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Jamison Takes Aim at Edmonton

With two extra stops on last weekend's CPRA calendar for the bull riders, it's no surprise they led the way when it came to lining up at the pay windows. The money began pouring into the pockets of the cowboys early with the 16th annual White Lightning Dodge Cowboy Crunch in Oyen, AB, on July 23rd. It was there that New Zealand's Adam Jamison picked up the first of three cheques, which added up to \$7,060.

"I got on that bull last year and I was a little behind and didn't get him rode," Jamison told Everything Cowboy's Ted Stovin shortly after riding Sawyer Bucking Bulls' *Gretzky* for 87 points to win the Oyen short-go. "This is the first pro buckle I've won over here. It feels good. Hopefully I can win a few more."

The lanky, 22-year-old came close to winning a second championship the next night when he finished 3rd at the Medicine Hat Stampede in Medicine Hat, AB. He then placed 2nd at the Bonnyville Pro Rodeo in Bonnyville, AB, on Friday night.

"The CFR is where everyone is aiming to be," says Jamison, who makes his home base near Millarville. "To be in the mix feels good. Hopefully we can keep it rolling until November."

2008 Canadian champion, Tyler Thomson was on a roll of his own this past weekend, coming within a little over a hundred dollars of Jamison's total. The 33-year-old won the bulk of his money in Cochrane, AB, at the Cochrane Classic Bull Riding, where he was the only rider to cover both of his draws.

"I had a bull from Kelly Armstrong called *Rainy Nights* which I've seen a lot," begins Thomson, who was 84.5 points to win the short-go. "It's a spinner that goes around to the left into my hand. We got along great."

Thomson's total weekend earnings came to \$6,904, enough to unofficially move the Black Diamond, AB, veteran into the number three spot in the Pro Rodeo Canada bull riding standings.

"It sure would be nice to go in (to the CFR) in 1st," offers the 13-year pro. "There seems to be a gap between the top five and the guys fighting for a spot. I don't think it's going to take as much to qualify for the Canadian Finals as last year, but I think it's going to take more to be number 1."

Prior to winning the \$100,000 top prize at the Calgary Stampede on July 13th, two-time Canadian bullriding champion, Scott Schiffner was not even in the top 20 of the Canadian standings. But after a \$4,196 weekend, the 34 year-old will unofficially move into 12th spot this week.

The only change expected at the top of the Canadian standings is in the steer wrestling where two-time Canadian champion, Curtis Cassidy will move into the number one position after a \$3,398 weekend. Cassidy won the Bonnyville rodeo with a 3.8-second run and placed 2nd with a 3.6-second trip at the 101st Bruce Stampede in Bruce, AB.

Last season, header, Clint Buhler (\$19,983) and heeler, Brett McCarroll (\$17,434) were the top team roping money winners heading into the Canadian Finals Rodeo. This year, with 15 rodeos left in the CPRA season, Levi Simpson and Ryon Tittel have already each won \$24,309. The first-year partners grabbed \$2,913 this past weekend thanks in part to a split of 1st in Bruce with Justin and Brett McCarroll.

Other big money winners on the weekend include bullriders, Reid Lozier (\$4,441), Jordan Hansen (\$4,182), Dakota Buttar (\$3,958), Daniel Hansen (\$3,103) and Ty Elliott (\$3,065); bareback riders, Ty Taypotat (\$2,548) and Kyle Bowers (\$2,651); steer wrestlers, Craig Guthrie (\$3,206) and Trygve Pugh (\$2,673); barrel racers, Sydney Daines (\$3,365) and Katie Garthwaite (\$2,424); saddle bronc riders, Chet Johnson (\$2,718), Luke Butterfield (\$2,538) and Jim Berry (\$2,079); team ropers, Dustin Bird/Paul Eaves (\$2,259) and tie-down ropers, Scot Meeks (\$3,315) and Wayne Warkentin (\$2,927).

Next up on the CPRA schedule is the High Prairie Elks Pro Rodeo in High Prairie, AB (July 29-30), Bulls for Breakfast in Camrose, AB (July 31-Aug. 3), Strathmore Stampede in Strathmore, AB (Aug. 1-4), Mighty Fraser Pro Rodeo in Abbotsford, BC (Aug. 1-3) and the North Peace Stampede in Grimshaw, AB (Aug. 2-4).

About the Canadian Professional Rodeo Association: The Canadian Professional Rodeo Association (CPRA) with its headquarters in Airdrie, Alberta, is the sanctioning body for professional rodeo in Canada. The CPRA sanctions over 50 events annually with a total payout exceeding \$5.1 million. Join us for the 41st edition of the Canadian Finals Rodeo (CFR) November 5th to 9th, 2014 in Edmonton, Alberta at Rexall Place, our association's premiere event. For more information please visit RodeoCanada.com or call (403) 945-0903. Follow us on [Twitter](#), or like our page on [Facebook](#), and watch the action on [YouTube](#) throughout the year.