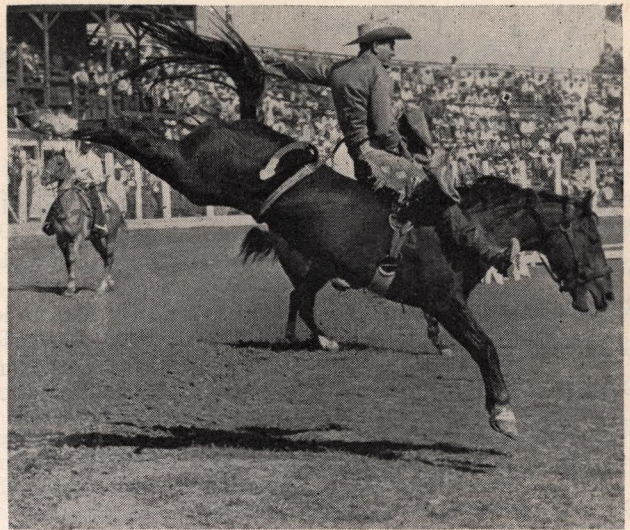


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## ABBREVIATION EXPLANATION

AA	—All Around
BB	—Bareback Riding
SB	—Saddle Bronc Riding
BR	—Bull Riding
CR	—Calf Roping
SW	—Steer Wrestling
SR	—Steer Roping
TR	—Team Roping
WHR	—Wild Horse Race
WCM	—Wild Cow Milking
NT	—No Time

## All Around \$32,905

Jim Shoulders Henryetta, Okla.

World Champion All-Around Cowboy—1959, 1958, 1957, 1956, 1949.

World Champion Bareback Bronc Rider—1958, 1957, 1956, 1950.

World Champion Bull Rider—1959, 1958, 1957, 1956, 1955, 1954, 1951.

Never has an athlete dominated a sport more completely than Jim Shoulders has rodeo since 1955. In the past four seasons this Oklahoma cowboy won 11 individual world championships.

Jim enters two rodeo contests, bareback bronc and bull riding. Three consecutive years, 1956-1958, he made a clean sweep of the titles in both and as All-Around Cowboy, rodeo's highest honor, awarded each season to the man who wins most total money. Only three other cowboys ever won a triple crown, none have done so twice.

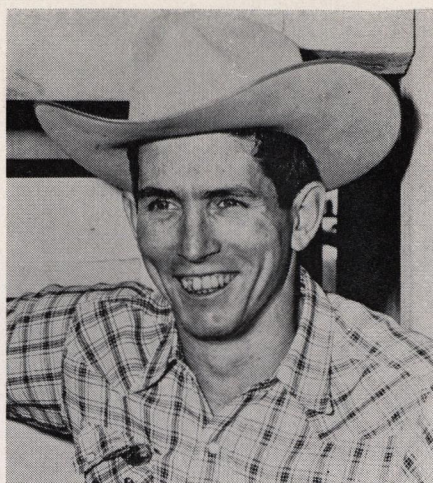
In 1959 Shoulders took his fourth All-Around championship in a row, his seventh in the bull riding. These raised his total individual world titles to 16. But, records aren't important to Shoulders. For years now he has had nothing to shoot at but the records he himself had set.

What is important to Shoulders, he'll tell you in his frank way, is the money that goes with winning titles. Money, he says, first turned him to rodeo. As a 14-year old kid he won \$18 at a local 4th of July rodeo, more money than he could make in a month at his wheatfield job. Right then he set his sights on an arena career. It's paid off for him to the tune of \$361,000 since he turned pro to join the Rodeo Cowboys Association in the summer of 1946.

Gray headed at 32, the slim cowboy is already a living legend. Asked last fall how Shoulders could keep beating the world year after year, overcoming injuries and the law of averages in drawing bad stock, one of his closest competitors shook his head, answered, "That's what all of us would like to know."

The records perhaps tell part of the story. Shoulders grinds out his titles with relentless consistency. When he's "hot" he scores some really big wins, but so do a lot of other good hands. Jim just never quits winning, placing in the prize money at practically every contest he enters. In 1958, for instance, he won money at 43 of the 46 rodeos he entered.

