



**2026 Calgary Stampede  
International Livestock Auctioneer Championship  
Top 10 Finalists – Order of Go**

|     | <b>Competitor</b>    | <b>From</b>     | <b>Black Box Item</b>            | <b>OH Ranch Branded Ambassadors</b>          |
|-----|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 1.  | David Jacob          | Mitchell, ON    | 2027 Chuckwagon Package          | Sierra Brand<br>Rocky Mountain House, AB     |
| 2.  | Lars Deleeuw         | Harley, ON      | 2027 Rodeo Package               | Austin Cartwright<br>Olds, AB                |
| 3.  | Garth Rogers         | Rochester, AB   | Calgary Stampede Buckle          | Dawson Finnerty<br>Sturgeon County, AB       |
| 4.  | Austin Schaben       | Dunlap, IA      | Calgary Stampede Custom Bracelet | Tayden French<br>Mayerthorpe, AB             |
| 5.  | Brad Martens         | Gibbons, AB     | Deerfoot Inn & Casino Package    | Brandt Lyster<br>Sibbald, AB                 |
| 6.  | Kirk Goldsmith       | Veteren, AB     | Blacksmith Mystery Item          | Shepherd Ostermeier<br>Rocky View County, AB |
| 7.  | Colvin Connell       | Willard, NM     | Nordic Spa Getaway               | Heidi Pas<br>Mayerthorpe, AB                 |
| 8.  | Christian Von Platen | Camrose, AB     | Pedal Pub                        | Quinn Pedersen<br>Edgerton, AB               |
| 9.  | Ab Carroll           | Downeyville, ON | Red Deer Rebels Hockey Game      | Kurtus Pierson<br>Lacombe, AB                |
| 10. | Leo LeBlanc          | Leduc, AB       | "The Hat" Horse Brand            | Rebecca Porter<br>Kinistino, SK              |

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## AUCTIONEERING FACTS

- The top 10 auctioneers competing today were chosen from 34 participants in the preliminary round held yesterday at the Olds Auction Mart in Olds, AB. The scores they receive today will be added to their preliminary scores to determine the Champion.
- We have 11 competitors vying for the title of 2023 Rookie Auctioneer. Rookies are auctioneers who have graduated from an auction college within the past 5 years.
- The auctioneers are being judged on the following five areas:
  - Rhythm, clarity and voice control;
  - Livestock knowledge and ability to conduct a sale;
  - Bid spotting;
  - Repartee and timing;
  - Appearance and mannerism.
- It is valuable for the voice and chant of the auctioneer to be easy to understand and enjoyable to listen to.
- Each auctioneer will sell 4 head of cattle and a “Black box” item. The cattle are bid on by cattle buyers. **The Black Box items can be bid on by anyone in the audience who can catch the attention of the auctioneer. Payment can be made in cash, debit or credit on the arena floor at the end of the competition.**
- Auctioneers receive the honorary title of Colonel when they graduate from auction college. During the American Civil War, the equipment and personal belongings seized by armies were sold by the division Colonel.
- The auctioneers are gathering bids from buyers on the price per pound of the cattle being sold.
- Beef is the only commodity that is sold by the pound (imperial system) rather than by the kilogram (metric system).
- Cattle, cars, equipment, antiques and tobacco are all sold by auction on a daily basis creating true price discovery.
- There are over one million cattle sold every year in auction markets in Alberta.
- The world’s most expensive cow sold for \$1,200,000 and was sold using the auction method.

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