



Stemo Mounts Late Season Charge - Again

Jacob Stemo is hoping history will repeat itself.

“I was in pretty much the same position last year at this time and I had a really good August and September and got to the finals,” the Bashaw bareback rider recalled.

Well, if this weekend was an indicator, Stemo is nicely on his way to a repeat of last year’s late-season heroics and a run at a second CFR berth. He was second at the Cranbrook pro rodeo, then rolled into the Pincher Creek Pro Rodeo and spurred out a tremendous 85.5 score on Outlaw Buckers’ OLS Tubs Ross River. The \$1226 first place cheque coupled with \$888 out of Cranbrook will vault the former novice champion of Canada, if not into the top twelve in the standings, then certainly within an easy rock throw of one of those twelve Finals qualifying berths.

“That’s a great horse,” Stemo said of Ross River,” and he was awesome today. I knew I had a chance to win with that horse.” The double-edged success also gives the 26 year-old cowboy a legitimate shot at a Maple Leaf Circuit Finals spot with the Regina Finals slated for November 27-30.

Stemo wasn’t the only competitor to enjoy championship Sunday at the two CPRA venues. 2012 World Champion barrel racer, **Mary Walker**, kept season leader **Justine Elliott** within her sights with a blistering 17.532 second run to take home the Cranbrook title. Less than \$500 separates the Canadian teenager who celebrated her 17th birthday earlier this month and the American veteran with five WNFR qualifications to her credit, with the season heading into its final eight rodeos of the regular season.

And **Ben Ramey** is one of those eyeing up a first time visit to the CFR after the weekend’s results. Ramey entered the weekend in 15th place in the Canadian steer wrestling standings but will move up courtesy of a 3.7 second 1/2 split (with Curtis Cassidy) at Pincher Creek that earned him \$1354. In a season that has seen a greater American presence in the bulldogging in Canada, including 2018 WNFR qualifier, Tanner Brunner; #1 man in the 2019 PRCA standings, Ty Erickson; two-time World Champion Hunter Cure and stalwarts Blake Knowles, 2017 Canadian Champion Jason Thomas and Bridger Chambers among others, Ramey knows he can’t take his foot off the pedal for even a second.

“This time of year you just have to make every run count and keep it going,” Ramey noted after his Pincher Creek success.

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This week the CPRA spotlight will shine on the Smithers, BC bareback riding event August 22, the Glen-cross Invitational Charity Roughstock Event August 23 and the Okotoks Pro Rodeo (Millarville) August 23-25.

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