

# 2017



# Top Contestants



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## COLIN ADAMS

Deloraine, MB



**Events:** Bareback riding

**Born:** August 8, 1989

**Year turned pro:** 2011

**CFR qualifications:** NBB (2) 2009-10, BB (5) 2011, 2013-2017 (did not compete in 2016 due to injury)

**2017 standings:** 11th

**2017 earnings:** \$21,752.14

**Career highlights:** 2x Novice Bareback Champion 2009-2010, 2x CCA Bareback Champion 2009-2010

**Other occupation:** Rancher

**Special interests:** Hockey

**Height and weight:** 5'6", 155 lbs

**Family:** Single

**Family in rodeo:** Lacey (sister, LBR)

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## CALEB BENNETT

Tremonton, UT



**Events:** Bareback riding

**Born:** November 10, 1988

**Year turned pro:** 2008

**CFR qualifications:** (3) 2013, 2015-17

**WNFR qualifications:** (6) 2012-17

**2017 standings:** 4th

**2017 earnings:** \$49,413.33

**Career highlights:** 2013 Calgary Stampede Champion

**Special interests:** Leather work

**Height and weight:** 5'8", 170 lbs

**Family:** Single

**Relatives in Rodeo:** Dustin (brother, SW/TR) Cooper (brother, BB/TR/CR)

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## JUSTIN BERG

Marwayne, AB



**Event:** Saddle Bronc Riding

**Born:** Dec 23, 1986

**Year turned pro:** 2007

**CFR qualifications:** NSB (1) 2005 SB (7) 2009-2011, 2013-2015, 2017

**2017 standings:** 7th

**2017 earnings:** \$30,269.78

**2017 highlights:** Benalto AB, High Prairie AB Champion

**Career highlights:** 2010 Cloverdale Champion, 2009 Pro Tour Champion, 2009 and 2016 Duaine Daines Series Champion

**Other occupation:** Pipeline, Construction

**Special interests:** Hunting, Golfing

**Weight and height:** 5'11, 165lbs

**Family:** Brandi (wife)

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## JIM BERRY

Rocky Mountain House, AB



**Events:** Saddle bronc riding

**Born:** April 8, 1982

**Year turned pro:** 2005

**CFR qualifications:** NSB (2) 2003-04, SB (10) 2006, 2009-17

**2017 standings:** 9th

**2017 earnings:** \$22,048.71

**Career highlights:** Novice Saddle Bronc Canadian Champion 2003, Calgary Stampede NSB Champion 2003, 2013 Guy Weadick Award Winner, 5x Duane Daines Series Winner

**Other occupation:** Welder

**Special interest:** Pick up man

**Height and weight:** 6', 210 lbs

**Family:** Amber (wife), Coy (son) and Quin (daughter)

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## DANTAN BERTSCH

Eastend, SK



**Event:** Bareback riding

**Born:** December 24, 1993

**Year turned pro:** 2015

**CFR qualifications:** BRS (1) 2007 NBB (1) 2014 BB (2) 2016-2017

**2017 standings:** 10th

**2017 earnings:** \$25,091.41

**2017 highlights:** Armstrong Tour Finals BB Champion

**Career highlights:** 2014 Novice BB Champion, 2007 Canadian Steer Riding Champion

**Other occupation:** Rancher

**Special interests:** Hunting, Fishing

**Height and weight:** 6', 160 lbs

**Family:** Single

**Relatives in rodeo:** Dan (dad, retired BB)

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## DUSTIN BIRD

Cut Bank, MT



**Events:** Team roping (header)

**Born:** August 7, 1980

**Year turned pro:** 2003

**CFR qualifications:** Team roping (5) 2012, 2014, 2016-17

**WNFR qualifications:** Team roping (5) 2012-14, 2016-17

**2017 standings:** 3rd

**2017 earnings:** \$49,864.06

**2017 highlights:** First Annual Edmonton K-Days Champion, Armstrong Champion

**Career highlights:** 2012, 2016 Canadian Team Roping Header Champion

**Horses:** Yatzee, grey gelding, 13 yrs old; Dolly, bay mare, 18 yrs old

**Other occupation:** Rancher

**Height and weight:** 6', 200lbs

**Family:** Stockton (son)

**Relatives in rodeo:** Dan (dad, retired BB)

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## LOGAN BIRD - 2017 Tie-Down Roping Champion

Nanton, AB



**Event:** Tie down roping

**Born:** May 15, 1994

**Year turned pro:** 2013

**CFR qualifications:** (2) 2013, 2016-17

**2017 standings:** 1st

**2017 earnings:** \$52,045.43

**2017 highlights:** Medicine Hat AB (Spring and Summer), Grimshaw AB Champion, Competing at Calgary Stampede

**Career highlights:** 2016-2017 CFR Season Leader

**Horse:** TJ, gray gelding, 14 yrs old

**Other occupation:** Stock Contractor, Horse Trainer

**Special interests:** Denver Broncos football

**Height and weight:** 6', 160 lbs

**Family:** Single

**Family in rodeo:** Manerd (dad, timed event contractor), Lakota (sister, LBR)

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## ALWIN BOUCHARD

Scandia, AB



**Event:** Tie Down Roping

**Born:** Dec 28, 1973

**Year turned pro:** 1998

**CFR qualifications:** (17) 1999, 2001, 2003-2017

**2017 standings:** 9th

**2017 earnings:** \$31,804.46

**2017 highlights:** Armstrong Tour Finals Champion TDR

**Career highlights:** 2009 Canadian Tie Down Champion, 2005 Calgary Stampede Champion, 2007 Pendleton Champion, 2016 Cinch Finals Champion

**Horse:** Bow, bay gelding, 14 yrs old

**Other occupation:** Oil Field Company Owner, Rancher

**Height and weight:** 6'4, 185lbs

**Family:** Myra (wife) Clara (daughter) Cole (son)

**Relatives in Rodeo:** Chad (brother, SW)

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## LYNETTE BRODOWAY

Brooks, AB



**Event:** Barrel racing

**Born:** June 18, 1961

**CFR qualifications:** (2) 2016-2017

**2017 standings:** 8th

**2017 earnings:** \$31,751.56

**2017 highlights:** Winning and placing at the tour rodeos: Dawson Creek BC, Brooks AB, Medicine Hat AB Champion

**Horses:** Root Sixty Six (Freeway) bay gelding, 11 yrs old, SR Effort Inmy Boots, chestnut gelding, 8 yrs old

**Other occupation:** Horse Trainer

**Height:** 5'7

**Family:** Ken (husband)

**Relatives in rodeo:** Devin Wigemyr (nephew, TR)

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## CLINT BUHLER

Okotoks, AB



**Events:** Team roping (Header)  
**Born:** May 20, 1982  
**Year turned pro:** 2010  
**CFR Qualifications:** (7) 2010-2013, 2015-2017  
**2017 Standings:** 5th  
**2017 Earnings:** \$44,735.83  
**2017 Highlights:** Qualifying for CFR  
**Career Highlights:** 2013 Season Leader TR Header  
**Horses:** Festus, buckskin gelding, 11 yrs old  
**Other Occupation:** Farrier and horse trainer

**Special Interests:** Training rope horses  
**Height and Weight:** 6'2, 205 lbs  
**Family:** Brook (Wife) Blaze (Son, 3) Presley (Daughter, 2)  
**Relatives in Rodeo:** Jeremy and Kelly (brothers, TR)

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## JEREMY BUHLER - 2017 Canadian Champion Heeler

Arrowwood, AB



**Event:** Team roping (Heeler)  
**Born:** Dec. 8, 1987  
**Year turned pro:** 2009  
**CFR qualifications:** (6) 2011-12, 2014-17  
**WNFR qualifications:** (2) 2016-17  
**2017 standings:** 1st  
**2017 earnings:** \$59,006.65  
**2017 highlights:** Ponoka AB Champion, Merritt BC Ironman Champion, 2017 Season Leader  
**Career highlights:** 2016 World Team Roping Heeler Champion, 2016 NFR

Average Winner, 2015 CFR Team Roping Average Winner  
**Horse:** Rick James, dun gelding, 16 yrs old (2016-2017 Team Roping Heeler Horse of the Year)  
**Other occupation:** Ranch Manager at Flying W Ranch  
**Height and weight:** 6'2, 205lbs  
**Family:** Single  
**Relatives in rodeo:** Clint and Kelly (brothers, TR)

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## BRETT BUSS

Ponoka, AB



**Events:** Team roping (Header)  
**Born:** July 10, 1989  
**Year turned pro:** 2008  
**CFR qualifications:** (7) 2008-09, 2011, 2013, 2015-17  
**2017 standings:** 11th  
**2017 Earnings:** \$17,144.26  
**2017 highlights:** Camrose AB, Drayton Valley AB Champion  
**Career highlights:** 4x Season Leader 2008, 2011, 2015-2016  
**Horse:** Little D, sorrel gelding, 10 yrs old  
**Other occupation:** Farrier

**Height and weight:** 5'8, 170lbs  
**Family:** Single

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## CHANCE BUTTERFIELD

Ponoka, SK



**Event:** Steer Wrestling  
**Born:** Dec 27, 1985  
**Year turned pro:** 2008  
**CFR qualifications:** (1) 2017  
**2017 standings:** 10th  
**2017 earnings:** \$26,157.68  
**2017 highlights:** 3.3 run at Edmonton K-Days  
**Horse:** Lola, sorrel mare, 10 yrs old  
**Other occupation:** Ruminant Nutritionist  
**Height and weight:** 5'8, 195 lbs

**Family:** Kenda (wife)

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## RUSSELL CARDOZA

Terrebonne, OR



**Events:** Team roping (heeler), tie down roping, steer wrestling  
**Born:** October 23, 1986  
**Year turned pro:** 2006  
**CFR qualifications:** TR (2) 2016-17  
**WNFR qualifications:** (6) 2009-2010, 2012, 2015-2017  
**2017 standings:** 2nd  
**2017 earnings:** \$49,864.04  
**2017 highlights:** First Annual Edmonton K-Days Champion, 2nd Round Winner at Cheyenne, Armstrong Champion  
**Career highlights:** 2016 CFR Team Roping Heeler Champion, 2016 San Antonio

Champion

**Horses:** Terra, bay mare, 12 yrs old, Rain Drop, roan mare, 12 yrs old  
**Height and weight:** 5'11, 190lbs  
**Family:** Sammy Jo (wife)

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## CURTIS CASSIDY

Donalda, AB



**Events:** Tie down roping, Steer wrestling  
**Born:** October 24, 1978  
**CFR qualifications:** TDR (15) 1997, 1999-2004, 2006-08, 2010-14 SW (18) 1998-2003, 2005-2012, 2014-17  
**WNFR qualifications:** (5) 2002, 2008-2010, 2014  
**2017 standings:** (SW) 4th (TDR) 22nd  
**2017 season earnings:** (SW) \$49,620.79 (TDR) \$11,182.88  
**2017 highlights:** (SW) Ellensburg WA Champion, Drayton Valley AB, Hand Hills AB TDR Champion  
**Career highlights:** 2001 Canadian Tie Down Roping Champion, 2x Canadian Steer

Wrestling Champion (2006, 2010), 9x Canadian High Point Champion (2000-2001, 2003, 2006, 2008, 2010-2011, 2014-2015), 2006 Calgary Stampede Champion, 2x Rodeo Huston Champion (SW, 2003, 2009)

**Horses:** Tyson (SW) brown gelding, 13 yrs old, Stick (TDR) sorrel gelding, 19 yrs old  
**Height and weight:** 6'0" 225 lbs

**Other occupation:** Guiding/outfitting/ranching

**Special interests:** Hunting, training horses

**Family in rodeo:** Cody (brother, SW); Greg (father, 4 time Cdn SW Champ), Shannon and Shaylee (daughter), LBR

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## RICHMOND CHAMPION

Dublin TX



**Event:** Bareback Riding  
**Born:** Dec 16, 1992  
**Year turned pro:** 2012  
**CFR qualifications:** (1) 2017  
**NFR qualifications:** (3) 2014, 2016-2017  
**2017 standings:** 6th  
**2017 earnings:** \$37,382.53  
**2017 highlights:** Leduc AB, Dawson Creek BC, Wainwright AB, Sundre AB, Grande Prairie AB Champion, Ellensburg WA Champion, Calgary Stampede Champion