But records don't tell the big part of the story—the make-up of athlete Jim Shoulders himself. "He hasn't got a nerve in his body," says another bull rider, "He just doesn't feel



pain like anybody else. Everyone gets sore and beat up. The rest of us lay off awhile. We can't win anything crippled. But Jim—it doesn't even slow him down."

On top of that put the years of experience and the coldest competitive head in the sport, and you have the answer to Shoulders' greatness. He has a shade more ability to think at all times, a slight extra measure of coordination that sets him ahead of rodeo's other top hands.

The more the pressure, the better Shoulders rides. Big money rodeos are his best, and the more stock each rider must take, the better are the odds Jim will win. At the National Finals in Dallas last December, Shoulders was the only man of the world's fifteen best bull riders who could ride nine of the ten bulls each drew.

After that \$18 win started him, Jim picked up his first rodeo tips tagging along after older brother Marvin, also a bull rider. In 1947, completely unknown, he traveled to New York for his honeymoon, came away with trophies for winning both his events in his first try at bigtime contesting.

Always a serious-minded professional, Shoulders swore he'd quit on top. He's carefully put his money into a fine 5,000 acre ranch at Henryetta, not far from his Tulsa birthplace. Last year he began a new future in rodeo, going into the livestock contracting business. Starting this season, he plans to spend less and less time contesting and more in the production end of rodeo. He and his wife Sharron have three children.

A true champion in every sense of the word, Shoulders has been a fine banner carrier for rodeo. Dedicated to his sport, he is never too busy to make a personal appearance, give an interview or sign an autograph. His ten-page article in SPORTS ILLUSTRATED last December on "How to Watch a Rodeo" was the finest explanation of the contests ever done.

Still the unassuming person he was before his first title, Jim has made a legion of friends, has yet to lose one—a thing not easy for one so far on top.

# All Around Title Contenders

Guy Weeks Abilene, Tex. Benny Reynolds Melrose, Mont. Harley May Oakdale, Calif.

Rodeo started when oldtime cowhands matched skills in their everyday work of riding bucking horses and roping cattle. As professional rodeo developed, contestants specialized more and more. The men in modern rodeo who have competed well with both a rope and on a saddle bronc can be counted on the fingers of one hand.

The only one today who ranks high in both contests of the early cowboy is Guy Weeks. He ropes, calves, rides bareback and saddle broncs. Not yet a champion in any, Weeks, 28, is equally tough in all three. He finished among the top eight bronc riders each of the last six seasons, was fifth in calf roping in 1958 and in 1956, sixth on bareback horses, eighth in '58.

This versatility means Guy's first gold championship buckle may come as All-Around Cowboy. In just six years he has won \$145,995, has been among rodeo's top winners each time, was second in '58.

Son of a part-time rodeo hand and race horse man, Weeks grew up on a ranch. He was a jockey until growing too heavy, then turned to rodeo as a pro in 1949. Built in classic cowboy style at 6', 155 lb., Guy is married and has three children.

Harry Tompkins Dublin, Tex.

In 1946 an 18-year old dude wrangler from upstate New York came to Madison Square Garden and entered the bull riding. He was bucked down from every bull he drew.

Two years later this same Harry Tompkins won the bull riding championship of the world. He kept it three more years, and in 1952 took bareback riding and all-around titles to boot.

In the eleven seasons from 1948 through 1958, the 5'8", 152 pound cowboy never finished below fifth in bull riding or seventh in total money. In mid-May last year he led both races when a knee was badly torn. The resulting operation kept Harry from the arena until late September. Still, he qualified for the Finals in bull riding.

Harry is looked up to with reverence by upcoming young bull riders. Says Bill Rimestone (3rd, '59), "Harry figures out bulls better than anyone. All of us watch 'em, but Harry sees more." Joe Green (4th, '59) adds, "He's got the greatest ability of all."

These talents have earned Tompkins upwards of \$260,000 since he left New York. Now 32, he and wife Rosemary have three children, run cattle on their Dublin ranch. Sound again, Harry is a real threat.

