

# Hermiston Grid Kids Championships



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The Jets held off the Chiefs 56-44 to win the fifth-sixth grade Hermiston Grid Kids "Trampis Bowl" Championship on Oct. 27 at Kennison Stadium. Kellen Young scored four touchdowns for the Jets - three on passes from Drake Devin (in photo). Devin also ran for two touchdowns, and Young had two interceptions. For the Chiefs, Isaac Corey threw for four touchdowns and ran for two more. Owen Osmin caught three touchdown passes.



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The Lions defeated the Seahawks 33-0 to win the third-fourth grade Hermiston Grid Kids "Trampis Bowl" Championship on Oct. 27 at Kennison Stadium. It was the fifth consecutive title for the Lions, and their sixth in the past eight years. Lane Simmons ran for one touchdown and threw for another for the Lions. Ryan Allen caught two touchdown passes. Adam Thomas (in photo) and Carter Olsen also scored for the Lions.

## HERMISTON BARREL RACER CROWNED CANADIAN CHAMPION



Callahan Crossley of Hermiston rounds a barrel in 2014 at the Farm-City Pro Rodeo in Hermiston. HH FILE PHOTO

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RIGHT: Callahan Crossley was named the 2018 barrel racing champion at the Canadian Rodeo Finals on Sunday.

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**A** Hermiston cowgirl has made it big in the Great White North.

Callahan Crossley, 24, was crowned the barrel racing champion at the Canadian Finals Rodeo on Sunday during the competition's first year being held in Red Deer, Alberta.

Crossley claimed the title over six days of racing with a total aggregate time of 81.887 seconds on the back of her family horse Brownie. The 20-year-old horse was a gift from her aunt and uncle, Mary and Butch Knowles - Butch was the 1987

saddle bronc champion at the National Rodeo Finals, and now works as a rodeo commentator for television.

The Canadian victory comes after a long season of "highs and lows," according to Crossley. Her main season, which ran from May to October, kicked off with a first-place win at the Cloverdale Rodeo in the British Columbia, and a \$20,000 payday. Winter and mid-summer were rough for the racer, but thanks to the CFR, she was able to end the season on a high note with \$73,575 in total earnings at the Red Deer competition.

Her Sunday paycheck was the most a barrel racer has earned at the CFR. The

check also brought her season's earnings up to \$99,190 - another CFR record.

"It's an amazing feeling to be the Canadian champion barrel racer," Crossley said. "I didn't think it was possible this year, but Brownie had other plans. All that was going through my head was, 'Don't get ahead of yourself and start each day as if the last day didn't exist. Brownie will do his job.'"

Crossley won second place in the CFR's first go-round event, first place in the next three, second place in the fifth round, and her sixth-round time of 13.488 seconds gave her the win. Diane Skocdopole of Big Valley, Alberta, was her

runner-up with an aggregate of 84.268 seconds.

Sunday marked the end of Crossley's third year competing in Canada. She qualified for the finals for the last two years, being named the reserve champion in 2016, and placing in the top four in 2017.

And after all of her success, she's now headed back home to Hermiston, but she's not sure for how long - she's eyeing the Montana Circuit Finals in January as her next stop.

"It seems like the rodeo season never ends," she said. "2019 has already started."



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