**Height and weight:** 5'9, 180lbs

**Family:** Single

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## BRADY CHAPPEL

Moose Jaw SK



**Event:** Team Roping (Heeler)  
**Born:** Jan 30, 1980  
**Year turned pro:** 2015  
**CFR qualifications:** (1) 2017  
**2017 standings:** 10th  
**2017 earnings:** \$19,273.07  
**2017 highlights:** Grimshaw AB, Armstrong Tour Finals Champion, Ponoka AB Average Champion  
**Horse:** Betty, black mare, 9 yrs old  
**Special interests:** Golfing, hunting

**Height and weight:** 6'3, 190lbs

**Family:** Brenna (wife) Vander and Kixton (sons)

**Relatives in Rodeo:** Kyle (cousin)

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## TODD CHOTOWETZ

Major, SK



**Event:** Bull Riding  
**Born:** Sept 23, 1993  
**Year turned pro:** 2013  
**CFR qualifications:** (1) 2017  
**2017 standings:** 6th  
**2017 earnings:** \$41,341.51  
**2017 highlights:** Armstrong Pro Tour Finals Champion BR  
**Career highlights:** LRA, WRA, FCA 2011 Bull Riding Champion, Winning the 6th Go Round at 2017 CFR  
**Other occupation:** Farmer/Rancher

**Special interests:** Hockey, hunting coyotes

**Height and weight:** 5'9, 155 lbs

**Family:** Single

**Relatives in rodeo:** First generation cowboy

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## KELLIE COLLIER

Hereford TX



**Event:** Ladies Barrel Racing

**Born:** Mar 13, 1996

**Year turned pro:** 2015

**CFR qualifications:** (1) 2017

**NFR qualifications:** (1) 2017

**2017 standings:** 10th

**2017 earnings:** \$25,921.03

**2017 highlights:** Going to Canada and winning the very first Canadian rodeo entered, Medicine Hat Broncs and Honky Tonks Spring Rodeo; Denver Stock Show and Rodeo Champion

**Horses:** Muffin, sorrel gelding, 13 yrs old, Lolo, sorrel gelding, 9 yrs old

**Special interests:** Rodeo, my dogs

**Height:** 5'7

**Family:** Single

**Relatives in rodeo:** Kathleen (mom, LBR, break away roper)

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## STACY CORNET

Brant AB



**Event:** Team Roping (Heeler), Tie Down Roper

**Born:** Sept 14, 1971

**Year turned pro:** 2004

**CFR qualifications:** TR (6) 2006-2008, 2013-2014, 2017

**2017 standings:** 9th

**2017 earnings:** \$21,085.42

**Career highlights:** 4x CCA TDR Champion (1998, 2000, 2003, 2006), CCA TR Champion 2004, 4x CCA High Point Champion

**Horses:** Whiz (TR), bay gelding, 13 yrs old, Dolly (TDR), sorrel mare, 12 yrs old

**Other occupation:** Farrier

**Height and weight:** 5'8, 230lbs

**Family:** Lisa (wife) Jordan (daughter, LBR) Colt (son, TR)

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## BLANE COX

Cameron TX



**Event:** Tie Down Roping

**Born:** Jun 28, 1993

**Year turned pro:** 2015

**CFR qualifications:** (1) 2017

**2017 standings:** 5th

**2017 earnings:** \$47,376.10

**2017 highlights:** Pincher Creek AB, Strathmore AB Champion, Co Champion at First Annual Edmonton K-Days, Leduc AB, Hand Hills AB

**Horse:** Bull, sorrel gelding, 10 yrs old

**Other occupation:** Equine dentistry

**Family:** Single



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## LUKE CREASY

Brownfield, AB



**Event:** Bareback Riding

**Born:** Dec 19, 1988

**Year turned pro:** 2008

**CFR qualifications:** NBB (2) 2006-2007 BB (6) 2009-2011, 2013-2014, 2017

**2017 standings:** 13th

**2017 earnings:** \$12,307.24

**2017 highlights:** Bowden Long round winner, Co Champion La Crete AB, Window Rock AZ, Fort Mohave AZ, Roswell NM, Cortex CO Champion

**Career highlights:** 2006 Canadian Novice Bareback Champion, 2011 Wrangler Tour Finals Champion, Turquoise Circuit Winner (2011, 2015)

**Other occupation:** Free lance writer

**Special interests:** Western art, family time

**Height and weight:** 5'11, 180 lbs

**Family:** Cash (son)

**Relatives in rodeo:** Shelly (mom, LBR) Colin (dad, TDR/TR) Clay (brother, TR/TDR/SB)

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## CALLAHAN CROSSLEY

Hermiston OR



**Event:** Ladies Barrel Racing

**Born:** April 6, 1994

**Year turned pro:** 2013

**CFR qualifications:** (2) 2016-2017

**2017 standings:** 4th

**2017 earnings:** \$48,337.93

**2017 highlights:** Go Round 5 and 6 Winner at 2017 CFR

**Horse:** Brownie, brown gelding, 19 yrs old

**Height:** 5'9

**Family:** Single

**Relatives in rodeo:** Jordan Minor (sister, LBR) Jade (sister, LBR) Shane (dad, TR)

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## TROY CROWSER

Whitewood SD



**Event:** Saddle Bronc Riding

**Born:** Mar 22, 1988

**Year turned pro:** 2010

**CFR qualifications:** (2) 2014, 2017

**2017 standings:** 13th

**2017 earnings:** \$17,247.07

**Career highlights:** 2010 PRCA Rookie of the Year

**Other occupation:** Rancher

**Height and weight:** 5'8, 170 lbs

**Family:** Gabriel (wife)

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## LANE CUST

Bonnyville AB



**Event:** Saddle Bronc Riding

**Born:** Nov 30, 1994

**Year turned pro:** 2016

**CFR qualifications:** NSB (2) 2014-2015 SB (2) 2016-2017

**2017 standings:** 8th

**2017 earnings:** \$27,515.52

**2017 highlights:** Regina Agribition, Wildwood Bronc Bustin, Medicine Lodge Champion

**Career highlights:** 2016 Permit and Overall Rookie of the Year Award Winner, 2016 Saddle Bronc Rookie Winner, 2014-2015 Canadian Novice Saddle Bronc

Champion

**Special interests:** Extreme Sports, mountaineering, team roping

**Height and weight:** 5'9, 160 lbs

**Family:** Single

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## SYDNEY DAINES

Innisfail AB



**Event:** Ladies Barrel Racing

**Born:** Dec 20, 1995

**Year turned pro:** 2007

**CFR qualifications:** (3) 2014, 2016-2017

**2017 standings:** 9th

**2017 earnings:** \$28,067.93

**2017 highlights:** Morris MB, Grimshaw AB Champion, Qualifying for Tour and Grass Roots Finals

**Career highlights:** Calgary Wild Card Champion 2015, Winning 3 go rounds at 2014 CFR

**Horses:** Honor Before Fame, sorrel gelding, 13 yrs old, Houdini, sorrel gelding, 5 yrs old

**Other occupation:** University student - starting striker for Pandas U of A soccer team

**Special interests:** Soccer, skiing, wake surfing, surfing

**Height:** 5'7

**Family:** Single

**Relatives in rodeo:** Duane (dad, Canadian AA and SB champion), Cheryl (mom, CFR barrel racer)

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## ROCKY DALLYN

Nanton AB



**Event:** Team Roping (Heeler)

**Born:** Jun 28, 1967

**Year turned pro:** 2000

**CFR Qualifications:** (17) 2000-2012, 2014-2017

**2017 standings:** 5th

**2017 earnings:** \$44,923.78

**2017 highlights:** Strathmore AB, Okotoks AB, High River AB, High Prairie AB Champion

**Career highlights:** 4x Canadian Team Roping Champion (2001, 2003, 2005, 2010), 2002 Olympic Team Roping Gold Medalist,

**Horse:** Dick, palomino gelding, 22 yrs old

**Other occupation:** Carpenter

**Height and weight:** 5'10, 190 lbs

**Family:** Janice (wife) Jenna (daughter) Britt (son)

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## ERIK DUBLANKO

Thorsby AB



**Event:** Tie Down Roping

**Born:** Sept 26, 1987

**Year turned pro:** 2008

**CFR qualifications:** (4) 2011-2013, 2017

**2017 standings:** 10th

**2017 earnings:** \$25,795.78

**2017 highlights:** Innisfail AB Champion

**Horse:** Clyde, bay gelding, 13 yrs old (Tie Down Roping Horse of the Year 2017)

**Other Occupation:** Farm/rancher

**Special Interests:** Hunting, fishing

**Height and Weight:** 6'3, 245 lbs

**Family:** Single

**Relatives in Rodeo:** Darren (brother, CR)

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## TYSON DURFEY

Weatherford TX



**Event:** Tie Down Roping

**Born:** Nov 27, 1983

**Year turned pro:** 2003

**CFR qualifications:** (6) 2006-2009, 2011, 2017

**NFR qualifications:** (10) 2007-2011, 2013-2017

**2017 standings:** 6th

**2017 earnings:** \$45,933.56

**Career highlights:** 2016 World Champion Tie Down Roper, 3x Canadian Tie Down Roping Champion (2006, 2008, 2011)

**Horse:** Nikko, bay gelding, 13 yrs old

**Other occupation:** Entrepreneur

**Special interest:** Reading

**Height and weight:** 6', 178 lbs

**Family:** Shea (wife), Praise (daughter)

**Relatives in rodeo:** Shea (wife, LBR), Roy (dad, TDR), Wes (brother, TDR), Travis (brother, TDR)

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## DEAN EDGE

Rimbeay AB



**Event:** Tie Down Roping

**Born:** Oct 28, 1979

**Year turned pro:** 2004

**CFR qualifications:** (11) 2004, 2006-2010, 2013-2017

**2017 standings:** 12th

**2017 earnings:** \$18,286.37

**2017 highlights:** Dawson Creek BC, Teepee Creek AB Champion

**Career highlights:** Owns 7 x Tie Down Roping Horse of the Year, Sid

**Horse:** Sid, bay gelding, 22 yrs old, Taco, bay gelding, 14 yrs old

**Other occupation:** Auctioneer

**Height and weight:** 6'1, 185 lbs

**Family:** Jeanine (wife) Erin and Lexie (daughters) Lane (son)

**Relatives in rodeo:** Jeanine (wife, LBR), Tim (brother, rodeo announcer), the late Barry Edge (dad, 5 x CFR qualifier, TDR)

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## CLAY ELLIOTT

Nanton, AB



**Event:** Saddle Bronc Riding

**Born:** Mar 9, 1994

**Year turned pro:** 2015

**CFR qualifications:** NSB (1) 2012 SB (2) 2016-2017

**NFR qualifications:** (2) 2016-2017

**2017 standings:** 4th

**2017 earnings:** \$48,883.32

**2017 highlights:** Strathmore AB, High Prairie AB, Stavely, AB, Grande Prairie, AB, Lea Park, AB Champion, San Juan, CA Champion