Benny Reynolds Melrose, Mont.

At any rodeo he enters, big, smiling Benny Reynolds is sure to be the busiest cowboy there. He regularly enters four events, all three ridings and the steer wrestling. Bareback and bull riding are his steadiest. He qualified for both at rodeo's first "World Series" last year, one of only six men to go into both events.

Reynolds joined the Association in 1956, but not until 1958 did he hit the year-round rodeo trail. Third-biggest money winner that year with \$26,450, was voted "Rookie of the Year." This announcement came on the network TV program "Name That Tune" on which Benny's name became a national byword during his six week appearance.

The bashful shyness that won him this following was not assumed. He is a writer's delight, a handsome, black haired giant who naturally ducks his head to speak, scuffs his toe and says, "M'am."

Benny weights 210, stands 6', 3", hasn't an ounce of fat on his frame. He started rodeoing in the footsteps of older brother John, just as big and another tough four-event hand. In 1959 Benny ranked 6th in the All-Around, 8th on bulls and 12th on bareback horses. He lost a chance for a better finish when hurt early in the NFR.

Duane Howard Minnewauken, N. D.

When 24-year old Duane Howard finished second to Shoulders for both bull riding and all-around championships in 1957, many dubbed him heir apparent to Jim's titles. This was good picking. Howard had already proven he was one of the hardest men to buck from a bull, and he was fast developing a lick in the saddle bronc riding, the second event he enters.

After a good 1958 start, Howard was felled by injuries, but still was rodeo's ninth-highest money winner. An operation kept him from the rich winter rodeos last season, but once returned he came on strongly, was one of only six cowboys to qualify for two World Series rodeo contests by ending the regular season among the top fifteen in both his events.

Six feet tall but rail-thin at 148 lbs., Howard looks stylish on his stock. He talks very little, but is a most intense competitor. Duane cut his rodeo teeth in high school competition. He'll be 27 in August, is married. He's gathering a cow herd from rodeo money.

Howard has always had lots of rodeo-injury trouble. If he can shake this jinx in 1960, watch out for Duane.

Harley May Oakdale, Calif.

The first and greatest professional to come from college rodeo ranks, Harley May won National Intercollegiate all-around titles three years running, 1949-'51, while at Sul Rose College, Alpine, Tex. Then, in his first pro season the 6'3" cowboy won the '52 steer wrestling championship, totaled \$22,663 working all seven events.

A steady hand in all events, though he has now dropped calf roping and bull riding, May excels in steer wrestling. Harley's best season was 1956. He again won the steer wrestling buckle, set a still-standing record for the event of \$19,253. With \$31,180 won in all events that year, he was runner-up for the all-around title.

Raised on a Deming, N. M., ranch, May, now 32, bought his California place in 1957, cut down his rodeoing. Still, he has each year finished among the top ten steer wrestlers, was seventh in 1959.

Rodeo history will remember Harley May's personal contribution to rodeo even more than his competitive record. After four terms as an R.C.A. director, he served three as President, did not run for reelection in 1960. The great national prominence which rodeo has come into is lasting testimony to his leadership.

Bob A. Robinson Rockland, Ida.

A favorite for future All-Around honors, this bareback and saddle bronc rider and steer wrestler sometimes enters bull riding and team roping, too. Last season, his second of pro competition, he finished tenth among saddle bronc riders, won \$20,420 in all events.

Now 26, Robinson joined the R.C.A. in the fall of 1957. He won money at all seven big rodeos he entered that fall, capped his debut by winning the most money at San Francisco's Cow Palace and the 'Rookie of the Year' title.

Bob A. left the west coast last year only for the important winter and fall indoor rodeos. Still, he won prize money in big chunks. He placed at 38 rodeos; at 31 of them on saddle broncs, 18 in steer wrestling, 12 on bareback horses, 4 in bull riding, once in team roping. In Oregon last August, Robinson won two events at Eugene, three at Prineville the next week, then two at Salem.

Robinson broke horses on his dad's ranch, started amateur rodeoing in 1957, took time out for a service hitch in the early '50s. He has his own ranch now, a wife and two children. Bob A. packs a stout 185 lbs. on his six feet, has black hair.





