also leads the aggregate with 261.5 points on three rides.

"I'm happy to be first, second or third," he added. "It's nice to win but as long as I get my bulls rode, I'm happy. I feel like it's snow-balling in the right direction right now - hopefully I'll keep it rolling and get a gold buckle come Sunday."

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"I love Red Deer right now!"

The words were those of excited barrel racer, Callahan Crossley, after winning go-round three at CFR '45. The Hermiston, Oregon native moved to the overall lead courtesy of a smoking 13.569 second run - the fastest of the rodeo so far.

"It's a really small arena and the first barrel comes fast. I felt like my horse was a lot snappier than the last two runs and it really came together tonight. Hopefully, it keeps going smoothly."

Crossley' rides 20 year old Brownie - the partner that carried her to reserve spot at the 2016 CFR.

"My Uncle (former NFR saddle bronc rider Butch Knowles') family raised Brownie. He was a ranch horse until he was six. My Mom trained him and my older sister seasoned him. I got him when he was solid. He's the only horse I've ever ridden at the CFR." the young athlete explained.

Crossley's Thursday night win gave her \$28,890 in CFR earnings and the lead in the aggregate with a total time of 41.260 seconds on three runs.

Round Three Summary

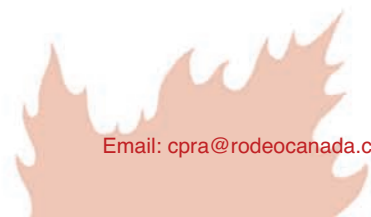
Bareback riding round winner: Ky Marshall - 86.75 points on Kesler Rodeo's Street Dance

Overall bareback riding leader: Jake Vold

Aggregate leader: Clint Laye

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Steer wrestling round winner: Stephen Culling (Fort St. John, BC) - 3.6 seconds
Overall steer wrestling leader: Stephen Culling
Aggregate leader: Dallas Frank

Team roping round winners: Brady Tryan/Kasper Roy - 4.6 seconds
Overall team roping overall leaders: Riley Minor/Brady Minor
Aggregate leaders: Levi Simpson/Jeremy Buhler

Saddle bronc riding winner: Cort Scheer, 86 points on Outlaw Buckers' Magic Carpet
Overall saddle bronc riding leader: Clay Elliott
Aggregate leader: Jake Watson

Tie-down roping round winner: Morgan Grant - 8.3 seconds
Overall and Aggregate tie-down roping leader: Shane Hanchey

Ladies barrel racing round winner: Callahan Crossley - 13.569 seconds
Overall and Aggregate ladies barrel racing leader: Callahan Crossley

Bull riding: Wacey Finkbeiner - 87.75 points on Outlaw Buckers' Brahma Boots Chrome
Overall and Aggregate bull riding leader: Wacey Finkbeiner

Steer riding round winner: Tristen Manning - 77 points
Overall leader: Tristen Manning

Novice Bareback Riding Champion: Mason Helmeczi

Novice Saddle Bronc Riding Champion: Cooper Thatcher

The fourth performance of the Canadian Finals Rodeo runs Friday, November 2 at 7:00 pm. Complete results are posted at rodeocanada.com

About the Canadian Professional Rodeo Association

The Canadian Professional Rodeo Association (CPRA) with headquarters in Airdrie, Alberta is the sanctioning body for professional rodeo in Canada. The CPRA approves over 50 events annually with a total payout exceeding \$5.1 million. The organization holds the Grass Roots Final in late September at Stampede Park in Calgary, Alberta and their premiere event - the Canadian Finals Rodeo (CFR) - at the ENMAX Centrium, Westerner Park in Red Deer, Alberta, October 30 - November 4. Follow the CPRA on Twitter and Instagram @prorodeocanada, 'Like' Canadian Professional Rodeo Association on Facebook or online at RodeoCanada.com.

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