



## Garrett Green Captures Besplug Invitational Title

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Three Times A Charm

Garrett Green has finished third at the last two editions of the Chad Besplug Invitational Bull Riding in Claresholm.

"After the last two years, this is one I really wanted to win," the three time CFR qualifier admitted. That goal was realized Saturday night as Green, from Meeting Creek, Alberta, rode Wild Hoggs Bucking Bulls' Pound the Alarm to a spectacular 91 points and 175.5 on two head to claim the victory.

"I'd seen Pound the Alarm on television a few times and figured he would fit my style," Green acknowledged. "And tonight, he was exactly what I thought he'd be and what I hoped for."

Pound the Alarm started his career as a Wild Hoggs' stand out, then was sold to JARS Bucking Bulls out of Oklahoma. The red and white spotted superstar, who has made three appearances at the PBR World Finals, was recently bought back by the Wild Hoggs firm and will likely finish out his competitive career on this side of the 49th parallel.

Reflecting on his Claresholm success Green noted, "I changed my approach this year. In the past I haven't spent a lot of time working out but have relied strictly on my talent which will only take you so far. This winter, I've been lifting weights and doing yoga. And the difference is, I feel tremendously confident coming to events like this knowing how well prepared I am physically."

Green spilt the long round with defending Besplug Invitational champion, Brock Radford. Both men marked 84.5 points—Dewinton's Radford on the Girletz bull, Stuntman Ray; while Green mastered another Girletz bull, Blue Print. For Green, the only man to make a qualified ride in the championship round, the win was worth a tidy \$4872.

Green is looking forward to the 2017 season with his new approach and a huge early season win to bolster that confidence and his bankroll.

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Event producer, Chad Besplug, a two time Canadian Champion and former Calgary Stampede \$100,000 winner, formally announced his retirement during the course of the event. The Claresholm native sat out the 2016 season to recuperate from injuries but felt that the time was right to call an end to a brilliant bull riding career. He will now concentrate his efforts on his Alpha Bull production company and staging bull riding events across the west.

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Of February 26's fourth edition of the Chad Besplug Invitational, 2016 Champion, Brock Radford, stated, "This was amazing. Chad Besplug has just raised the standard for bull ridings everywhere. And he did it right here in Claresholm."

Next up for the Canadian Professional Rodeo Association is Medicine Hat's Broncs and Honky Tonks Spring Rodeo event slated for April 7-9.

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