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TWO TIME CHAMP RETURNS TO ACTION

A trip north for reigning Canadian bareback champion, Jake Vold turned into an early wedding present. The 29-year-old, who will marry Sara Rutley in Ponoka, Alberta, on Saturday, has an extra \$3,268 to put towards the cost of the nuptials thanks to a pair of high-marked rides in La Crete, Alberta and Dawson Creek, BC.

“Before I came back, I kind of had a number in mind I wanted to reach during the weekend,” suggests Vold, whose appearance at the Field of Dreams Stampede in La Crete marked the first time back on a bucking horse since July 10th. “I came darn close to it so I can’t complain, definitely very happy.”

Vold began his comeback from a handful of separated, cracked and fractured ribs suffered during the Ponoka Stampede, with an 85-point ride on Outlaw Buckers’ Hot Bananas on August 9th to win the La Crete stop.

“Sport Medicine told me to take a month off and it was 31 days, not that I was counting,” offers the two-time Canadian champ. “I got on that horse ten years ago in the practice pen at a jackpot. She’s just a nice, solid horse. She tested them (ribs) a bit but I knew she wasn’t going to come uncorked or anything.”

Four days later, Vold capped off the week with an 83-point marking on Kesler’s Alley Drift in Dawson Creek for a three way split of top spot.

“That’s one to watch out for I think,” proclaims Vold, who also won \$5,732 for an 87-point ride that topped the Farm-City Pro Rodeo in Hermiston, Oregon in between the two Canadian stops. “I just stuck to my game plan of keeping it simple.”

“The injury really put a damper on the season I was hoping to have. I needed to get back going to try to get to the finals near the top of the pack and I needed to get my count in as well. Any time you’re sitting at home, you’re not making money.”

Logan Bird is having an August to remember. His hot streak continued with a \$3,071 payday from La Crete and Dawson Creek. The Nanton, Alberta, roper has won \$6,353 so far this month.

“I’ve placed at every rodeo since Morris (Manitoba Stampede) except for Bruce (Stampede),” confides the 22-year-old, who is now 2nd in the Canadian standings behind two-time Canadian champ, Shane Hanchey. “After about Strathmore, my goals changed from making the CFR to winning season leader.”

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The seven-time Alberta High School Rodeo champion placed 5th in La Crete with a 9.2-second run and then split top spot at the Dawson Creek Stampede with a 9-second trip.

“I had probably one of the best calves in the pen,” says Bird of his Dawson Creek draw. “I just tried to make sure I didn’t break the barrier and that I caught him.”

Other top money winners from the final two stops on the so-called “North Run” were barrel racer, Braidy Howes (\$3,266); bareback rider, Cole Goodine (\$2,132); steer wrestlers, Scott Guenthner (\$3,129) and Cody Cassidy (\$2,872); saddle bronc riders, Chuck Schmidt (\$2,580) and Layton Green (\$2,448); bullrider, Scott Schiffner (\$2,121); tie-down roper, Virgil Poffenroth (\$2,270); team ropers, Klay White/Brett Buss (\$1,805 each); novice saddle bronc rider, Dawson Hay (\$1,033) and novice bareback rider, Tanner Young (\$1,058).

Next on the Pro Rodeo Canada schedule is the Jasper Heritage Rodeo in Jasper, Alberta (Aug. 17-20), the Pincher Creek Pro Rodeo in Pincher Creek, Alberta (Aug. 19-21) and the Cranbrook Pro Rodeo in Cranbrook, BC (Aug.19-21).

About the Canadian Professional Rodeo Association

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