



## **CANADIAN PROFESSIONAL RODEO ASSOCIATION**

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### **“Fear the Beard” Heeler Returns to WNFR Winner’s Circle**

The Jeremy Buhler-Rhen Richard team roping tandem, who needed a late-season charge just to qualify for this NFR, bested the field with a 4.2 second run in the third go-round.

“The win feels great,” Buhler, the 2016 World Champion heeler and two time Canadian titleist, commented. “It didn’t really start out our way the first two rounds but to bounce back feels really good.”

CFR-NFR qualifier Richard, from Roosevelt, Utah, added, “There’s so much money to be won you can’t really look down the road. We’ll take one steer at a time and see how it goes.”

Saddle bronc riding saw a whole lot of buck-offs as contestants faced the eliminator pen; there were only nine qualified rides out of the 15 match-ups. Top money went to first time WNFR qualifier Tegan Smith who combined with Calgary Stampede’s CFR-NFR bronc, Yesterday’s Delivery, for a spectacular 91 points. (This was the fourth riding event go-round win for Canadian rough stock over the last three days.) Meeting Creek, Alberta’s Layton Green picked up 5th in the round with an 85 point ride (\$6,967). Ben Andersen and Zeke Thurston were just out of the money in round three. Kolby Wanchuk and Dawson Hay were among the Saturday night NFR casualties.

Provost, Alberta bull dogger, Scott Guenthner, earned his second straight go-round cheque. The two time Canadian Champion was 4.3 seconds to garner a 5-6 split. (he also sits fifth in the aggregate). Fellow Albertan, Curtis Cassidy, was 5.0 which was well down on the leaderboard. Both Canadian steer wrestlers are looking forward to the return of Cassidy’s two time Horse of the Year, Tyson, who has been out of action through the first three rounds. Louisiana cowboy and first time WNFR qualifer, Tristan Martin, won the round with a 3.7 which moved him to the lead in the aggregate and third place overall with Jacob Talley still leading the World.

Five time and defending World Bareback Champion Kaycee Field matched up with Frontier Rodeo’s Full Baggage for 90 points to win the night and move to second place overall. Jess Pope - who won the first two go-rounds - was third on Saturday night and now leads the World standings. 2018 Canadian Champion, Richmond Champion (from Stevensville, Montana) teamed up with Stace Smith’s Mr Harry for an impressive 88.5 points to win second. And Manitoba cowboy, Orin Larsen, was one hole out of the money after getting by the previously unriden Southern Star, from Frontier Rodeo, for 83.5 points.

2021 Bull Riding Rookie of the Year, Creek Young, was sitting third in the round with an option for a re-ride, after his 74.5 ride. The first year talent opted to take the option and rode Stace Smith Pro Rodeo’s Evil Intentions to 92 points and \$29,827 (including ground money). Macza Rodeo’s OLS Tubs Sunny made short work of Trey Benton III on Saturday night.

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Weatherford, Texas barrel racer Stevi Hillman and her palomino, Famous Lemon Drop, moved to the lead in the aggregate and is fourth overall courtesy of a winning 13.70 run in round three. Four time Canadian Champion, Lisa Lockhart, and reigning World Champion, Hailey Kinsel, were among five competitors to hit barrels on night number three.

In the tie-down roping, two time World Champion Caleb Smidt won the round with a 7.1 and climbed to second place overall while assuming the lead in the aggregate. Smidt trails 2013 World Champ and four time Canadian title holder, Shane Hanchey, by just \$39,000.

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

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