**CALGARY TEAM STAMPEDED AT the RODEOHOUSTON Super shootout: North America’s Champions®, Presented by Crown ROyal — MARCH 9, 2019 — HOUSTON — FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE —** Champions of the US and Canada’s top rodeos rode for their chance to win $25,000 at NRG Stadium, Saturday, March 9, during the RODEOHOUSTON® Super Shootout.

With a total purse of $250,000, the RODEOHOUSTON Super Shootout is one of the richest one-day rodeo events in the world. Each rodeo athlete competed as an individual as well as with a team. Each champion received a $25,000 payout, and the winning team received a $12,500 payout. The teams consisted of the champion athletes from the following eight rodeos: Calgary Stampede, Salt Lake Days of ’47, Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo, National Western Stock Show, San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo, Rodeo Austin, RODEOHOUSTON, and San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo.

Tonight’s high point team was Calgary Stampede. The winning team consisted of bareback rider Richie Champion, steer wrestler Matt Reeves, saddle bronc rider Ryder Wright, barrel racer Kelly Bruner, and bull rider Riker Carter.

**BAREBACK RIDING**

Richie Champion, of Dublin, Texas, had a hometown advantage at the Super Shootout. The former Woodlands, Texas resident, representing Calgary Stampede, won the bareback riding while his family was in the stands.

“My mom has been hauling me around to rodeos since I was a kid,” Champion said. “So, to be at this level and for them to still be with me pushing me along is special.”

*Top Four*

Richie Champion, Dublin, Texas — $25,000

Orin Larsen, Inglis, Manitoba, Canada — $10,000

Clint Laye, Pocatello, Idaho— $5,500

Ty Breuer, Mandan, North Dakota — $3,500

**STEER WRESTLING**

Justin Shaffer, of Hallsville, Texas, won the RODEOHOUSTON Super Shootout in steer wrestling, supported by his wife, three daughters and parents. Shaffer said his Shootout experience was incredible.

“It was big, it was huge, I can’t thank Houston enough,” Shaffer said. “For every rodeo athlete, the no. 1 dream they have is of RODEOHOUSTON.”

*Top Four*Justin Shaffer, Hallsville, Texas — $25,000
Cole Edge, Durant, Oklahoma — $10,000
Matt Reeves, Cross Plains, Texas — $5,500

Dakota Eldridge, Elko, Nevada — $3,500

**SADDLE BRONC RIDING**

Ryder Wright, of Beaver, Utah, representing Calgary Stampede, won the saddle bronc riding with an impressive 92 point ride in the finals. The 20-year-old is the youngest saddle bronc rider to win a world title and did not disappoint in the Super Shootout.

“I grew up watching these guys,” Wright said. “So to be here to compete with them and winning makes it pretty special.”

*Top Four*Ryder Wright, Beaver, Utah — $25,000

Clay Elliott, Nanton, Alberta, Canada — $10,000

Jacobs Crawley, Boerne, Texas — $5,500

Cody Demoss, Heflin, Louisiana — $3,500

**BARREL RACING**

Riding her horse Sister, Nellie Williams-Miller, of Cottonwood, California, represented RODEOHOUSTON in the Super Shootout and won barrel racing with a time of 14.21. Williams-Miller said she has owned Sister for all her life, and they loved riding in the Super Shootout.

“We wait for [RODEOHOUSTON] all year long and enjoy coming back,” Williams-Miller said. “It is a big accomplishment in the rodeo-world.”

*Top Four*

Nellie Williams-Miller, Cottonwood, California — $25,000
Christine Laughlin, Pueblo, Colorado — $10,000
Brittany Tonozzi, Victoria, Texas — $5,500
Jessi Fish, Franklin, Tennessee — $3,500

**BULL RIDING**

Trey Benton, of Huntsville, Texas, representing San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo, was the only bull rider to stay on for eight seconds in the finals. Benton was excited to do so well at RODEOHOUSTON this year.

“This is my city,” Benton said. “It is not every day you get to ride in front of 50,000 people in the stands.”

*Top Four*

Trey Benton, Huntsville, Texas — $25,000
Chase Dougherty, Prineville, Oregon — $10,000

Sage Steele Kimzey, Salado, Texas — $5,500

Garrett Smith, Rexburg, Idaho — $3,500

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