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Consistency Pays Off For CPRA Athletes

You won't find Lucas Macza's name in the Canadian saddle bronc standings. Despite the fact that the High River, AB cowboy has well over \$8000 won, he will not be making an appearance at this year's Canadian Finals. Instead, the 24 year old is opting to save his Rookie CPRA and PRCA season for next year.

"If I turned Pro this year in Canada, I'd lose my Rookie status for next year in the PRCA. So I'm going to concentrate on making the Maple Leaf Circuit Finals this year and plan to take out both Pro cards next season."

Macza won the Dawson Creek Stampede with 87.5 points on Duane Kesler Championship Rodeo's E13 Fox Hole and followed that up with a second place finish (82 points) at Stavely Pro Rodeo on a new addition to the Wayne Vold herd, H6 Priceless. When added to a second place cheque from La Crete the weekend prior, Macza's recent paydays, which total \$3414 unofficially, will move the bronc rider among the contenders for the Maple Leaf Circuit Finals.

In the team roping event, the brothers Graham (Dawson and Dillon) vaulted to top spot in the standings courtesy of a pair of northern wins: 4.2 secs for \$1363 each at La Crete, AB and 5.0 secs for \$1704 each at Dawson Creek, BC. The 2019 CFR qualifiers are gunning for a second consecutive season leader crown.

Bull rider Lonnie West was another multiple winner. The Cadogan, AB hand matched up with Duane Kesler's 481 Switchback to mark 87.5 at Dawson Creek and earn \$1718 to go with his earlier triumph at La Crete where he was 85 points on Sawyer Pro Rodeo's 529 Gonzo for another \$1403. West entered the week's action in 10th place overall and will move up a handful of spots in the standings.

For complete unofficial results, go to <http://www.rodeocanada.com/results.htm>. Next up on Pro Rodeo Canada's event roster is the Cranbrook Pro Rodeo Aug 20-22.

The Canadian Professional Rodeo Association (CPRA) with headquarters in Airdrie, Alberta is the official sanctioning body for Professional Rodeo in Canada. The CPRA approves 55 events annually with a total payout exceeding \$5.7 million. The organization oversees the Pro Tour Finals each fall in Armstrong, BC, holds their premiere event - the Canadian Finals Rodeo (CFR) - at Westerner Park in Red Deer, AB (Nov 3-7) and endorses the Maple Leaf Circuit Finals Nov 24-27, as part of Canadian Western Agribition in Regina, SK. Follow the CPRA on Twitter and Instagram @prorodeocanada, 'Like' Canadian Professional Rodeo Association on Facebook or online at RodeoCanada.com.

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