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BIRD HAS HOT HAND

Logan Bird missed his first two days of work at the Calgary Stampede. But he used the time off to his full advantage.

"It's great to get back in the hunt," offered the 21-year-old Bird, who won \$2,849 from the three Pro Rodeo Canada stops last weekend. "I had a really bad spring and was way behind. This will get me back in the middle of things."

Bird, who's now back at the Stampede helping his dad, Maynard, untie calves, won the tie-down roping at the Benalto Stampede in Benalto, AB, split 3rd at the Coronation Pro Rodeo in Coronation, AB and finished 3rd at the Taber Pro Rodeo in Taber, AB.

"I ran him a ways down the arena but I made one of the best runs I've ever made," recalled Bird of his rodeo-winning 7.6-second run in Benalto on July 3rd. "That's my fastest time in the pro's. I was 7.6 once in high school."

"Both the other calves were pretty good. In Taber, I missed the start and ran him a ways but I tied him good. I didn't actually think I was going to win that much (\$853) and in Coronation, it was just a good, solid run."

The two-time Alberta High School Rodeo Association tie-down roping champion 2013 CFR qualifier has now won \$5,023 in the past ten days and will likely move inside the top twenty of the new Pro Rodeo Canada tie-down roping standings. Much of the credit for Bird's recent change in fortunes rests squarely on his 12-year-old mount, *TJ*.

"He's been working awesome. I think he's the best horse in Canada," suggested the Nanton, AB, cowboy, who will have a front row seat to watch his horse under both Shane Hanchey and Clint Robinson during the Calgary Stampede. "They've won 30-thousand on him this year."

Other top money winners this past weekend included barrel racer, Nicole Pana (\$2,679); steer wrestler, Dayton Roworth (\$2,156); bareback rider, Logan Hodson (\$1,774) and Josh Harden (\$1,138 SB, \$703 SW); novice bareback rider, Wyatt Maines (\$652) and novice saddle bronc rider, Kole Ashbacher (\$747).

Meantime, several Pro Rodeo Canada cowboys have qualified for the finals of the Calgary Stampede after Pool 'A' competition. They include reigning Canadian steer wrestling champion, Tanner Milan, who won or split first in three of the four rounds; bareback riders, Clint Laye, Ty Taypotat, Kyle Bowers and Luke Creasy and Saskatchewan bull riders Dakota Buttar, Tanner Byrne and Aaron Roy.

Next up on the Pro Rodeo Canada schedule is the Kinsella Bull-A-Rama in Kinsella, AB (July 8) and the Teepee Creek Stampede in Teepee Creek, AB (July 10-12).

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About Pro Rodeo Canada: With its headquarters in Airdrie, Alberta, Pro Rodeo Canada is the sanctioning body for professional rodeo in Canada. The organization 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.