**Career highlights:** 2016 Canadian Saddle Bronc Champion, 2016 Houston

Rodeo Champion, 2015 National Finals College Champion

**Other occupation:** Horse trainer

**Height and Weight:** 6', 175 lbs

**Family:** Single

**Relatives in rodeo:** Vern (dad, BR), Ty (brother, BR), Haley (sister-in-law, LBR)

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## WACEY FINKBEINER

Ponoka, AB



**Event:** Bull riding

**Born:** July 27, 1992

**Year turned pro:** 2011

**CFR qualifications:** (2) 2016-17

**2017 standings:** 9th

**2017 earnings:** \$31,412.29

**2017 highlights:** Camrose Bull Riding Champion

**Other occupation:** Welder

**Special interests:** Fishing

**Height and weight:** 5'8, 150 lbs

**Family:** Single

**Relatives in rodeo:** Jim (dad, BR), Jason (cousin, BR)

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## TYREL FLEWELLING

Lacombe AB



**Event:** Team Roping (Heeler)

**Born:** Sept 16, 1986

**Year turned pro:** 2010

**CFR qualifications:** (7) 2010-2011, 2013-2017

**2017 standings:** 11th

**2017 earnings:** \$16,566.68

**2017 highlights:** Camrose AB, Drayton Valley AB Champion

**Career highlights:** 3x Canadian Team Roping Heeler Champion (2011, 2013, 2015)

**Horse:** Honky, sorrel gelding, 8 yrs old

**Other occupation:** Exporter

**Special interests:** Training Rope Horses

**Height and weight:** 6', 185 lbs

**Family:** Carla (wife), Gus (son), Collins (daughter)

**Relatives in rodeo:** Tel (brother, TR)

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## CODY FLOYD

Kipling, SK



**Event:** Bull Riding

**Born:** Jun 21, 1995

**Year turned pro:** 2017

**CFR qualifications:** (1) 2017

**2017 standings:** 12th

**2017 earnings:** \$24,195.45

**2017 highlights:** Brooks, AB Spring Rodeo, Okotoks, AB Champion, 86.5 points on un-ridden bull in 2017, Mr. Legit

**Other occupation:** Apprentice Automotive Technician

**Height and weight:** 6'1, 175 lbs

**Family:** Single

**Relatives in rodeo:** First generation cowboy

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## TREY GALLAIS

Sundre AB



**Event:** Team Roping (Header)

**Born:** Jul 07, 1996

**Year turned pro:** 2017

**CFR qualifications:** (1) 2017

**2017 standings:** 12th

**2017 earnings:** \$17,002.88

**2017 highlights:** Sundre, AB, Airdrie, AB; Morris, MB Champion

**Career highlights:** Winning hometown and first pro rodeo entered Sundre, AB

**Horse:** Ruby, roan mare, 9 yrs old

**Height and weight:** 5'10, 175 lbs

**Family:** Single

**Relatives in rodeo:** Travis (dad, TR) Trey (uncle, TR)

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## JACKIE GANTER

Abilene TX



**Event:** Ladies Barrel Racing

**Born:** Oct 4, 1996

**Year turned pro:** 2015

**CFR qualifications:** (2) 2016-2017

**NFR qualifications:** (2) 2015-2016

**2017 standings:** 11th

**2017 earnings:** \$18,747.60

**2017 highlights:** Wainwright, AB; Medicine Hat, AB Champion; Winning 2nd at Sundre, AB and High River, AB

**Career highlights:** 2015 Resistol Rookie of the Year

**Horse:** Jet, buckskin stallion, 13 yrs old

**Height:** 5'7

**Family:** Single

**Relatives in rodeo:** Angela (mom, LBR)

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## SARAH GERARD

Savona, BC



**Event:** Ladies Barrel Racing

**Born:** Dec 18, 1976

**Year turned pro:** 2014

**CFR qualifications:** (1) 2017

**2017 standings:** 12th

**2017 earnings:** \$17,359.48

**2017 highlights:** Placing 4th at the First Annual Edmonton K-Days; Placing 5th at Morris, MB

**Horses:** Mona, bay mare, 12 yrs old, Fire, bay gelding, 7 yrs old

**Height:** 5'8

**Family:** Jason (husband); Odessa (daughter); Troy (son)

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## TANNER GIRLETZ

Cereal, AB



**Events:** Bull riding

**Born:** May 12, 1986

**Year turned pro:** 2004

**CFR qualifications:** (9) 2004-06, 2010-11, 2013, 2015-17

**2017 standings:** 2nd

**2017 earnings:** \$62,172.06

**2017 highlights:** Benalto, AB; Armstrong, BC; Leduc, AB; Kennedy, SK Champion

**Career highlights:** Winning Go Round on fellow bull rider, Ty Pozzobon's birthday, Finishing 2nd in Canada for last year in career, having a great career with a multitude of support from great people, 2006 Canadian Bull Riding Champion, 2

x Alberta Circuit Winner (2005, 2013), 2004 Permit Award Winner

**Other occupation:** Construction, rancher, stock contractor

**Special interests:** Raising bucking bulls

**Height and weight:** 5'6, 165 lbs

**Family:** Brittany (wife); Rowyn (daughter); Stratten (son)

**Relatives in rodeo:** Kevin (dad, Gireltz Rodeo Stock)

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## MARCOS GLORIA

Central de Minas, Minas Gerais, Brazil



**Event:** Bull Riding

**Born:** Jul 17, 1990

**Year turned pro:** 2017

**CFR qualifications:** (1) 2017

**2017 standings:** 3rd

**2017 earnings:** \$61,955.55

**2017 highlights:** Oyen, AB; Bonnyville, AB Champion; Won 2 Go rounds at 2017 CFR

**Special interests:** Training barrel racing horses, working out

**Height and weight:** 6', 160 lbs

**Family:** Ana Maria (daughter)

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## COLE GOODINE

Carbon, AB



**Event:** Bareback Riding

**Born:** May 1, 1990

**Year turned pro:** 2014

**CFR Qualifications:** (4) 2014-2017

**2017 standings:** 7th

**2017 earnings:** \$36,148.90

**2017 highlights:** Brooks AB, Medicine Lodge AB Champion, making Calgary Stampede

**Career highlights:** 2011 Novice BB Calgary Stampede Champion; Winning 1st Go Round at 2017 CFR

**Other occupation:** Welder

**Special interests:** Hockey

**Height and weight:** 5'11, 165 lbs

**Family:** Single

**Relatives in rodeo:** Doug (dad, Judge, BR) Judy (mom, LBR) Kayley (sister, LBR)

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## MORGAN GRANT - 2017 High Point Champion

Didsbury, AB



**Events:** Steer Wrestling, Tie Down Roping

**Born:** July 4, 1989

**Year turned pro:** 2007

**CFR qualifications:** TDR (6) 2010, 2013-2017 SW (4) 2013, 2015-2017

**2017 standings:** TDR 4th SW 8th

**2017 earnings:** TDR \$47,730.27 SW \$32,268.06

**2017 highlights:** Bruce, AB SW Champion; Medicine Hat, AB Spring Champion

**Career highlights:** 2014 TDR Calgary Stampede Champion; 3 x Canadian High Point Champion (2013, 2016, 2017); 2016 Alberta Circuit High Point Champion; 2013 Wrangler Pro Tour SW Champion

**Horses:** Bumps (SW), bay gelding, 16 yrs old, Dutch (TDR), dun gelding, 17 yrs old

**Other occupation:** Petroleum Engineer

**Height and weight:** 6', 215lbs

**Family:** Gillian (wife)

**Relatives in Rodeo:** Gillian (wife, rodeo promoter); Cathy (mom, LBR); Brittany (sister, LBR)

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## GARRETT GREEN

Meeting Creek, AB



**Event:** Bull Riding

**Born:** Feb 7, 1992

**Year turned Pro:** 2011

**CFR Qualifications:** (3) 2012-2013, 2017

**2017 Standings:** 7th

**2017 Earnings:** \$38,055.28

**Height and Weight:** 5'11, 145lbs

**Family:** Single

**Relatives in Rodeo:** Layton (Brother, SB) Kasper Roy (Cousin, TR)

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# Top Contestants of 2017

## LAYTON GREEN - 2017 Saddle Bronc Champion

Meeting Creek, AB



**Event:** Saddle Bronc

**Born:** Jan 17, 1994

**Year turned pro:** 2013

**CFR qualifications:** NSB (2) 2011-2012 SB (3) 2015-2017

**NFR qualifications:** (1) 2017

**2017 standings:** 1st

**2017 earnings:** \$107,363.75

**2017 highlights:** 2017 Season Leader, 91.5 points on Stampede Warrior at Pollockville for the win. 2017 Alberta Circuit Winner

**Career highlights:** 2012 Canadian Novice Saddle Bronc Champion

**Special interests:** Hunting, fishing, ranching

**Height and weight:** 5'9, 150 lbs

**Family:** Single

**Relatives in rodeo:** Garrett (brother, BR); Kasper Roy (cousin, TR)

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## SCOTT GUENTHNER

Provost, AB



**Event:** Steer Wrestling

**Born:** Sept 17, 1991

**Year turned pro:** 2012

**CFR qualifications:** (4) 2014 (did not compete due to injury) 2015-2017

**NFR qualifications:** (1) 2017

**2017 standings:** 2nd

**2017 earnings:** \$54,496.69

**2017 highlights:** High River, AB; Hanna, AB Champion

**Career highlights:** 2015 Season Leader

**Other occupation:** Rancher

**Height and weight:** 6'2, 220 lbs

**Family:** Becky (wife)

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## JOE GUZE

Drayton Valley, AB



**Event:** Steer Wrestling

**Born:** May 26, 1994

**Year turned pro:** 2015

**CFR qualifications:** (1) 2017

**2017 standings:** 9th

**2017 earnings:** \$28,177.56

**2017 highlights:** La Crete, AB; Cranbrook, AB; Medicine Lodge, AB Champion

**Career highlights:** 2014 WRA Steer Wrestling Champion

**Horses:** Bobby, chestnut mare, 11 yrs old, Swayze, sorrel gelding, 13 yrs old

**Other occupation:** Farrier, fencer

**Special interests:** Hunting, fishing

**Height and weight:** 6'3, 195 lbs

**Family:** Single

**Relatives in rodeo:** Jordy (brother, SW)



# Top Contestants of 2017

## JORDAN HANSEN

Calgary, AB



**Event:** Bull Riding  
**Born:** Aug 27, 1993  
**Year turned pro:** 2012  
**CFR qualifications:** (5) 2013-2017  
**NFR qualifications:** (1) 2017  
**2017 standings:** 4th  
**2017 earnings:** \$55,781.31  
**Career highlights:** 2016 Canadian Bull Riding Champion  
**Height and weight:** 5'9, 170 lbs  
**Family:** Single

**Relatives in rodeo:** Adel (mom, retired LBR)

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## JOSH HARDEN

Big Valley, AB



**Event:** Saddle Bronc Riding, Steer Wrestling  
**Born:** Oct 8, 1982  
**Year turned pro:** 2004  
**CFR qualifications:** NSB (1) 2003 SB (3) 2015-2017  
**2017 standings:** 15th  
**2017 earnings:** \$10,840.88  
**Career highlights:** 2015 Canadian All Around Champion  
**Other occupation:** Horse trainer, truck driver  
**Special interests:** Hunting  
**Height and weight:** 5'10, 180 lbs

**Family:** Jamie (wife); Johnny (son); Tyke (son); Sadie (daughter)

**Relatives in rodeo:** Jamie (wife, LBR), Jeremy (brother, SW)

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## SETH HARDWICK - 2017 Bareback Champion

Ranchester, WY



**Event:** Bareback Riding  
**Born:** Mar 8, 1989  
**Year turned pro:** 2011  
**CFR qualifications:** (1) 2017  
**NFR qualifications:** (1) 2015  
**2017 standings:** 1st  
**2017 earnings:** \$74,980.40  
**2017 highlights:** Medicine Hat, AB Spring; Hand Hills, AB Champion  
**Other occupation:** Rancher  
**Special interests:** Hunting, shooting, fitness, restoring old trucks

**Height and weight:** 5'7, 155 lbs

**Family:** Single

# Top Contestants of 2017

## DUSTY HAUSAUER

Dickinson, ND



**Event:** Saddle Bronc Riding  
**Born:** April 10, 1982  
**Year turned pro:** 2005  
**CFR qualifications:** (5) 2008, 2012, 2014, 2016-2017  
**NFR qualifications:** (1) 2008  
**2017 standings:** 6th  
**2017 earnings:** \$30,803.55  
**2017 highlights:** La Crete, AB Champion  
**Career highlights:** 2008 Canadian Champion  
**Other occupation:** Self employed

**Height and weight:** 5'4, 145 lbs

**Family:** Patty (wife); Dexter and Spencer (sons); Harper (daughter)

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## JAMIE HINTON

Bulverde, TX



**Event:** Ladies Barrel Racing  
**Born:** Jul 23, 1980  
**Year turned pro:** 2013  
**CFR qualifications:** (1) 2017  
**2017 standings:** 2nd  
**2017 earnings:** \$68,216.89  
**2017 highlights:** Qualified for 1st CFR in career; Making Ponoka Showdown round, Within the top 40 in World standings  
**Career highlights:** WPRR Rookie of the Year 2013; Redmond Oregon 2017 Champion; Spokane Rodeo 2017 Champion

**Horse:** The Goob, bay gelding, 14 yrs old; Einstein, palomino gelding, 6 yrs old

**Other occupation:** Horse trainer

**Special Interests:** Barrel racing, team roping

**Height:** 5'7

**Family:** Kirby Anderson (husband)

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## SAM KELTS

Stavelly, AB



**Event:** Saddle Bronc Riding  
**Born:** Sept 4, 1983  
**Year turned pro:** 2002  
**CFR qualifications:** NSB (1) 2001 SB (11) 2002, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011 (did not compete due to injury), 2012-2017  
**2017 standings:** 5th  
**2017 earnings:** \$37,228.26  
**2017 highlights:** Brooks, AB; Dawson Creek, BC; Cranbrook, AB Champion  
**Career highlights:** 2001 Canadian Novice Saddle Bronc Champion, 2002 PRCA Rookie of the Year, 2009 CPRA Season Leader

