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Heading North For the Money

Idaho tie-down roper, Clint Arave is planning to spend a lot more time in Canada in 2015. And after winning the top cheque at the first spring rodeo of the new Canadian Professional Rodeo Association season, it could turn out to be a good decision.

"I've never started up here this early," offers Arave, who competed at thirty Canadian rodeos last year. "We usually go to a tour rodeo in Logandale, Nevada on this weekend but we decided to go up to Canada instead."

The ten hour trip to Medicine Hat turned out to be profitable. Arave, who was the third roper out in Friday morning's slack performance, tied his calf in 8.2-seconds to win the Broncs and Honky Tonks Spring Indoor Rodeo and the \$1,837 top prize.

"When you're up that early, you don't think about anything except being fast because there are so many more guys to go," suggests the Blackfoot, ID, cowboy. "I got a good go at him, laid him down and put a wrap and a half on him and he took it. I knew it was a good run but I was surprised it held up."

Riley Warren of Stettler, AB, was the closest to knocking Arave off his perch with an 8.3-second run while Erik Dublanko of Thorsby, AB, finished third with an 8.4-second trip during Sunday afternoon's final performance at the Medicine Hat Exhibition and Stampede Fieldhouse.

"It's very important to get a head start," says Arave, who qualified last year for his first Canadian Finals Rodeo. "We are competing not only against Canadians but when there's only five Americans allowed at the CFR, it's just as much competition with everyone coming from down south."

Among the others getting a head start on the competition by winning in Medicine Hat was Saskatchewan barrel racer, Kären Warren. She posted a time of 12.872 seconds during the final performance to take top spot away from BC's Chelsea Moore, who had set the bar on opening night. The win for Warren was worth \$1,885. Saskatchewan was also represented in the winner's circle by team ropers, Tyler and Jesse Popescul, who had a 5.1-second run to earn \$1,308 each while Craig Weisgerber of Ponoka, AB, and Jess Cowie of Foremost, AB, split the steer wrestling win with 4.0-second runs to win \$1,597 each.

Cole Goodine of Carbon, AB, topped the bareback riding with an 84-point score aboard Kesler Championship Rodeo's *Candy Smile* for \$1,189 while Layton Green of Meeting Creek, AB, on Kesler Championship Rodeo's *Cover Story*, and Andrew Clarys of Riverton, WY, on Kesler Championship Rodeo's *Stars Alive*, split the saddle bronc win with 80.5 scores to take home \$1,278 each. New Zealand's Adam Jamison who calls Okotoks, AB his Canadian home, took a step toward a second

CFR qualification with his 86 points on Kesler Championship Rodeo's *Houdini Magic* to win the bullriding top cheque worth \$1,405.

Complete results are posted at www.rodeocanada.com

After a weekend off, Pro Rodeo Canada competitors will resume the 2015 season with stops in Dawson Creek, BC (April 24-25), Camrose, AB (April 24-26) and Coleman, AB (April 24-26).

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 endorses over 50 events annually with a total payout exceeding \$5.1 million. Join us for the 42nd edition of the Canadian Finals Rodeo (CFR) November 11th-15th, 2015 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.