# Saddle Bronc Riding '59

Winston Bruce

Calgary, Alberta

Enoch Walker

Cornville, Ariz.

(2nd—\$14,250) Canada has sent a long line of distinguished bronc riders to this country, including world champions Pete Knight, Jerry Ambler, Carl Olsen and Marty Wood. The latest import, 22-year old Winston Bruce, is most likely to win that title too, according to an informal poll of bronc riders themselves.

Bruce says, "After seeing Casey ride at Calgary when I was 12 I wanted to pattern my style after him, especially the way he handles a rein." Neither saw the other ride often until Bruce came to the United States last year for his first full season. How well he had mastered his aim is shown 1.) by the fact he finished second for the title and 2.) old master Tibbs' comment, "He can ride with the rein at the top of his head."

Son of a bucking horse man, Winston started practicing on bucking saddle broncs when he was 13. He was the Canadian bronc riding champ in 1957 and '58. He created a sensation last summer by taking two of the year's major ridings in one month, Calgary and Cheyenne. He won both the same way, coming from behind with a near-perfect ride on his final horse. He marked 191 on the last horse at Calgary, 193 at Cheyenne. He's single, 5' 8" tall, 155 lbs.

Jim Tescher

Medora, N. D.

Marty Wood

Bowness, Alberta

(4th—\$12,157) Tescher is a bronc rider's bronc rider. He seldom makes a mistake or a poor ride, almost never hits the ground. Best example of this came at the National Finals last December. In against the other fourteen best riders of 1959 and competing on the handpicked saddle broncs from every rodeo string, Jim won the riding there. He was one of only two bronc riders to ride all ten of the horses each drew, and he placed in day money on six of them.

The NFR was worth \$2,261 to Tescher, and moved him from eighth place to fourth for the season, his best finish in the 14 years he has been contesting. Jim is now 30, rodeos to build up the cow herd on his ranch. Tending his place somewhat limits Tescher's rodeo travel, but he makes most of the major rodeos in his area.

A stout 185 lbs., Tescher, 5' 9" tall, also enters steer wrestling and sometimes bull riding. He's a tough steer wrestler, made the Finals in that contest also, one of the six cowboys to qualify in two events. His biggest 1959 win was in steer wrestling, \$3,425 at Ft. Worth. He ranked 15th for the year in that event. Tescher is married, has two children.

(3rd—\$12,625) Walker, 27, is disproving, along with Guy Weeks, the tradition that good bronc riders all come from the north where horses grow bigger and ranker. Born and raised in rugged northern Arizona, Walker hankered to be a good bronc rider from an early age, fascinated by the oldtimers' campfire stories when he was a kid.

Walker joined the Association in 1953, but after breaking his arm badly didn't get back to pro rodeo until the summer of '56. By that fall he'd turned in some sensational rides and the next season went right to the top. He was third high saddle bronc rider for 1957, moved up to runner-up in '58.

Last season Walker started slowly, won a few minor rodeos before mid-summer. Then he got hot and stayed that way. He won St. Paul, Ore.; Salt Lake City; Rapid City; third at Cheyenne. On Sept. 15 he was in tenth place in national standings. Then he won Memphis, Little Rock, Jackson, Miss.; third at San Francisco and Portland; second at Pendleton. At the Finals he bucked off his first horse, went on to win \$999 in day monies, including a first on Trail's End, voted best bucking horse of 1959. He is 5' 11"; 154 pounds.

(5th—\$12,125) Most recent of several Canadian World Champions in this event, Wood won the title in 1958. His first R.C.A. rodeo was at Omaha in 1953. A raw unknown then, he beat all the sport's giants there, has been a top name in pro rodeo ever since.

Marty has a charging, slashing style, rides with little of the grace of Tibbs or Bruce. He "tries to eat" every horse he rides and this spurring brings Wood many high markings. Last year at Pueblo he scored 196, best of the season, on one of rodeo's rankest horses.