**Special interests:** Hunting, fishing

**Height and weight:** 5'8, 165 lbs

**Family:** Single

**Relatives in rodeo:** Jim (dad, SB, pick-up man); Byron (uncle, SB, pick-up man)

# Top Contestants of 2017

## ORIN LARSEN

Inglis, MB



**Event:** Bareback riding

**Born:** April 15, 1991

**Year turned pro:** 2010

**CFR qualifications:** (2) 2016-17

**WNFR qualifications:** (3) 2015-17

**2017 standings:** 5th

**2017 earnings:** \$45,828.93

**2017 highlights:** Lovington, NM Champion; Lea Park, AB; Rocky Mountain House, AB; Pincher Creek, AB Champion

**Special interests:** Fly fishing

**Height and weight:** 6', 160 lbs

**Family:** Lexi (wife)

**Relatives in rodeo:** Tyrel (brother, SB) Kane (brother, BR)

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## BRENDAN LAYE

Consort, AB



**Event:** Steer wrestling

**Born:** August 9, 1990

**Year turned pro:** 2016

**CFR qualifications:** (2) 2016-17

**2017 standings:** 6th

**2017 earnings:** \$39,788.17

**2017 highlights:** High Prairie, AB; Grimshaw, AB Champion; Dawson Creek, AB and Armstrong, BC Co-Champion

**Career highlights:** 2016 CPRA Steer Wrestling Rookie of the Year

**Height and weight:** 6', 195 lbs

**Family:** Single

**Relatives in rodeo:** Mark (dad, SW, TDR) Alex (grandfather, SW, TDR, BR)

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## RENE LECLERCQ

Holden, AB



**Event:** Ladies barrel racing

**Born:** July 31, 1994

**Year turned pro:** 2013

**CFR qualifications:** (2) 2016-17

**2017 standings:** 6th

**2017 earnings:** \$39,330.31

**Career highlights:** 2016 Ponoka Stampede Champion

**Horse:** Flit, sorrel mare, 9 yrs old

**Other occupation:** Horse trainer

**Height:** 5'2"

**Family:** Single

# Top Contestants of 2017

## TIM LIPSETT

Lumsden, SK



**Event:** Bull riding

**Born:** November 1, 1993,

**Year turned pro:** 2015

**CFR qualifications:** (2) 2016-17

**2017 highlights:** Winning 2nd at First Annual Edmonton K-Days

**Career highlights:** Winning 2 rounds at 2016 CFR; 2016 Armstrong, BC Champion, 2016 Lashburn, SK PBR Champion

**Special interests:** Fishing, snowboarding, winter activities

**Height and weight:** 6'2, 160 lbs

**Relatives in rodeo:** Glenn (dad); Keith and Dean (brothers)

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## KYLE LUCAS

Carstairs, AB



**Events:** Tie-down roping, team roping (heeler)

**Born:** May 26, 1994

**Year turned pro:** 2013

**CFR qualifications:** (4) 2013, 2015-2017

**2017 standings:** TDR 7th TR 34th

**2017 earnings:** TDR \$36,218.61 TR \$2,808.96

**2017 highlights:** All Around Champion at Oakdale, CA

**Career highlights:** All Around Champion Tuscan, AZ - 2016

Horse: Fletch, sorrel gelding, 12 yrs old

**Special interests:** Rodeo, training horses

**Height and weight:** 6'2, 165 lbs

**Family:** Single

**Relatives in rodeo:** Joe (dad, 4 x Canadian TDR Champion); Katy (sister, Miss Rodeo Canada 2015, writer, broadcaster)

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## TAYLOR MANNING

Edson, AB



**Event:** Ladies Barrel Racing

**Born:** Mar 19, 2004

**Year turned pro:** 2017

**CFR qualifications:** (1) 2017

**2017 standings:** 3rd

**2017 earnings:** \$49,051.05

**2017 highlights:** Ponoka Stampede Short go qualifier

**Career highlights:** 2015 Lakeland Rodeo Association/Wild Rose Rodeo

Association Peewee Barrel Racing Champion, 2016 Wild Rose Rodeo Association JR Barrel Racing Champion

**Horse:** Good Little Nick, sorrel gelding, 9 yrs old

**Other occupation:** Student, horse trainer

**Special interests:** Training horses, basketball

**Height:** 4'11

**Relatives in rodeo:** Jay (dad, BR); Shelly (mom, LBR); Paige (sister, LBR); Tristen (brother, BSR)



# Top Contestants of 2017

## KY MARSHALL - 2017 All Around Champion

Bowden, AB



**Events:** Bareback Riding, Tie Down Roping

**Born:** Mar 26, 1992

**Year turned pro:** 2012

**CFR qualifications:** NBB (1) 2011 BB (5) 2013-2017

**2017 standings:** BB 8th TDR 43rd AA 1st

**2017 earnings:** BB \$32,682.00 TDR \$3,759.91 AA \$33,425.40

**2017 highlights:** Regina Agribition Champion

**Career highlights:** Canadian Novice Bareback Champion 2011, Canadian All Around Champion 2014

**Other occupation:** Farmer, rancher

**Special interests:** Hunting

**Height and weight:** 5'10, 170 lbs

**Family:** Danielle (wife) Emerson, Deelia (daughters)

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## BRETT MCCARROLL

Camrose, AB



**Event:** Team Roper (Heeler)

**Born:** Nov 23, 1985

**Year turned pro:** 2003

**CFR qualifications:** (14) 2003, 2005-2017

**2017 standings:** 3rd

**2017 earnings:** \$48,635.63

**2017 highlights:** Leduc, AB; Hand Hills, AB; Dawson Creek, BC Champion

**Career highlights:** 2 x Canadian Team Roping Heeler Champion (2006,2007)

**Horse:** Hank, bay gelding, 11 yrs old

**Other occupation:** Horse trainer

**Height and weight:** 5'10, 170 lbs

**Family:** Renee (wife); Coy (son); Emmie and Avery (daughters)

**Relatives in rodeo:** Justin (brother, TR Header)

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## JUSTIN MCCARROLL

Camrose, AB



**Event:** Team Roper (Header)

**Born:** Jan 7, 1983

**Year turned pro:** 2003

**CFR qualifications:** (10) 2003, 2006-2010, 2014-2017

**2017 standings:** 2nd

**2017 earnings:** \$51,959.64

**2017 highlights:** Hand Hills AB, Leduc AB, Dawson Creek BC, Strathmore AB Champion

**Career highlights:** 2 x Canadian Team Roping Header Champion (2006, 2007), Team Roping CFR Aggregate Champion (2009, 2014), 2014 Ponoka Stampede

Champion

**Horse:** Archie, red roan gelding, 17 yrs old

**Other occupation:** Teacher

**Special interests:** Hockey, golf, basketball

**Height and weight:** 6', 200 lbs

**Family:** Kendra (wife) Halle and London (daughters)

**Relatives in rodeo:** Brett (brother, TR Heeler), Clark (cousin, TR)

# Top Contestants of 2017

## ROLAND MCFADDEN

Vulcan, AB



**Event:** Team Roping (Header)

**Born:** Jan 18, 1986

**Year turned pro:** 2009

**CFR qualifications:** (8) 2009, 2011-2017

**2017 standings:** 6th

**2017 earnings:** \$44,321.61

**2017 highlights:** Coleman AB, Jasper AB, Teepee Creek AB Champion

**Career highlights:** 2015 Canadian Team Roping Header Champion, 2015 Cinch Finals Champions

**Horses:** Wrangler, blue roan gelding, 12 yrs old (2017 Heading Horse of the

Year), Charlie, red roan gelding, 21 yrs old

**Other occupation:** Rancher, farmer

**Special interests:** Hockey, golf, baseball

**Height and weight:** 5'9, 175 lbs

**Family:** Single

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## BAILLIE MILAN

Cochrane, AB



**Event:** Steer Wrestling

**Born:** April 12, 1982

**Year turned pro:** 2002

**CFR qualifications:** SW (6) 2005, 2007-2009, 2012, 2017 TR (1) 2005

**2017 standings:** 11th

**2017 earnings:** \$21,901.31

**Career highlights:** 2003 PRCA Rookie of the Year

**Other occupation:** Rancher

**Height and weight:** 5'11, 230 lbs

**Family:** Chelsea (wife) Jerzi and Brexli (daughters)

**Relatives in rodeo:** Tanner and Straws (brothers, SW)

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## STRAWS MILAN

Cochrane, AB



**Event:** Steer Wrestling

**Born:** Jul 25, 1986

**Year turned pro:** 2005

**CFR qualifications:** (7) 2010, 2011-2013, 2015-2017

**NFR qualifications:** (1) 2013

**2017 standings:** 3rd

**2017 earnings:** \$50,653.64

**2017 highlights:** Tied Canadian SW record with a 2.9 run at first annual Edmonton K-Days

**Career highlights:** 2011 Calgary Stampede Steer Wrestling Champion

Horse: Smoke, sorrel gelding, 18 yrs old (2017 Steer Wrestling Horse of the Year), Peggy Sue, sorrel mare

**Other occupation:** Rancher

**Special interests:** Hockey, golf, hunting

**Height and weight:** 5'10, 280 lbs

**Family:** Single

**Relatives in rodeo:** Baillie and Tanner (brothers, SW)

# Top Contestants of 2017

## TANNER MILAN

Cochrane, AB



**Event:** Steer Wrestling

**Born:** Sept 8, 1983

**Year turned pro:** 2002

**CFR qualifications:** (13) 2002, 2005-2009, 2011-2017

**NFR qualifications:** (2) 2015, 2017

**2017 standings:** 5th

**2017 earnings:** \$40,673.42

**2017 highlights:** Qualifying for CFR and NFR, SW Season Leader

**Career highlights:** 2 x Canadian Steer Wrestling Champion (2012, 2014)

**Horses:** Smoke, sorrel gelding, 18 yrs old (2017 Steer Wrestling Horse of the

Year), Jerry, black gelding, 12 yrs old

**Other occupation:** Rancher

**Special interests:** Hunting, Sports

**Height and weight:** 6', 240 lbs **Family:** Single

**Relatives in rodeo:** Baillie and Straws (brothers, SW)

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## BRADY MINOR

Ellensburg WA



**Event:** Team Roping (Heeler)

**Born:** Dec 16, 1984

**Year turned pro:** 2004

**CFR qualifications:** (1) 2017

**NFR qualifications:** (9) 2006, 2008-2009, 2011, 2013-2017

**2017 standings:** 4th

**2017 earnings:** \$45,960.28

**2017 highlights:** Medicine Hat AB Champion, American Dallas TX Champion, Coulee City WA, Greeley CO Champion

**Horse:** Sug (short for Sugar), sorrel gelding, 12 yrs old

**Other occupation:** Family ranch

**Special interests:** Rodeo and travelling all year

**Height and weight:** 5'10, 185 lbs

**Family:** Ashley (wife) Maverick (son)

**Relatives in rodeo:** Riley (brother, TR Header); Jake (cousin, TR); Minor Family (inducted into Ellensburg Rodeo Hall of Fame)

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## RILEY MINOR

Ellensburg WA



**Event:** Team Roper (Header)

**Born:** Feb 7, 1988

**Year turned pro:** 2006

**CFR qualifications:** (1) 2017

**NFR qualifications:** (8) 2008-2009, 2011, 2013-2017

**2017 standings:** 4th

**2017 earnings:** \$45,960.27

**2017 highlights:** Medicine Hat AB Champion, American Dallas TX Champion, Coulee City WA, Greeley CO Champion

**Horse:** Bob, chestnut gelding, 15 yrs old

**Other occupation:** Family ranch

**Special interests:** Rodeo and travelling all year

**Height and weight:** 5'7, 165 lbs

**Family:** Jordan (wife); Monroe (daughter, 5 months)

**Relatives in rodeo:** Brady (brother, TR Heeler) Jake (cousin, TR) Minor family (inducted into Ellensburg Rodeo Hall of Fame)

