



## Redemption For Larsen at Strathmore

For Orin Larsen, there was nothing better than winning the 2018 Strathmore Stampede and settling a score with an old nemesis at the same time. The Inglis, Manitoba bareback rider, who now makes his home in Nebraska, chuckled as he thought back to the first time he climbed aboard Calgary Stampede's Trail Dust.

"It was at Houston three or four years ago," Larsen recalled, "And he made me look stupid. He was pretty bucky and I didn't show up to do my part."

This time around both parties in the partnership were ready and the result was a spectacular 89.5 point ride at the Finning Pro Tour stop, netting Larsen first place and \$5865.

"Trail Dust has been amazing lately, at both Calgary and Ponoka, so I was excited to have him even though I was thinking he might be a bit of a fire-breathing dragon," Larsen noted. "But actually, he was really strong the first two jumps, and after that, it was just a ton of fun!"

The three time WNFR qualifier left Strathmore and headed to Castle Rock, CO where he picked up another win for an additional \$2700. The back to back wins couldn't have come at a better time. "I'm sitting 13th in the World but I've been going down quickly. So this was a really good weekend.

Larsen was equally excited about the fact that both his brothers, bronc rider Tyrel and bull rider Kane have been enjoying recent success.

"Tyrel did really well in Strathmore (85.25 - good for fourth place and \$3372) and Kane has been kicking butt for the last month."

The Strathmore win should propel Orin into the top five in Canada while Tyrel will move up from the eleventh place perch he occupied heading into the weekend's action. And, Kane, the youngest of the three, will sneak closer to the magic top 12 (from 19th place) in the Canadian standings courtesy of his win at the High Prairie Elks Pro Rodeo. The only bull rider to stay on for eight seconds at the 'north run' event, Kane turned in an 83.5 on Kesler Championship Rodeo's Scorpion for \$5,297 including ground and day money.

After his recent wins, 27 year old Orin was enjoying a welcome day off at his inlaw's home near Denver before heading out for the rest of the busy August-September rodeo run.

"Breaks like this, and time with family, are really important," he observed. "I don't think there's a wrong way to rodeo, but when guys are on the road for four or five months they get sick of each other because they've been together too long. So the time at home to recharge both physically and mentally is important."

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Another family that knows the thrill of three brothers competing at the same CFR is the Milan trio, Tanner, Straws and Bailee, all of whom qualified for the 2017 CFR in the steer wrestling event. In 2018, however, it is oldest brother Tanner, who has been flying the Milan colours to this point in the season. The two time Canadian champion built on a year that has him fourth in the Canadian standings and working hard to secure a third WNFR qualification. In 19th position in the World standings prior to Strathmore, Tanner's 3.8 second (\$5583) Strathmore win will have him knocking on the door to the top 15.

"I started pretty slow this year and I wasn't having much luck," the Cochrane cowboy noted. "Most of my horses are sore so I've been riding Bridger Chambers' horse, Rooster. Scott (Guenthner), Bridger and I are travelling together. We're entered up everywhere and plan to keep going hard." This week alone will see the trio compete at Hermiston, OR, Bozeman and Missoula, MT, Omak, WA and the Dawson Creek Stampede in northeastern BC.

Additional weekend success stories include 2016 Canadian Saddle Bronc Champion, Clay Elliott, who picked up a second consecutive Strathmore win. The Nanton, Alberta hand climbed on three broncs during the Sunday performance before earning 87 points on Outlaw Buckers' OLS Tubs Little Muffin - good for \$6226.

And Carman Pozzobon turned in another outstanding barrel racing win over the weekend. In dramatic fashion, the reigning Canadian champion posted a 17.199 second run on top of the ground the final day at Strathmore for \$6509, a move that will help her maintain top spot in Canada and tenth place in the WPRA world rankings.

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Next on the CPRA rodeo roster are two Grass Roots Series events - Field of Dreams Stampede in La Crete, Alberta August 7-8 and Jasper Heritage Rodeo August 8-11 as well as the eighth stop on the Finning Pro Tour, the Dawson Creek Stampede August 10-12.

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