Last season was one of extremes for Wood. He won some of the best rodeos, like Boston, El Paso, Phoenix, Pueblo and Burwell. But he had cold streaks that lasted for weeks.

Wood got perhaps the most unusual start of any bronc rider. As a youth he trained jumping horses at his father's Calgary stable. Marty feels the sense of balance he developed taking green horses over steep jumps in an English saddle helped him more than anything else to be the bucking horse rider he is. Jean, his wife, rodeos with Marty all year.



World Champion

\$17,611

Jack Buschbom

Cassville, Wis.

In 1949 a sandy-haired, 22-year-old from the unlikely rodeo state of Wisconsin nosed out another youngster named Shoulders for the bareback riding championship of the world. Noting their wild spurring rides, old timers nodded wisely, said bareback riding had become a young man's game. It wasn't the age that mattered, but the men.

Ten years later Wisconsin's Jack Buschbom again won this championship. In none of the seasons between 1949 and 1959 had he ever finished below fourth in this event. He's still riding with the same high-spurring style, knees jerking up and out with every jump the horse makes, feet always forward; but long since, "Bushy" grooved this style into methodical precision.

Buschbom's "lick" on a bareback bronc depends on a highly developed rhythm. Staying in perfect timing with the bucking action he keeps a minimum of strain on his left arm and hand that holds to his rigging.

Jack had opened up a seemingly-safe lead in the title race by the time the New York rodeo began last September. He "got cold" there, won little at Boston or San Francisco either. When the National Finals started in December, Buschbom's lead had been whittled to \$42 by John Hawkins.

There were ten go-rounds at the NFR. Buschbom set a torrid stretch pace, won money on four of his first five horses. Then, in the fifth go-round Hawkins was bucked off, came down again from his sixth horse. Buschbom took dead aim from there, won the event, \$1,869 and the championship.

Buschbom began riding at wild west shows in the midwest when he was 13; started contesting in 1945. Now 32, he has invested his winnings in hometown businesses: a gas station, farm, and drive-in. He stands 5'10" tall, weighs 155. He and wife, Marena, have three daughters. Jack also enters saddle bronc riding.

# Bareback Riding 1959

John Hawkins

Twain Harte, Calif.

Jim Shoulders

Henryetta, Okla.

(2nd—\$16,176) Bespectacled John Hawkins, 29, knows the difference between being a champ and runner-up can be mighty slim. He's finished second in bareback riding the last three years, by only \$18 in 1957.

Last season John came from behind, caught up to Buschbom by winning the Cow Palace. Hawkins trailed by only \$44 when the National Finals began. When each had ridden four horses, Buschbom had gained \$380, but for his fifth horse John drew Come Apart, a big sorrel on which he had won a fat day money at New York two months before.

This time the horse, later voted the rankest bareback bronc at the NFR, won out. Hawkins was bucked off and when he hit the dirt, so did his shot at the title.

John was the national high school champ in 1949. He was a jockey then, got too heavy and became a rodeo pro in 1950. He is a one event specialist, neither smokes nor drinks, is always in perfect physical condition. John is married, raises race horses as a sideline. He stands 5' 7", weighs 150. His riding arm is one of rodeo's stoutest, and he rides on this strength more than on balance.

Ralph Buell

Sheridan, Wyoming

Walt Mason

Las Vegas, Nev.

(4th—\$12,589) Ralph Buell started the 1959 season right. He split third and fourth at Denver, won second at Ft. Worth. In the first standings published, he stood third, never got far below that during the year. Buell finished seventh in '58, his best prior year.

Buell is tall and big at 6'1" and 180 lbs. for a bareback rider. Most riders say smaller men look better on stock, but Ralph has turned his size to good advantage. He rarely misses a horse out of the chute. Long legs reach his spurs high above the qualifying spot. Few bareback horses get him on the ground either. Ralph spurs stiff legged, jerking his legs away from horses rather than above them. Horses don't duck out from under him.

29 years old, Buell enters the one event. He got into the sport as a member of the University of Arizona rodeo team, scored his first big pro win at Ft. Worth in 1953. Last year's sweetest victory came at Boston. At the Final Buell's first horse was Come Apart, the same one that later threw Hawkins out of the title. He got Ralph on the ground, too. Buell is married, rodeos full time.

