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Ty Wallace from Collbran, Colorado won the Cody/Yellowstone Xtreme Bulls with an 89.5-point ride on Frontier Rodeo's Show Off to kick off the Cody Stampede on June 30th. – PRCA photo by Andy Watson.

Wallace earns Cody/Yellowstone Xtreme Bulls Title

CODY, Wyo., June 30, 2017 --- Ty Wallace's win at the Cody/ Yellowstone Xtreme Bulls on Friday night is building upon the best season that the 23-year-old bull rider has had to date.

The Collbran, Colorado resident qualified for the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo (NFR) in 2014 and 2015. Then, last year after an injured groin in July, he missed it by just five spots. This year started off well when he won the biggest Xtreme Bulls competition of the season at the San Antonio Stock Show Rodeo.

Less than a week ago, he added another Xbulls title to his resume at the Greeley Stampede in his home state. He came to Cody ready to start his big Fourth of July run and was excited to get on Frontier Rodeo's bull named Show Off.

"I didn't know much about him," Wallace said of the bull. "Then I watched video where Garrett Smith won Corpus Christi (Texas) on him and I thought he'd fit my style pretty well."

The bull did indeed fit Wallace's style. When the judges added up their scores, there was an 89.5-point score posted. Cody's bull riding featured one full round of bull riding and paid nearly \$20,000 to the four competitors who had a successful ride.

After his ride, Wallace had to wait through 15 more bull riders to see if his lead would hold. His added \$6,239 to his season earnings of \$82,198. He currently is in third place in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association world standings.

“It’s been great,” he said. “I’ve already won more money this year than I had when I entered the NFR either of the past two times.”

After missing last year’s NFR, his drive and determination to compete at rodeo’s championships in Las Vegas next December was bigger than ever. He watched the first few performances of last year’s rodeo on television but found that to be mentally taxing. Instead of spending time in front of the tv, he went to the gym to continue his rehab routine. That routine also included plenty of time horseback and doing lots of ranch work.

“Before this, I hardly ever went to the gym,” he said. “I always felt like riding horses and doing ranch work kept me in shape. I still believe that, but I know that getting in the gym made a big difference for me this year.”

Wallace hopes that the momentum from his success here will carry over to other rodeos as he and other contestants burn up the highway and the airways as they compete during the most lucrative part of the rodeo season.

The following are results from the Cody/Yellowstone Xtreme Bulls Competition which kicked off the Cody Stampede on June 30.

1, Ty Wallace, Collbran, Colo., 89.5 points on Frontier Rodeo’s Show Off, \$6,239. 2, Eli Vastbinder, Athens, Texas, 87, \$4,982. 3, Guthrie Murray, Miami, Okla., 82, \$3,905. 4, Roscoe Jarboe, New Plymouth, Idaho, 70, \$2,828.