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Langevin in the Lead

Armed with a new outlook and renewed enthusiasm, bareback rider, Kevin Langevin has found himself in a very unfamiliar position this rodeo season.

"No, I never have," says Langevin, when asked if he's ever held the number one position in the Canadian Professional Rodeo Association standings before. "Hands down, this is the best spring I've ever had in my 11 year pro rodeo career. She's a long season but I'm happy with the start."

The 32 year-old, Rich Lake, AB cowboy is unofficially in top spot in the Canadian bareback standings after winning the 97th annual Falkland Stampede in Falkland, BC on the long weekend. Langevin was 84.5-points on Northcott Rodeo's, *McCarty Rose*, during the holiday Monday performance to pocket \$1,303, which boosts his 2015 earnings to \$3,138.

"I was pretty sore from Cloverdale after getting thrown on my cowboy hat twice," admits Langevin, who also competed at the invitational rodeo in Cloverdale, BC during the long weekend. "I had to back the bolts off on my riggin' just to get my hand in. And even worse, when I jumped for the pick-up man, my hand wouldn't come out and I ended up on my head one more time."

The jump to first place comes nearly a year after Langevin was forced to leave the rodeo trail because of a serious shoulder injury.

"I separated my AC joint in Grande Prairie," relays the 2010 CFR qualifier. "I could have come back half way through the season but it was career threatening. My first horse back was at Jake's (Vold) bareback school. I got off and it never hurt a bit and hasn't since. And I've been testing it lately with my flying dismounts."

"Sitting out for a year was probably the best thing to happen to me. I've got a new attitude towards rodeo. I'm back to wanting it more."

Bullrider, Travis Maguire's debut on the Pro Rodeo Canada trail continues to be spectacular. The Siksika Nation, AB, cowboy won his second rodeo of the month with an 86-point ride on Northcott Rodeo's, *Harlum Knights*.

"I'm really surprised," says the 21 year-old Maguire of his fast start to the season. "It's a dream come true. I'm just doing what I love to do."

Maguire also won the Drayton Valley, AB Pro Rodeo and placed at the Stavely, AB Indoor Pro Rodeo to earn \$3,659 so far in May. Of that, \$2,056 will count in the Pro Rodeo Canada standings after Maguire filled his permit and bought his pro card after the Stavely win.

Other winners from Falkland include saddle bronc rider, Troy Crowser (86-points on Northcott Rodeo's, *Get Smart*, \$1,405), team ropers, Steele DePaoli/Kasper Roy (4.0-seconds, \$1,430 each), tie-down roper, Dean Edge (8.3-seconds, \$1,686), barrel racer, Lisa Zachoda (17.125-seconds, \$1,292), steer wrestlers, Straws Milan and Clayton Moore (3.6-seconds each, \$1,556 each) and boys steer rider, Dixon Tattrie (71-points, \$378).

CPRA competitors also took home some big money from the non-sanctioned, invitational Cloverdale Rodeo during the long weekend. Tyrell Larsen of Inglis, MB, won the saddle bronc riding (\$22,000) with a 90.5-point ride in Monday's final while Julie Leggett of Kamloops, BC, topped the barrel racing (\$22,400) with a 16.195-second run.

Next up on the Canadian Professional Rodeo Association schedule is the Grande Prairie Stampede in Grande Prairie, AB (May 27-31), the Blackgold Pro Rodeo in Leduc, AB (May 28-31), the Wildwood Bronc Bustin' in Wildwood, AB (May 29-30) and the Hand Hills Lake Stampede in Craigmyle, AB (May 30-31).

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