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# Hail, Hockey, and Horseplay

Every July this mystery city hosts one of the largest rodeos in the world, called the \_\_\_\_\_ Stampede. They take their cattle roping very seriously in this part of North America, where the Rocky Mountains and the Great Plains come together – enough so to have earned the nickname ‘Cowtown’.

Unfortunately, the area also has a reputation for destructive hail storms which have inflicted hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage on multiple occasions.

The Bow River dominates the right side of this ISS image from May, 2018, while the city’s skyscraper-filled downtown district sits at dead center. The geometrically precise layout of its large, international airport makes it easy to spot in the upper left.

‘Cowtown’ had a very successful turn at hosting the Winter Olympic Games in 1988, the first time the games had ever been held anywhere in this nation. Apparently success is contagious, because the hometown hockey team (the \_\_\_\_\_ Flames) brought the Stanley Cup home for the first time just one year later.

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