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# Top Contestants of 2017

## TYLER PANKEWITZ

Ponoka, AB



**Event:** Bull Riding

**Born:** Feb 3, 1985

**Year turned pro:** 2004

**CFR qualifications:** (7) 2006, 2009, 2011-2012, 2014, 2016-2017

**2017 standings:** 11th

**2017 earnings:** \$27,310.15

**2017 highlights:** Coleman, AB; Innisfail, AB; Armstrong, BC; Drayton Valley, AB Champion

**Career highlights:** 2007 PBR Canadian Champion

**Other occupation:** Self employed

**Height and weight:** 5'10, 160 lbs

**Family:** Megan (wife) Tayze; (son) Breely and Whitley (daughters)

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## JARED PARSONAGE

Maple Creek, SK



**Event:** Bull Riding

**Born:** Mar 28, 1993

**Year turned pro:** 2014

**CFR qualifications:** (3) 2015-2017

**2017 standings:** 8th

**2017 earnings:** \$37,974.03

**2017 highlights:** Winning Glen Keeley Memorial, Tofield Champion

**Other occupation:** Ranching

**Special interests:** Hunting

**Height and weight:** 6'1, 170 lbs

**Family:** Single

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## JESSE POPESCU

Glenworth, SK



**Event:** Team Roping (Header), Tie Down Roping

**Born:** Oct 30, 1990

**Year turned pro:** 2013

**CFR qualifications:** (1) 2017

**2017 standings:** TR 7th, TDR 13th

**2017 earnings:** TR \$30,239.76 TDR \$16,329.00

**2017 highlights:** Sundre, AB; Jasper, AB Tie Down Roping Champion

**Horse:** Blue Duck (TR), grey gelding, 14 yrs old, Josie (TDR), bay mare, 8 yrs old

**Other occupation:** Horse trainer

**Height and weight:** 5'11, 185 lbs

**Family:** Carla (wife)

**Relatives in rodeo:** Tyler (brother, TR and TDR) Murray Linthicum (uncle, TR)



# Top Contestants of 2017

## CARMAN POZZOBON - 2017 Barrel Racing Champion

Aldergrove, BC



**Event:** Barrel Racing

**Born:** Jan 17, 1986

**Year turned pro:** 2015

**CFR qualifications:** (2) 2016-2017

**2017 standings:** 1st

**2017 earnings:** \$68,399.38

**2017 highlights:** Coleman, AB; Coronation, AB; Armstrong, BC; Ponoka, AB Champion

**Career highlights:** 2017 Ponoka Champion

**Horse:** Ripp, buckskin mare, 7 yrs old (2017 Ladies Barrel Racing Horse with the

Most Heart)

**Other occupation:** Barrel horse trainer

**Height:** 5'9

**Relatives in rodeo:** Cole (brother, TR); Ty (cousin, BR)

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## TRAVIS REAY

Mayerthorpe, AB



**Event:** Steer Wrestling

**Born:** May 10, 1979

**Year turned pro:** 2009

**CFR qualifications:** (5) 2012-2015, 2017

**2017 standings:** 12th

**2017 earnings:** \$21,334.00

**Career highlights:** 2013 Canadian All Around Champion, 2009 Canadian Rookie

**Horses:** Reno, sorrel gelding, 7 yrs old, roan gelding, 12 yrs old, Colonel, brown gelding, 17 yrs old

**Other occupation:** Rancher

**Special interests:** Hunting

**Height and weight:** 6'1, 230 lbs

**Family:** Jacqueline (wife); Traylin (daughter)

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## RHEN RICHARD

Roosevelt, UT,



**Event:** Tie Down Roper, Team Roper (Header)

**Born:** May 22, 1989

**Year turned pro:** 2008

**CFR qualifications:** TR (4) 2011-2014 TDR (3) 2015-2017

**2017 standings:** TDR 8th TR 19th

**2017 earnings:** TDR \$34,122.24 TR \$9,050.99

**2017 highlights:** Cranbrook BC, Wainwright AB, Rocky Mountain House AB Champion

**Career highlights:** 2008 PRCA Heeling Rookie of the Year

**Horse:** Patron (TDR), sorrel mare, 6 yrs old

**Other occupation:** Rancher

**Height and weight:** 6'1, 200 lbs

**Family:** Chalis (wife); Ruby (daughter)

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# Top Contestants of 2017

## KASPER ROY

Mossleigh, AB



**Event:** Team roping (Heeler)  
**Born:** Jun 19, 1993  
**Year turned pro:** 2011  
**CFR qualifications:** (4) 2013, 2015-2017  
**2017 standings:** 12th  
**2017 earnings:** \$16,471.18  
**2017 highlights:** Airdrie AB; Sundre, AB; Morris, MB Champion  
**Career highlights:** 3.8 in Sundre, AB  
**Horse:** Bam Bam, dun gelding, 13 yrs old  
**Other occupation:** Farrier

**Height and weight:** 6'2, 200 lbs

**Family:** Single

**Relatives in rodeo:** Riley (TR, Denver (SW), Layton Green (SB), Garrett Green (BR)

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## RILEY ROY

Strathmore, AB



**Event:** Team Roping (Header)  
**Born:** Jun 28, 1993  
**Year turned pro:** 2013  
**CFR qualifications:** (1) 2017  
**2017 standings:** 10th  
**2017 earnings:** \$18,502.89  
**2017 highlights:** Ponoka AB Average Champion, Armstrong Tour Finals Winner with a 4.5 run, Grimshaw AB Champion with 4.8 run  
**Career highlights:** 2010 LRA Finals Champion  
**Horse:** Withers, black gelding, 21 yrs old, Doug, bay gelding, 13 yrs old

**Other occupation:** Rig welder

**Height and weight:** 5'11, 195 lbs

**Family:** Single

**Relatives in rodeo:** Mark (SW); Kasper (TR)

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## JASON SCHAFFER

Broadus, MT



**Event:** Tie Down Roping  
**Born:** May 11, 1990  
**Year turned pro:** 2012  
**CFR qualifications:** (2) 2013, 2017  
**2017 standings:** 11th  
**2017 earnings:** \$22,435.32  
**2017 highlights:** Ponoka AB Champion  
**Career highlights:** Making CFR in 2013, College Champion All Around Champion 2013 at Deadwood, SD  
**Horse:** Nat, sorrel gelding, 11 yrs old

**Other occupation:** Rancher

**Height and weight:** 5'11, 185 lbs

**Family:** Shauna (wife); Coy (son)

# Top Contestants of 2017

## CORT SCHEER

Elsmere NE



**Event:** Saddle Bronc  
**Born:** May 8, 1986  
**Year turned pro:** 2009  
**CFR qualifications:** (4) 2013-2015, 2017  
**NFR qualifications:** (4) 2010, 2012-2014  
**2017 standings:** 3rd  
**2017 earnings:** \$60,609.08  
**2017 highlights:** Hanna, AB Champion  
**Career highlights:** 2013 Calgary Stampede Champion  
**Other occupation:** Rancher

**Height and weight:** 5'10, 165 lbs

**Family:** Single

**Relatives in rodeo:** Clete (brother, TDR)

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## SCOTT SCHIFFNER

Strathmore, AB



**Event:** Bull Riding  
**Born:** April 1, 1980  
**Year turned pro:** 1998  
**CFR qualifications:** (17) 1998-2001, 2003-2006, 2008-2010, 2012-2017  
**2017 standings:** 5th  
**2017 earnings:** \$45,160.31  
**Career highlights:** 2 x Canadian Bull Riding Champion (2001, 2012), 2012 Cowboy of the Year, 2 x Calgary Stampede Champion (2001, 2014), Calgary Stampede Guy Weadick Award Winner 2011, Canadian PBR Champion 2006  
**Other occupation:** Rancher

**Special interests:** Family time

**Height and weight:** 5'8, 160lbs

**Family:** Brandy (wife); Maysa, Hadley and Oaklyn (daughters)

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## KEVIN SCHREINER

Medicine Hat, AB



**Event:** Team Roper (Heeler)  
**Born:** Dec 10, 1979  
**Year turned pro:** 1999  
**CFR qualifications:** (10) 2002-2005, 2009, 2011-2012, 2014-2015, 2017  
**2017 standings:** 7th  
**2017 earnings:** \$29,168.14  
**2017 highlights:** La Crete AB, Medicine Lodge AB Champion  
**Career highlights:** 2009 Canadian Heeler Champion, 1999 Canadian Heeler Champion  
**Horse:** Marty, bay gelding, 13 yrs old

**Other occupation:** Swabbing company

**Special interests:** Spending time with family

**Height and weight:** 6', 240 lbs

**Family:** Kara (wife); Kody (daughter); Blade (son)

**Relatives in rodeo:** George (dad, TR); Clint (brother, TR)

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# Top Contestants of 2017

## MATT SHERWOOD

Pima, AZ



**Event:** Team Roping (Header)  
**Born:** Sept 20, 1969  
**Year turned pro:** 1994  
**CFR qualifications:** (1) 2017  
**NFR qualifications:** (5) 2006, 2008, 2011, 2015-2016  
**2017 standings:** 8th  
**2017 earnings:** \$27,709.02  
**2017 highlights:** Big E Round up Okotoks Champion  
**Career highlights:** 2 x Team Roping World Champion (2006, 2008), 2014 George Strait TR Champion

**Horse:** Murphy, sorrel mare, 13 yrs old  
**Other occupation:** Construction  
**Height and weight:** 6', 170 lbs  
**Family:** Kim (wife); Megan, Jessica, Aubrie and Ashlie (daughters); Cody, Logan and Porter (sons)  
**Relatives in rodeo:** Steve and Kit (brothers, TR)

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## LEVI SIMPSON - 2017 Heading Champion

Ponoka, AB



**Events:** Team roping (Header), Tie down roping  
**Born:** March 27, 1988  
**Year turned pro:** 2008  
**CFR qualifications:** (9) 2009-2017  
**NFR qualifications:** (1) 2016  
**2017 standings:** 1st  
**2017 earnings:** \$59,006.66  
**2017 highlights:** Ponoka, AB; Olds, AB Champion  
**Career highlights:** 2016 World Team Roping Header Champion, 2016 NFR

Team Roping Average Champion, 3x Canadian Team Roping Champion (2011, 2014, and 2017)  
**Horses:** Stetson, sorrel gelding, 10 yrs old, Fraser, sorrel gelding, 21 yrs old  
**Height and weight:** 5'11, 220 lbs  
**Family:** Rebecca (wife); Annie (daughter)  
**Relatives in rodeo:** Chase (brother, TR)

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## DIANE SKOCDOPOLE

Big Valley, AB



**Event:** Barrel Racing  
**Born:** May 25, 1974  
**Year turned pro:** 2017  
**CFR qualifications:** (1) 2017  
**2017 highlights:** Placing 2nd at the First Annual Edmonton K-Days Rodeo, Camrose, AB; Innisfail, AB; La Crete, AB; Pincher Creek, AB; Filling permit at Camrose, AB  
**Career highlights:** Champion CPRA Permit Award Winner and Rookie of the Year

**Horse:** Sonic, sorrel mare, 8 yrs old, Sizzle, sorrel mare, 8 yrs old

**Other occupation:** Mom, ranch hand, Canada Post  
**Special interests:** Riding horses  
**Height:** 5'4  
**Family:** Dale (husband); Coy (son)  
**Relatives in rodeo:** Dale (husband, TR, TDR) Coy (son, TR, TDR)

## Top Contestants of 2017

### GARRETT SMITH - 2017 Bull Riding Champion

Rexburg, ID



**Event:** Bull Riding  
**Born:** Jan 20, 1995  
**Year turned pro:** 2014  
**CFR qualifications:** (1) 2017  
**NFR qualifications:** (2) 2016-2017  
**2017 standings:** 1st  
**2017 earnings:** \$70,184.98  
**2017 highlights:** Ponoka, AB; Strathmore, AB; Medicine Hat, AB; Pincher Creek, AB Champion  
**Career highlights:** Won round 10 at 2016 NFR, Won round 2 at 2017 NFR,

**Special interests:** Steer wrestling

**Height and weight:** 5'9, 145 lbs

**Family:** Single

**Relatives in rodeo:** Wyatt (brother, SW) Payson (brother, roper)

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### TY TAYPOTAT

Regina, SK



**Event:** Bareback Riding  
**Born:** Dec 25, 1991  
**Year turned pro:** 2011  
**CFR qualifications:** (6) 2011-2012, 2014-2017  
**2017 standings:** 9th  
**2017 earnings:** \$27,634.64  
**2017 highlights:** Brooks AB, Medicine Hat AB Champion, Cloverdale BC Champion  
**Career highlights:** 2012 Wainwright AB Champion, 2011 CPRA Permit Award Winner and Rookie of the Year

**Other occupation:** Rancher

**Special interests:** Working on trucks

**Height and weight:** 5'8, 190 lbs

**Family:** Adalie (daughter) Hazer (son)

**Relatives in rodeo:** Curtis (dad, BB, TDR) Sam (uncle, BR, TDR) Darrell (uncle, TDR)

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### JASON THOMAS - 2017 Steer Wrestling Champion

