



## Ky Marshall - All Around Runaway

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The numbers tell the story.

When you look at Ky Marshall's 2017 season, it's pretty hard to argue with the fact that this is the Bowden cowboy's best year ever. And his weekend at the Okotoks Pro Rodeo was further evidence of that.

Marshall, who farms and ranches with his family when he's not on the rodeo trail, captured first place in the bareback riding at Okotoks with a snappy 84.5 point ride on Vold Rodeo's The Ritz, then added a 6th place 9.1 in the tie-down roping for a tidy \$1800 plus weekend.

"Any time you can place in two events, that's a good feeling," Marshall noted. "I've had that horse before," he said of The Ritz. "He bucks off a lot of guys but I seem to get along pretty well with him. I was 3rd at Grande Prairie on him and won this weekend. He was really good at Okotoks."

The twin placings pushed Marshall's season earnings to almost \$30,000 and virtually clinched his second All-Around title as his \$30,000 total is almost triple the total of the second place, man, 2015 All-Around champ, Josh Harden.

"That was definitely a goal this year," the 25 year-old admitted. "That was the way I rodeoed in high school and college and up here where it's a true all-around, it really means a lot to win it."

This time around is a little different from 2014 when he won his first all-around title. That year was a heated battle with the now retired Kyle Thomson that was still in doubt as both men headed to the Canadian Finals Rodeo. With the 2017 title all but a lock, Marshall could coast a little but you get the feeling he's not about to take his foot off the throttle as the season winds down.

Marshall credits a couple of factors with his 2017 success. "I was having a little trouble early on but I got a new riggin and that's really made a difference. And I did a lot more practicing in the roping last winter and that's helped too."

Calgary bull rider, Cody Floyd improved his chances of securing a CFR berth with an 86.5 point \$1491 win on Vold Rodeo's Mr. Legit. Floyd has moved into a (top 12) qualifying spot for the moment and is definitely a "legit" contender for a November trip to Edmonton.

For complete Okotoks results, check the website—[rodeocanada.com](http://rodeocanada.com)

While Okotoks was the lone stop on the CPRA schedule this past weekend, rodeo athletes are now getting ready to head to British Columbia for the IPE and Stampede in Armstrong August 30-September 2, the Pro Tour Finale (also in Armstrong) September 3 and the Nicola Valley Pro Rodeo in Merritt September 2-3

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