



New Tecumseth Wrap-Up

The Coors Light and Appliteck Inc. Tour blew into Beeton on a lightning bolt and a roll of thunder with a rainstorm on our heels. The relentless A bar K Rodeo crew, the New Tecumseth committee, Rick Milne and Stephane Layton and their crew of unstoppable volunteers persevered.

Our General Manager Shawn Orr always says, "God loves a rodeo. However, he sometimes likes to see if we have the kind of heart and determination it takes to be a real cowboy or cowgirl".

We kept our chins tucked and went to work, and by the time Saturday afternoon rolled around, the sun was coming out and the stands were filling up. Spectators packed in for both performances. A good number of them even came to watch slack. Capacity crowds and outstanding competitors made for a perfect inaugural event. The ground was outstanding thanks to a lot of patience and a ton of hard work by people too numerous to mention. Proudly, we've had nothing but positive reviews and comments from everyone on a job well done. Thank you all, and you can look forward to more of the same.

Everyone had a blast at the dance on Saturday night. The A bar K Wild Thing mechanical bull was a smashing success as usual.

Our tour sponsors were out in force all weekend in the VIP tent. Molson/Coors, Appliteck Inc., Forty Creek Whisky, Ideal Supply, NAPA, Goss and Carhartt were all well represented.

The bucking horses and bulls were wolfy. They planted more than a few cowboys Saturday and Sunday. However, there were some wolf hunters amongst 'em too. Sylvain Meunier came a long way to ride on Saturday and wasn't disappointed. He made a great spur ride on our little bay buckler "All Star" and it was won first in the bareback riding for \$450. Tyler Foster stuck it on Kamora for the Saddle Bronc win and \$572.40. This was the same horse

that he won the ORA title on last September. A.J. Vaal twisted Joe Gauthier's "Country Boy" for the buckle in the Bull Riding and \$684.00 cash. Ross Scully managed to run down one of our little speed demons and snatched the biscuit in the Tie Down with a 12.0 for \$684.00. The Steerwrestling was TOUGH. Jim Griffin caught one quite a ways down the pen and still stopped the watch at 4.5 seconds. The cattle ran hard for everyone and it turned out that 4.5 was good enough to split the doggin' with Rod Weese and stuff his wranglers with \$560.70. Brandon Hennings and Joe Yoder filled the last two spots less than a half second of the pace. Rod also won third in the Saddle Bronc riding which was good enough to win the inaugural Forty Creek Whisky All-Around Award. Cody Mousseau and Jarod Nooren stretched one in 6.3 seconds for the lion's share of the Team Roping cash which ended up paying \$1141.20 per man, YEEHAW! The win along with a third in the Tie Down makes Cody Mousseau the first Carhartt Hi-Point winner on the Coors Light and Appliteck Inc Tour. Rod and Cody have a jacket each coming. Tamaran Mousseau smoked her barrel pattern in 15.46 seconds for top spot in the tub turnin' and \$1051.20. Joanne Shegan was hot on her heels with less than two tenths of a second difference. There were all familiar names at the top in the Breakaway Roping. Amanda Orr and her little sorrel horse "Crook" lit 'em up in the sand with a 2.7 second run, that's Crook's kind of ground. Sheri Cahill, who roped tough as always, posted a 3.2 seconds. The Junior Steer Riding was tight again and Lane Morris hoed it outta one for 70 points and the top spot winning \$200 and change. Rounding out the tally at the first ever New Tecumseth Rodeo was Alana Pickrell in Junior barrel Racing with a 16.59 seconds for first place and the lead in the Coors Light and Appliteck Inc. Tour standings.

This rodeo was held at the Joint Operations Centre and it was one hundred percent a "joint operation" thanks again to Rick Milne, Stephane and Terry Layton and friends, "Brooksy", all the cadets and the tireless Town of New Tecumseth workers. Amanda and I also want to tip our hats to the A bar K crew. There is absolutely NO quit in that bunch of guys and girls. Thank you all for making it happen for Amanda and I at our first one. Al and Karyn, thanks for your support. What an unbelievable experience that was.

Thanks for the memories and we'll see ya down the road a piece.

Shawn, Amanda and Emma