Benton, AR



**Event:** Steer Wrestling  
**Born:** May 29, 1990  
**Year turned pro:** 2013  
**CFR qualifications:** (1) 2017  
**NFR qualifications:** (1) 2016  
**2017 standings:** 1st  
**2017 earnings:** \$59,177.23  
**2017 highlights:** Ponoka, AB Champion  
**Career highlights:** San Antonio 2016 Champion, 2013 PRCA Rookie of the Year, Collage Finals Champion 2011

**Horse:** Frosty, grey gelding, 19 yrs old

**Height and weight:** 6'2, 240 lbs

**Family:** Single

**Relatives in rodeo:** Jim (dad, SW, TDR, TR) Leanne (mom, LBR, break away roper)

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# Top Contestants of 2017

## ZEKE THURSTON

Big Valley, AB



**Event:** Saddle Bronc Riding

**Born:** July 15, 1994

**Year turned pro:** 2015

**CFR qualifications:** (2) 2015, 2017

**NFR qualifications:** (3) 2015-2017

**2017 standings:** 2nd

**2017 earnings:** \$83,128.60

**2017 highlights:** Calgary Stampede Champion, First Annual Edmonton K-Days Champion, Ponoka, AB; Armstrong, BC; Camrose, AB; Jasper, AB Champion

**Career highlights:** 2016 World Saddle Bronc Champion, 3x Calgary Stampede

Champion (2015-2017), 2015 Rodeo Houston Champion

**Other occupation:** Rancher

**Special interests:** Roping, hunting

**Height and weight:** 5'9, 145 lbs

**Family:** Jayne (wife) **Relatives in rodeo:** Skeeter (dad, SB), Wyatt and Sam (brothers, SB)

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## STETSON VEST

Childress, TX



**Event:** Tie down roping

**Born:** July 3, 1986

**Year turned pro:** 2009

**CFR qualifications:** (2) 2016-2017

**NFR qualifications:** (1) 2013

**2017 standings:** 3rd

**2017 earnings:** \$49,127.97

**2017 highlights:** Co-winner for CFR go-round 5, 2017

**Horse:** Nitro, sorrel gelding, 14 yrs old

**Other occupation:** Rancher

**Height and weight:** 6'4, 205 lbs

**Family:** Chenae (wife)

**Relatives in rodeo:** Stran (uncle, TDR); Tuff Cooper (cousin, TDR); Cliff Cooper (cousin, TDR); Trevor Brazile (cousin, TDR) Shada Brazile (cousin, LBR)

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## JR VEZAIN

Melstone, MT



**Event:** Bareback riding

**Born:** February 22, 1992

**Year turned pro:** 2011

**CFR qualifications:** (4) 2012, 2014, 2016-2017

**NFR qualifications:** (6) 2012-2017 (Did not compete in 2015 due to injury)

**2017 standings:** 3rd

**2017 earnings:** \$52,742.46

**2017 highlights:** First annual Edmonton K-Days Champion, 2nd at Ponoka, AB; Wainwright Champion

**Career highlights:** Resistol Bareback Riding Rookie of the Year 2011, 2012

Canadian Bareback Champion, 2012 CFR Average Winner, 2011 College Champion

**Other occupation:** Rancher

**Height and weight:** 5'8, 165 lbs

**Family:** Shelby (wife)

**Relatives in rodeo:** Nevada Newman (brother-in-law, PBR); Sage Newman (brother-in-law, SB); Shawn Perkins (cousin, BB)

# Top Contestants of 2017

## JAKE VOLD

Ponoka, AB



**Events:** Bareback riding

**Born:** March 12, 1987

**Year turned pro:** 2010

**CFR qualifications:** NBB (1) 2007 BB (8) 2010-2017

**NFR qualifications:** (3) 2014, 2016-2017

**2017 standings:** 2nd

**2017 earnings:** \$74,128.25

**2017 highlights:** Rodeo Houston Champion, Ponoka, AB; Morris, MB; Armstrong, BC, Stavely, AB; Camrose, AB; Hanna, AB Champion

**Career highlights:** 3 x Canadian Bareback Champion (2014-2016), 4x Canadian

Bareback Season Leader, 2007 Canadian Novice Bareback Champion, 5x Wrangler Tour Champion

**Special interests:** Hunting

**Height and weight:** 5'10, 170 lbs

**Family:** Sara (wife), Kenzie (daughter)

**Relatives in rodeo:** Rode (brother, SW), Wayne (uncle, Stock contractor)

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## DUSTIN WALKER

Vanscoy, SK



**Events:** Steer wrestling, team roping

**Born:** April 26, 1983

**Year turned pro:** 2003

**CFR qualifications:** (5) 2013-2017

**2017 standings:** 7th

**2017 earnings:** \$36,953.03

**2017 highlights:** Split Go Round 5 at CFR

**Career highlights:** Owns 2016 SW Horse of the Year Tank, 2011 CCA SW Champion

**Horses:** Tank, bay gelding, 14 yrs old, Poss, Hazer, sorrel gelding, 15 yrs old

**Other occupation:** Custom fencer, rancher

**Special interests:** Hunting, fishing

**Height and weight:** 5'11, 225 lbs

**Family:** Single

**Relatives in rodeo:** Dallas (brother, SW)

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## RILEY WARREN

Stettler, AB



**Events:** Tie down roping, team roping (Heeler)

**Born:** Sept 23, 1989

**Year turned pro:** 2012

**CFR qualifications:** TDR (4) 2012, 2014, 2016-2017 TR (2) 2014, 2017

**2017 highlights:** Regina, SK Champion

**Horse:** Mona, TDR, sorrel mare, 11 yrs old

**Other occupation:** Horse trainer

**Height and weight:** 5'9, 200 lbs

**Family:** Single

# Top Contestants of 2017

## JAKE WATSON

Hudson's Hope, B.C.



**Event:** Saddle bronc riding

**Born:** April 9, 1993

**CFR qualifications:** NSB (1) 2013 SB (2) 2016-2017

**NFR qualifications:** (1) 2016

**2017 standings:** 12th

**2017 earnings:** 17,727.87

**2017 highlights:** High River, AB Champion

**Career highlights:** 2016 San Antonio Champion, 2nd in Average at 2016 NFR

**Other occupation:** Rancher

**Special interests:** Hunting, fishing, dog sledding, riding horses

**Height and weight:** 5'6, 150 lbs

**Family:** Single

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## KIRSTY WHITE

Big Valley, AB



**Events:** Ladies barrel racing

**Born:** September 21, 1965

**Year turned pro:** 1992

**CFR qualifications:** (4) 2013, 2015-2017

**2017 standings:** 7th

**2017 earnings:** \$38,376.21

**2017 highlights:** Cloverdale, BC Champion; Won a round at Calgary Stampede; Okotoks, AB Champion

**Career highlights:** 2012 Cowgirl of the Year, 2016 Season Leader, Owner of Racey Barrel Racing Horse with the Most Heart 2016

**Horse:** Racey, sorrel mare, 11 yrs old, Raisin, bay mare, 5 yrs old

**Other occupation:** Horse trainer, farrier

**Special interests:** Landscaping, interior decorating

**Height:** 5'4

**Family:** Dane (son)

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## DEVIN WIGEMYR

Brooks, AB



**Event:** Team roping (heeler)

**Born:** March 28, 1995

**Year turned pro:** 2015

**CFR qualifications:** (2) 2016-2017

**2017 standings:** 6th

**2017 earnings:** \$43,089.18

**2017 highlights:** Jasper, AB; Teepee Creek, AB; Coleman, AB Champion, 2nd at the First Annual Edmonton K-Days

**Career highlights:** 2014 CCA Finals Team Roping Champion

**Horse:** Ardox, palomino gelding, 10 yrs old

**Height and weight:** 5'11, 150 lbs

**Family:** Single

**Relatives in rodeo:** Lynette Brodoway (aunt, LBR)

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# Top Contestants of 2017

## WALT WOODWARD

Stephenville, TX



**Event:** Team Roping (Heeler)

**Born:** Nov 11, 1955

**Year turned pro:** 1976

**CFR qualifications:** (1) 2017

**NFR qualifications:** (20) 1976-1990, 1993, 2006-2008, 2011

**2017 standings:** 8th

**2017 earnings:** \$27,709.01

**Career highlights:** 2 x World Team Roping Champion (1981, 2007)

**Horse:** Blue Berrie, blue roan bay gelding, 9 yrs old

**Other occupation:** Team Roping Instructor

**Height and weight:** 5'10, 220 lbs

**Family:** Darlene (wife) Travis; (son, NFR qualifier); Wyatt (grandson); Audrey (granddaughter)

**Relatives in rodeo:** Dale (brother, TDR, TR Heeler)

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## More Top Rodeo Contestants

### **Dylan Bilton, Innisfail, AB**

Event: Bareback Riding, Born: August 21, 1992, Year turned pro: 2014, 2017 standings: 14th, 2017 earnings: \$10,933.86, 2017 highlights: Bruce AB Champion, Glen Cross Charity Roughstock Event Champion, Career highlights: 3 x FCA Bareback Champion (2010, 2011, 2012), Novice Bareback CFR Qualifier, Other occupation: City of Red Deer employee, farmer, Special Interests: Hunting, Height and weight: 5'8, 160 lbs, Family: Catharine (wife)

### **Kyle Bowers, Drayton Valley, AB**

Event: Bareback Riding, Born: Feb 4, 1977, Year turned pro: 1999, CFR qualifications: NBB (2) 1997-1998 BB (15) 2000-2001, 2003-2011, 2013-2016, NFR qualifications: (2) 2004-2005, 2017 standings: 15th, 2017 earnings: \$9,917.70, 2017 highlights: High Prairie AB Champion, Benalto AB Co-Champion, Career highlights: 3 x Canadian Bareback Champion (2003, 2008-2009), 2 x Canadian Novice Bareback Champion (1997-1998), Special interests: Back country sledding, Height and weight: 6', 190 lbs, Family: Single, Relatives in rodeo: Robert (brother, retired BB/BR)

### **Preston Burr, Stratford, TX**

Event: Saddle Bronc Riding, Born: Jan 30, 1996, Year turned pro: 2016, 2017 standings: 20th, 2017 earnings: \$6,586.80, 2017 highlights: Collage Finals Saddle Bronc Champion, Career highlights: All Around and Bareback Champion, Texas High School Finals 2014, Other occupation: Rancher, horse trainer, Special Interests: Riding colts, rodeo, Height and weight: 5'9, 185 lbs, Family: Single, Relatives in rodeo: Ed (dad, TR)

### **Brock Butterfield, Ponoka, AB**

Event: Steer Wrestling, Born: Oct 8, 1985, Year turned pro: 2006, CFR qualifications: (2) 2007, 2016, 2017 standings: 16th, 2017 earnings: \$13,760, Horse: Hat Brim, palomino gelding, 8 yrs old, Height and weight: 5'11, 200 lbs, Family: Single, Relatives in rodeo: Luke (brother, SB, SW) Chance (cousin, SW)

### **Randall Carlisle, Athens, LA**

Event: Tie Down Roping, Born: Dec 3, 1986, Year turned pro: 2006, CFR qualifications: (1) 2014, NFR qualifications: (2) 2013, 2017, 2017 standings: 16th, 2017 earnings: \$13,846.56, 2017 highlights: Grande Prairie, AB Champion, 7th Go Round Winner at NFR, Horse: KG, sorrel gelding, 16 yrs old, Cat, bay gelding, 10 yrs old, Height and weight: 5'10, 180 lbs, Family: Single

### **Riker Carter, Stone, ID**

Event: Bull Riding, Born: Mar 3, 1992, Year turned pro: 2011, 2017 Standings: 17th, 2017 earnings: \$12,637.48, 2017 highlights: Lea Park, AB; High River, AB; Jasper, AB; Blackfoot, ID; Houston Super Shoot Out Champion, Career highlights: 2016 Fort Worth Champion, Other occupation: Fencer, Special interests: Snowmobiling, Height and weight: 5'10, 150 lbs, Family: Single

### **Crystal Christman, Black Diamond, AB**

Event: Barrel Racing, Born: Sept 8, 1978, Year turned pro: 2014, 2017 standings: 13th, 2017 earnings: \$15,284.02, 2017 highlights: First annual Edmonton K-Days Champion, Rocky Mountain House Champion, travelling with my children, Career highlights: Being part of the grand opening video at Edmonton K-Days, Horse: Lenny, sorrel gelding, 9 yrs old, Binger, sorrel gelding, 18 yrs old, Other occupation: Vet, Special interests: Family, Height: 5'4, Family: Brad (husband) Peyton and Sterling (daughters)



