



## MEDIA RELEASE

# TOP RIDERS ON THE CANADIAN RODEO CIRCUIT BACK AGAIN THIS YEAR TO COMPETE AT VALLEY WEST STAMPEDE

## “WHO TO WATCH FOR” THIS LONG WEEKEND IN LANGLEY

**Langley, B.C. (August 30, 2023):** The [draw](#) for this year’s Valley West Stampede competitors has been posted by the Canadian Professional Rodeo Association and once again, the riders currently atop the CPRA’s [standings](#) will compete this weekend at the Langley Riders Society rodeo arena.

Riders from Canada, the U.S., plus Mexico and Australia will compete in the four events at the Stampede starting at 2:00 P.M. each day Saturday, Sunday and Labour Day Monday.

### SADDLE BRONC

- Ben Andersen of Eckville, Alberta tops the national standings in saddle bronc and will compete Sunday at VWS.
- Number two in the Canadian standings is Zeke Thurston of Big Valley, Alberta, and third is Layton Green of Meeting Creek, Alberta. Both appear Saturday.
- BC saddle bronc competitors: number seven-ranked Tyrel Roberts of Charlie Lake (near Fort St. John) and number 21 Jake Watson of Hudson’s Hope. Both compete Monday,

### BAREBACK

- Top-ranked Kody Lamb of Sherwood Park, Alberta and number-two Orin Larsen of Inglis, Manitoba will both compete Monday.
- Number three in the standings is Ty Taypotat of Nanton, Alberta (Sunday).

### BULL RIDING

- Coy Robbins of Camrose, Alberta (Monday) is the nation’s number one rider in this crowd-favourite category that caps each afternoon.
- Nearest challengers are number two-ranked Jordan Hansen of Amisk, Alberta (Monday) and Jacob Gardner of Fort St. John (Sunday) in third.
- Also competing at VWS on Sunday for a second year is fifth-ranked Edgar Durazo from Moctezuma, Mexico.
- Other BC bull riders: #13-ranked Lonnie Phillips of Elko (near Fernie) on Monday and Trevor Lulua of Hanceville (west of Williams Lake) on Saturday.

### LADIES BARREL RACING

- Lynette Brodoway of Brooks, Alberta (Monday) tops the national standings in this event by far.
- Number two-ranked Dona Kay Rule of Minco, Oklahoma, and number four Justine Elliott of Lacombe, Alberta compete Sunday.
- Other leading BC barrel racers include: Number-five-ranked Brooke Wills of Arras, BC and her sister number-11 ranked Lane Wills of Pouce Coupe (both on Saturday), #8 Mariah Mannering of Quesnel (Monday) and #17 Vanessa Leggett of Kamloops (Sunday).

(All above information on competitors sourced from CPRA at <http://www.rodeocanada.com>)

General admission tickets are \$25 for adults, and \$10 for children 12 and under. They are available online at [valleyweststampede.ca](http://valleyweststampede.ca)

### **About Valley West Stampede**

The Valley West Stampede is a rodeo hosted by a board of Directors who are a group of volunteers who collectively share over 100 years of rodeo experience. We are all live in Langley and the Lower Mainland and are proud to bring the excitement of the Wild West to the local community. We strive to provide a safe and family-friendly atmosphere for all of our guests and participants. We are dedicated to upholding the traditional values of the rodeo and ensure that all performances are conducted in a respectful and professional manner. Visit: [valleyweststampede.ca](http://valleyweststampede.ca)

### **About Langley Riders Society**

The Langley Riders Society started in 1965 and is a non-profit organization located in Langley, British Columbia. The society is a family club operated by and with volunteers who provide an opportunity for people of all ages to get together to share their mutual interest in horses. The Society provides a fun, learning, practice environment in which both children and adults get together to participate in several multi-disciplinary riding events and shows. Visit [langleyriders.com](http://langleyriders.com).

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