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Layton Green's Memorable Canada Night

It was fitting, that on Canada Night at the Wrangler NFR, the all-Canadian match-up of 2017 Canadian Saddle Bronc Champion, Layton Green and the much decorated World and Canadian Champion bucking horse, Virgil, would rock the Thomas and Mack Arena to the tune of 91 points. The Meeting Creek, Alberta cowboy shared the round win with Stetson Wright; each pocketed \$24,167

"I was excited - you always have a chance to be a pile of points on that horse," Green said about seeing his name next to the C5 Rodeo superstar. "There's always a chance to be 90 points on him. I've dreamed of winning go-rounds here, and to do it on Canada Night is extra special."

Rookie NFR qualifier, Ben Andersen (Rocky Mountain House, AB) cashed his first ever Finals cheque courtesy of an 86.5 on another Canadian horse - Calgary Stampede's Zoaria Hills. The Rocky Mountain House, Alberta bronc rider was third in the round (\$16,111).

Stetson Wright continues to lead the World but is in ninth place in the aggregate (which pays eight monies); his brother, Ryder, is second overall and fifth in the aggregate. Brody Cress sits third in the World standings (\$60,000 behind Stetson) but the Wyoming bronc rider leads the aggregate, and if he holds onto that spot, he would receive a \$70,000 additional cheque on Saturday night. Canada's Zeke Thurston did not place in the round but maintained his third place aggregate ranking and sits fourth in the World race while his other Canadian teammates had less success. Dawson Hay finished out of the money and Kolby Wanchuk bucked off.

Two time World Tie-Down Champion Caleb Smidt further solidified his position at the top of the aggregate and World standings with an 8.1 (3rd in the round). Season leader, Shane Hanchey, who climbed back on Logan Bird's Canadian Horse of the Year, Peso, added to his earnings with a share of fourth. The 2013 World Champion is second in the World - just \$8000 behind Smidt and moves up a notch to a share of second in the aggregate. Veteran roper Hunter Herrin picked up his first round win of the 2021 Finals with a 7.1

The bareback riders faced an eliminator pen of horses in WNFR round eight. Top contenders - Kaycee Feild and Jess Pope rode last - adding to the drama. Field posted an 87.5 on Hi Lo Pro-Rodeo's High Heels to win the round and stay first in the World standings and move to first in the aggregate. Pope earned a re-ride, climbing on Four Star Rodeo's Deep Springs for 83 points and a sixth place cheque... dropping to second in the aggregate. Pope is about \$35,000 behind Feild in the overall race and just one point back of the five time Champion in the aggregate. Manitoba's Orin Larsen made the most of Canada Night as he matched up with Stace Smith Pro Rodeo's Mr. Harry for 84.5 and the fourth place cheque (\$11,321). The 2019 Canadian Champion sits fifth in the aggregate.

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Will Lummus earned the steer wrestling win with a 3.4 to keep his World Championship aspirations alive as he took over top spot in the aggregate and sits fourth overall after Thursday night. Tyler Waguespack and Jacob Talley were also solid - earning second and third respectively. Waguespack is second in the aggregate and fourth overall; Talley remains the World leader but is well down in the aggregate. Two time Canadian Champion, Scott Guenther, was a part of a four-way split of sixth with a 4.1 and eight time WNFR qualifier, Curtis Cassidy, was out of the money with a 5.0 flat.

In the team roping, Canadian heeler from Arrowwood, AB Jeremy Buhler and his heading partner Rhen Richard (Roosevelt, UT) caught only one heel on their steer. The resulting five second penalty gave them 10.4 on the night, and left them out of the money. Buhler and Richard stayed in third place in the aggregate and are sixth overall. Former Champions Jade Corkhill and Clay Smith won the round with 3.7 while Kaleb Driggers (on the heading side) and heeler Junior Nogueira sit atop the World standings in a very close race.

The plot thickened in the barrel race as gold buckle contender, Jordan Briggs and her Horse of the Year, Rollo, clocked a round winning time of 13.45. The Texan continues to lead the aggregate and trails three time Champion and season leader Hailey Kinsel by less than \$30,000 with two rounds remaining. Kinsel and her horse, Sister, were third in the round with a 13.66.

Montana's Parker Breeding continued to have the hot hand in the bull riding as he rode his sixth of eight bulls - this one Stace Smith's Lets Gamble - for 92.5 and the round win. Six time World Champion Sage Kimzey maintained his hold on the overall lead with a fourth place 87.5 point ride in round 8. Stetson Wright, who sits second overall, was 5th in the round with an 83 and remains in third place in the aggregate.

* See complete results at <https://prorodeo.com/nfr/results>

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