# More Top Rodeo Contestants

## **Tyler Corrington, Hastings, MN**

Event: Saddle Bronc Riding, Born: Jan 13, 1986, Year turned pro: 2006, CFR qualifications: (3) 2012-2014, NFR qualifications: (3) 2011, 2013-2014, 2017 standings: 17th, 2017 earnings: \$8,689.88, Career highlights: 2014 Canadian Saddle Bronc Champion, Other occupation: Ranch hand, Special interests: Golfing, skiing, Height and weight: 5'11, 180 lbs, Family: Morgan (wife), Relatives in rodeo: Doug (dad, SB)

## **Justin Davis, Cottonwood, CA**

Event: Team Roping (Heeler), Born: Nov 6, 1987, Year turned pro: 2006, NFR qualifications: (1) 2009, 2017 standings: 17th, 2017 earnings: \$11,257.74, 2017 highlights: Hermiston, Oregon Champion; Baker, MT Champion, Horse: Slim Shady, sorrel gelding, 18 yrs old, Height and weight: 6', 185 lbs, Family: Emy (wife) Shyla (daughter)

## **Cole Davison, Vulcan, AB**

Event: Team Roping (Heeler), Born: Feb 16, 1989, 2017 standings: 14th, 2017 earnings: \$13,320.86, 2017 Highlights: Grande Prairie, AB; Hand Hills, AB Champion, Horse: Apollo, sorrel gelding, 7 yrs old, Height and weight: 6'3, 206 lbs, Family: Whitney (wife) Milli (daughter, 7)

## **Fabian Dueck, Acme, AB (Born in Loma Plata Paraguay)**

Event: Bull Riding, Born: Sept 7, 1992, Year turned pro: 2015, CFR qualifications: (1) 2016, 2017 standings: 19th, 2017 earnings: \$10,495.68, 2017 highlights: Had a successful shoulder surgery, Career highlights: 2016 Medicine Lodge Champion, Other occupation: Ranch hand, Height and weight: 6', 180 lbs, Family: Ophelia (wife)

## **Kendra Edey, Longview, AB**

Event: Barrel Racing, Born: Nov 19, 1981, Year turned pro: 2005, CFR qualifications: (3) 2008-2009, 2015, 2017 standings: 15th, 2017 earnings: \$14,647.62, 2017 highlights: The entire season! Horse: Captain, sorrel gelding, 17 yrs old, June, sorrel mare, 11 yrs old, Other occupation: Barrel horse trainer, Height: 5'4, Family: Joel (husband)

## **Dawson Graham, Wainwright, AB**

Event: Team Roping (Header), Born: May 10, 1999, Year turned pro: 2016, 2017 standings: 17th, 2017 earnings: \$11,718.69, 2017 highlights: Tied the 2nd fastest time in Canadian history with a 3.7 run at Pincher Creek with brother; Dillon, Wainwright, AB short go winner; Kennedy, SK Champion, Career highlights: Won a truck at 13 years old in a Jackpot in Arizona, 2015 WRA Team Roping Champion, Horse: Outlaw, palomino gelding, 6 yrs old, Tom, bay gelding, 11 yrs old, Other occupation: Farrier, Height and weight: 6'1, 190 lbs, Family: Single, Relatives in rodeo: Dillon (brother, TR Heeler)

## **Dillon Graham, Wainwright, AB**

Event: Team Roping (Heeler), Born: Jan 4, 2001, Year turned pro: 2016, 2017 standings: 16th, 2017 earnings: \$11,718.68, 2017 highlights: Tied the 2nd fastest time in Canadian history with a 3.7 run at Pincher Creek with brother, Dawson; Wainwright, AB short go winner; Kennedy, SK Champion, Career highlights: WRA Team Roping Champion 2014, WRA Break Away Champion 2013, Horse: Jake, bay gelding, 19 yrs old, Pop Tart, bay gelding, 10 yrs old, Other occupation: High school student, Height and weight: 5'11, 165 lbs, Family: Single, Relatives in rodeo: Dawson (brother, TR Header)

# More Top Rodeo Contestants

## **Pascal Isabelle, Okotoks, AB**

Event: Bareback Riding, Born: July 23, 1992

Year turned pro: 2016, CFR qualifications: (1) 2016, 2017 standings: 17th, 2017 earnings: \$8,645.13, Career highlights: Qualifying for CFR in rookie year, Other occupation: Dry wall, Height and weight: 5'10, 170 lbs, Family: Single, Relatives in rodeo: Eric (brother, BR)

## **Cory Kidd, Statesville, NC**

Event: Team Roping (Header), Born: Oct 19, 1989, Year turned pro: 2010, 2017 standings: 14th, 2017 earnings: \$13,320.80, 2017 highlights: Grande Prairie, AB; Hand Hills, AB Champion, Horse: Gus, sorrel gelding, 13 yrs old, Special interests: Golf, Height and weight: 6', 210 lbs, Family: Single

## **Coleman Kohorst, Okotoks, AB**

Event: Steer Wrestling, Born: Nov 25, 1983, Year turned pro: 2010, CFR qualifications: (2) 2012, 2015, 2017 standings: 13th, 2017 earnings: \$14,123.93, 2017 highlights: Wainwright, AB, Jasper, AB, Okotoks, AB Champion, Career highlights: 2015 Ponoka Stampede Champion, Horse: Chicken, black gelding, 15 yrs old, Other occupation: Heavy duty mechanic, Special interests: Hunting, fishing, Height and weight: 6', 220 lbs, Family: Single, Relatives in rodeo: Rick (dad, SW)

## **Zane Lambert, Ponoka, AB**

Event: Bull Riding, Born: July 2, 1986, Year turned pro: 2004, CFR qualifications: (3) 2013, 2015-2016, 2017 standings: 15th, 2017 earnings: \$16,254.64, 2017 highlights: Wainwright, AB; Dawson Creek, BC (90 points, highest marked ride of the 2017 season) Champion, Career highlights: 5x PBR World Finals Qualifier, 2x PBR Canada Champion 2017, 11x PBR Canada Qualifier, Height and weight: 5'11, 175 lbs, Family: Stacey (wife)

## **Tyrel Larsen, Inglis, MB**

Event: Saddle Bronc Riding, Born: June 24, 1989, Year turned pro: 2010, CFR qualifications: (1) 2013, NFR qualifications: (1) 2015, 2017 standings: 16th, 2017 earnings: \$9,640.80, Career highlights: CNFR Saddle Bronc Champion 2012, CFR and NFR Qualifier, Height and weight: 6', 160 lbs, Family: Chaney (wife) Charlie (son), Relatives in rodeo: Orin (brother, BB) Kane (brother, BR)

## **Jesse Lawes, Provost, AB**

Event: Steer Wrestling, Born: April 20, 1992, Year turned pro: 2014, CFR qualifications: (1) 2014, 2017 standings: 17th, 2017 earnings: \$13,559.08, 2017 highlights: Drayton Valley, AB Champion; Competing at Edmonton K-Days and the Grass Roots Finals, Career highlights: Qualifying for CFR in rookie year, 2015 Calgary Stampede Qualifier, Horses: Nitro (Haze), sorrel gelding, 13 yrs old, Other occupation: Auctioneer, rancher, Special interests: Hockey, fishing, Height and weight: 5'8, 195 lbs, Family: Single, Relatives in rodeo: Lenny (uncle, Judge) Casey (brother, SW)

## **Clint Laye, Cadogan, AB**

Event: Bareback Riding, Born: Nov 22, 1993, Year turned pro: 2012, CFR qualifications: (3) 2012, 2013, 2015, NFR qualifications: (1) 2015, 2017 standings: 18th, 2017 earnings: \$7,689.72, Career highlights: 2015 Calgary Stampede Bareback Champion, Other occupation: Wood worker, Height and weight: 5'10, 175 lbs, Family: Cassidy (wife) Cohen (son)

## **Lane Mitchell, Bolivar, TN**

Event: Team Roping (Heeler), Born: May 7, 1994, Year turned pro: 2016, 2017 standings: 13th, 2017 earnings: \$14,308.50, 2017 highlights: Coronation, AB Champion, Horse: Kit Kat, red roan mare, 8 yrs old, Other occupation: Farmer, Height and weight: 6'1, 200 lbs, Family: Single, Relatives in rodeo: Clay and Ross (brothers, TR)

# More Top Rodeo Contestants

## **Bobby Peters, Pincher Creek, AB**

Event: Bareback Riding, Born: July 25, 1988, Year turned pro: 2011, 2017 standings: 16th, 2017 earnings: \$9,811.13, 2017 highlights: Coleman AB Champion, Other occupation: Ranching, Height and weight: 5'9, 170 lbs, Family: Kaycee (wife) Eva (daughter)

## **Murray Pole, Erskine, AB**

Event: Tie Down Roping, Born: Feb 27, 1979, Year turned pro: 2005, CFR qualifications: (4) 2007, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2017 standings: 17th, 2017 earnings: \$13,533.44, Career highlights: Arena record holder, Northlands Coliseum, 7.1 second run (2009), Horse: Cowboy, bay gelding, 9 yrs old, Other occupation: Rancher, Height and weight: 6', 180 lbs, Family: Joanne (wife) Levi (son) Lacey (daughter), Relatives in rodeo: Dean Edge (brother-in law, TDR)

## **Brock Radford, Dewinton, AB**

Event: Bull Riding, Born: May 27, 1995, Year turned pro: 2017, CFR qualifications: (2) 2016, 2017 (Did not compete in 2017), 2017 standings: 10th, 2017 earnings: \$29,779.97, 2017 highlights: Stavely, AB Champion, Height and weight: 5'10, 160 lbs, Family: Single

## **Ben Robinson, Innisfail, AB**

Event: Tie Down Roping, Born: Jan 13, 1995, Year turned pro: 2014, 2017 standings: 14th, 2017 earnings: \$13,967.51, 2017 highlights: Olds, AB, Okotoks, AB Champion, Horse: Caesar, sorrel gelding, 13 yrs old, Other occupation: Farmer, Height and weight: 5'10, 185 lbs, Family: Single, Relatives in rodeo: Kirk (brother, TDR) Larry (dad, TDR)

## **Chuck Schmidt, Keldron, SD**

Event: Saddle Bronc Riding, Born: Mar 28, 1988, Year turned pro: 2008, CFR qualifications: (3) 2013, 2015, 2016 (Did not compete in 2013 due to injury), NFR qualifications: (3) 2011, 2015, 2016, 2017 standings: 19th, 2017 earnings: \$6,881.17, 2017 highlights: Sundre, AB Champion; Kissimmee, Florida Champion, Career highlights: Austin, TX Champion 2015, Other occupation: Rancher, Height and weight: 5'10, 170 lbs, Family: Hanna (wife) Fallon (daughter)

## **Kolton Schmidt, Barrhead, AB**

Event: Team Roping (Header), Born: July 27, 1994, Year turned pro: 2010, CFR qualifications: (5) 2011, 2013-2016, NFR qualifications: (1) 2016, 2017 standings: 16th, 2017 earnings: \$12,200.66, 2017 highlights: Wainwright, AB Champion, Career highlights: 2013 Canadian Team Roping Champion, Horse: Badger, black gelding, 13 yrs old, (2016 CPRA and PRCA TR Heading Horse of the Year), Height and weight: 5'9, 175 lbs, Family: Single

## **Blair Smith, Wimborne, AB**

Event: Tie Down Roping, Born: Aug 18, 1995, Year turned pro: 2015, 2017 standings: 19th, 2017 earnings: \$13,017.23, 2017 highlights: Innisfail, AB Champion (Hometown rodeo), Career highlights: 2 x Provincial High School Tie down Roping Champion (2011, 2015), 2014 CCA and LRA Tie Down Roping Champion; Horse: Bibles, chestnut gelding, 13 yrs old; Other occupation: Pipe line worker, rancher, Special interests: Hunting, Height and weight: 6'4, 250 lbs, Family: Single, Relatives in rodeo: Garnet (dad, TDR) Shane (brother, TDR) Jason (brother, TDR) Guy (cousin, TDR)

## **Brady Tryan, Huntley, MT**

Event: Team Roping (Header), Born: Sept 7, 1989, Year turned pro: 2008, NFR qualifications: (2) 2010, 2011, 2017 standings: 13th, 2017 earnings: \$14,308.51, 2017 highlights: Coronation, AB; Killdeer, ND Champion, Career highlights: Winning 3 Go Rounds at NFR (Rounds 4 and 7 in 2010, Round 8 in 2011), Puyallup, Washington Champion 2011, Horse: Leo, sorrel gelding, 14 yrs old, Height and weight: 6', 200 lbs, Family: Single, Relatives in rodeo: Clay (brother, 3x World TR Champion) Travis (brother, TR)

## More Top Rodeo Contestants

### **Clay Ullery, Two Hills, AB**

Event: Team Roping (Header), Born: Feb 1, 1993, Year turned pro: 2011, CFR qualifications: (4) 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017 standings: 15th, 2017 earnings: \$12,718.61, 2017 highlights: Falkland, BC Champion, Won the short at Cheyenne, Career highlights: 2012 Ponoka, AB Champion, 2013 CFR Average Champion, Horse: Skeeter, sorrel gelding, 7 yrs old, Other occupation: Horse trainer, Special interest: Roping, Height and weight: 5'10, 145 lbs, Family: Single

### **Lane Watt, Irma, AB**

Event: Saddle Bronc Riding; Born: Oct 4, 1993; Year turned pro: 2013; CFR qualifications: NSB (1) 2012 ; 2017 standings: 18th, 2017 earnings: \$8,004.69; Other occupation: Pipe line, Height and weight: 5'5, 135 lbs, Family: Single, Relatives in rodeo: Coleman and Keifer (brothers, SB)

### **Shayna Weir, Ponoka, AB**

Event: Barrel Racing, Born: June 27, 1986, Year turned pro: 2015, 2017 standings: 14th, 2017 earnings: \$15,236.46, 2017 highlights: Short go at Wainwright, AB, Kennedy, SK, and Bonnyville, AB Champion, Horse: Dyna, bay mare, 8 yrs old, Other occupation: Customer account manager, UFA, Height: 5', Family: Sean (husband) Finnegan (son), Relatives in rodeo: Dodds family

### **Lonnie West, Cadogan, AB**

Event: Bull Riding, Born: Dec 15, 1995, Year turned pro: 2015, CFR qualifications: (2) 2015, 2016, 2017 standings: 16th, 2017 earnings: \$13,255.02, 2017 highlights: Two Monster Energy Tour wins, PBR Finals qualifier, Global Cup qualifier, Career highlights: 2015 Rookie of the Year, Other occupation: Heavy equipment tech, Special interests: Ice fishing, hunting, Height and weight: 5'10, 140 lbs, Family: Single, Relatives in rodeo: Kevin (dad, BR) Wendy (mom, LBR) Billy and Bryce (brothers, BR) Sara (sister, LBR)

### **Tyson Willick, Blaine Lake, SK**

Event: Steer Wrestling, Born: Feb 12, 1992, Year turned pro: 2014, 2017 standings: 14th , 2017 earnings: \$14,028.06, 2017 highlights: Williams Lake, BC Champion, Horse: Casper, grey gelding, 19 yrs old, Other occupation: Rancher, Special interests: Hunting, Height and weight: 6'2, 240 lbs, Family: Single

### **Riley Wilson, Cardston, AB**

Event: Team Roping (Heeler), Born: Feb 26, 1975  
Year turned pro: 2000, CFR qualifications: (13) 2000-2005, 2008-2013, 2016, 2017 standings: 15th; 2017 earnings: \$11,818.57, 2017 highlights: Short go at Cheyenne, WY, Falkland, BC Champion with a 3.9 run, Career highlights: Only Canadian to win the United States Championship 2016, Horse: Dirty Bird, roan mare, 9 yrs old, MR T, buckskin gelding, 8 yrs old, Other occupation: Farrier, Height and weight: 6'1, 175 lbs, Family: Single, Relatives in rodeo: Bob (dad, BR) Monica (mom, LBR) Randa Nugent (sister, LBR,, CPRA Rodeo Administrator), Mark Nugent (brother In-law, TDR, TR)

### **Todd Woodward, Lethbridge, AB**

Event: Steer Wrestling, Born: Mar 25, 1976, CFR qualifications: (10) 1998, 2000, 2005, 2009-2013; 2017 standings: 15th, 2017 earnings: \$13,806.79, Career highlights: 2007 Canadian Steer Wrestling Champion, 2007 Alberta Circuit Steer Wrestling Champion, Horse: Malta, grey mare, Reo, brown gelding, Other occupation: Rancher, Height: 6'3, Family: Single, Relatives in rodeo: DJ (brother, TR) Terry (sister In-law, LBR)



# 2017 Rookie and Permit Winner of the Year

## DIANE SKOCDOPOLE

For barrel racer, Diane Skocdopole, the 2017 pro rodeo season was an “out of body experience.”

Rookie of the Year? That thought hadn’t even occurred to Skocdopole as she prepped for the 2017 rodeo season. The Big Valley, Alberta cowgirl wanted to get an early start to the year and with CPRA rodeos getting going sooner than semi-pro events, decided to kick off her season at Camrose in April. The result—a win for her and her eight year-old mare “Sonic” (JG Hectors Pizzazz)—was “a complete surprise and meant I had to make some decisions,” she related.

The decision was to “buy her card and see where it goes and let the mare determine what would happen.”

Skocdopole and the Frenchman’s guy granddaughter, with cow bloodlines on the mare side, had gone to some futurities when Sonic was a five year-old, then qualified for the FCA Finals together a year later. A little more seasoning in the mare’s seven year-old year set the stage for the duo’s breakout 2017 campaign.

It wasn’t long before another surprise came along—Sonic had been better indoors to that point in her career but it soon became evident this was no one trick pony—the mare could beat them indoors and outside as wins at Innisfail, La Crete and Pincher Creek proved.

Factor in a second place finish at Edmonton’s cash-rich K-Days Rodeo in July and several more regular season placings and the talented twosome were off to the Grass Roots Final (the final event before the CFR). And once there, a standout performance enabled Skocdopole and Sonic to work their magic again in an effort to catch and pass teenage sensation, Taylor Manning in the duel for rookie honours. With her last run prior to the CFR, Skocdopole and Sonic topped the field on Saturday night, stopping the clock in 15.653 seconds - the fastest time of the weekend.

That win coupled with her 5th place finish during Friday night’s first Grass Roots performance, earned the likeable cowgirl second place in the average as well, for a \$3100 weekend...and the coveted rookie title.





# Top Novice Saddle Bronc Riders of 2017

## DAWSON HAY - 2017 Novice Saddle Bronc Champion

Wildwood, AB



**Event:** Novice Saddle Bronc

**Born:** July 13, 1998

**CFR qualifications:** BSR (1) 2013 NSB (2) 2016-2017

**2017 standings:** 1st

**2017 earnings:** \$10,941.82

**2017 highlights:** Calgary Stampede Novice SB Champion, Ponoka Novice SB Champion

**Other occupation:** College - Industrial Technology

**Family:** Single

**Relatives in rodeo:** Rod (dad, SB) Logan (brother, NSB) Denny (uncle, SB)

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## KOLE ASHBACHER

Arrowwood, AB



**Event:** Novice Saddle Bronc

**Born:** April 25, 1996

**CFR qualifications:** BSR (1) 2010 NSB (1) 2017

**2017 standings:** 2nd

**2017 earnings:** \$10,230.45

**2017 highlights:** Wildwood AB, Williams Lake BC Novice Saddle Bronc Champion

**Career highlights:** 2x Canadian College Champion 2016-2017

**Other occupation:** Student

**Height and weight:** 6'2, 170 lbs

**Family:** Single

**Relatives in rodeo:** Duane (dad, Stock Contractor)

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## COOPER THATCHER

Darbalara, New South Wales, Australia



**Event:** Novice Saddle Bronc

**Born:** Jul 9, 1997

**CFR qualifications:** (1) 2017

**2017 standings:** 3rd

**2017 earnings:** \$4, 382.46

**2017 highlights:** Placed 2nd at Ponoka AB, Kennedy SK, Bonnyville AB Champion

**Other occupation:** School

**Height and weight:** 5'9, 160 lbs

**Family:** Single

# Top Novice Bareback Riders of 2016

## CONNOR HAMILTON - 2017 Novice Bareback Champion

Calgary, AB



**Event:** Novice Bareback

**Born:** Feb 15, 1996

**CFR qualifications:** (1) 2017

**2017 standings:** 1st

**2017 earnings:** \$8,843.65

**2017 highlights:** Calgary Stampede Champion, Season Leader

**Career highlights:** 2 x Novice BB Calgary Stampede Champion (2016-2017)

**Height and weight:** 5'8, 170 lbs

**Family:** Single

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## MASON HELMECZI

Esterhazy, SK



**Event:** Novice Bareback

**Born:** Mar 16, 1998

**CFR qualifications:** (1) 2017

**2017 standings:** 2nd

**2017 earnings:** \$6,194.54

**2017 highlights:** Strathmore AB, Benalto AB, Hanna AB Champion, 3rd at Calgary Stampede in Novice BB

**Other occupation:** College- Agriculture Business

**Height and weight:** 5'11, 180 lbs

**Family:** Single

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## COLTON OUELLETTE

Meadow Lake, SK



**Event:** Novice Bareback

**Born:** Mar 2, 1997

**CFR qualifications:** (1) 2017

**2017 standings:** 3rd

**2017 earnings:** \$5,794.47

**2017 highlights:** LRA and WRA Season Leader

**Career highlights:** 2017 WRA Bareback Champion

**Other occupation:** Ranching

**Height and weight:** 6'1, 195 lbs

**Family:** Single

# Top Steer Riders of 2017

## LUKE FERBER - 2017 Steer Riding Champion

Irricana, AB



**Event:** Steer Riding

**Born:** Jun 12, 2002

**CFR Qualifications:** (3) 2015-2017

**2017 standings:** 1st

**2017 earnings:** \$7,429.65

**2017 highlights:** Calgary Stampede Champion, 2017 Season Leader, 80 points at Grande Prairie AB, 83.5 points at Bruce AB, 81 points at Calgary AB

**Career highlights:** 2015 Canadian Steer Riding Champion, 2017 Calgary Stampede Champion

**Special interests:** AAA-Avalanche Hockey

**Height and weight:** 5'9, 140 lbs

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## DIXON TATTRIE

Youngstown, AB



**Event:** Steer Riding

**Born:** April 19, 2002

**CFR qualifications:** (3) 2015-2016

**2017 standings:** 2nd

**2017 earnings:** \$7,413.56

**2017 highlights:** Armstrong BC, Benalto AB Champion

**Career highlights:** 2016 Canadian Steer Riding Champion

**Other occupation:** Student

**Special interests:** Taekwondo

**Height and weight:** 5'11, 125 lbs

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## QUADE HUGHSON

Foremost, AB



**Event:** Steer Riding

**Born:** April 18, 2002

**CFR qualifications:** (1) 2017

**2017 standings:** 3rd

**2017 earnings:** \$6,894.99

**2017 highlights:** Ponoka AB Champion

**Career highlights:** Chinook Rodeo Steer Riding Champion (2015)

**Other occupation:** School

**Special interests:** Hockey

**Height and weight:** 5'10, 145 lbs

# Top Steer Riders of 2017

## JETT LAMBERT

Grande Prairie, AB



**Event:** Steer Riding

**Born:** Sept 4, 2003

**CFR qualifications:** (1) 2017

**2017 standings:** 4th

**2017 earnings:** \$6,267.11

**2017 highlights:** CS Tour Champion

**Career highlights:** Calgary Stampede Tour Champion

**Other occupation:** School

**Special interests:** Hockey

**Height and weight:** 5'9, 150 lbs

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## BRANDON TETZ

Didsbury, AB



**Event:** Steer Riding

**Born:** Oct 18, 2002

**CFR qualifications:** (1) 2017

**2017 standings:** 5th

**2017 earnings:** \$5,379.30

**2017 highlights:** Airdrie AB, Sundre AB, Teepee Creek AB Champion

**Other occupation:** School

**Special interests:** Basketball, Hunting

**Height and weight:** 5'3, 115 lbs

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## DEXTER PATTON

Worsley, AB



**Event:** Steer Riding

**Born:** Jan 29, 2002

**CFR qualifications:** (1) 2017

**2017 standings:** 6th

**2017 earnings:** \$4,650.84

**2017 highlights:** Strathmore AB, Brooks AB Champion

**Other occupation:** Ranching

**Height and weight:** 5'8, 125 lbs