(3rd—\$15,885) Winning third for the season would be a real triumph to most bareback riders, but to Shoulders it must have seemed like an off year. Four times he'd won the title, including the three previous years.

Jim started slowly in this event last year. His name didn't show in the national standings until May 15 when he stood 10th, more than \$3,000 off the pace. His cold, methodical style of riding every horse for all he was worth started to tell. He moved up slowly.

Shoulders was fourth when New York started in September. There, with the long average fitting him to perfection, he won the event and \$3,150. Going to the NFR playoffs, Jim was only \$900 back of Buschbom with Hawkins sandwiched between.

Typically, Jim scored well on his horses there. Had Bushy made a mistake, Shoulders would have gotten him and another title. But this was the Wisconsin's year. With Hawkins already out, Jim knew that last day at Dallas he had to win the last two go-rounds and the average. He won the one in the afternoon, but couldn't score high enough to place that night. He settled for third.

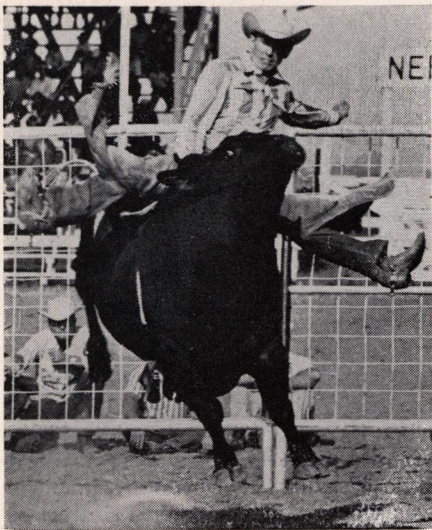
(5th—\$9,679.) A new name to the standings in 1959, Mason is another tall bareback rider, 6'1" and 175 lbs. Now 29, he became a rodeo pro in 1952. He credits two causes for making 1959 his best year: he quit riding bulls and John Hawkins made him a new pair of spurs.

"Not getting on bulls kept me from getting crippled, and working one event I got to more rodeos," he explains. The spurs, with a slightly longer shank, helped him keep his feet under control, difficult for a tall man with Mason's free-spurring style.

In August, Walt won the riding at the Los Angeles Coliseum. \$28,646 was split up among winners of the one-day rodeo, and \$1,465 of this went to Walt. But the thing he'll always remember from his '59 season was when one judge gave his ride a perfect—20 point—marking at the Phoenix rodeo.

Married, Walt still doesn't hit the rodeo trail all over the country. Most of his rodeoing was on or near the west coast. Encouraged by his showing last year, he plans to spread out more in 1960. "Half of being a champion is believing in yourself," he says.





**World Champion** **\$17,021**  
**Jim Shoulders** **Henryetta, Okla.**

Shoulders claims he only enters bareback riding to win entry fees for bull riding. Championships in his other event disprove this, but it is on the big Brahmas that Jim is the greatest.

With the 85 rankest bulls from all rodeo strings picked for the National Finals last December, most of the top bull riders themselves figured anybody would be lucky to make the whistle on more than seven of the ten each would mount. Not Jim, "I figure on riding them all or I wouldn't go," he said.

He didn't quite make it. Black smoke, a Tucker bull from Oregon, flattened him. But Jim rode the other nine, the only one of the fifteen bull riders to qualify on that many.

This confidence—and he's completely unassuming about it—is a big factor in Shoulders' incredible record. Another is his whalebone toughness which enables him to keep winning despite aches and minor injuries. Most cowboys lay off to heal when hurt, finding it too hard to beat sound men, but Shoulders goes right on, grinding out wins at almost every rodeo he enters.

Last season Jim didn't get high in the standings until he took second June 1. He stayed there until Nov. 1 when he took the lead after pocketing \$2,846 at New York and Boston. But Bob Wegner reclaimed first place, winning the Cow Palace, to lead Jim by \$42 when they went to the National Finals.

Shoulders scored on his first bull there, went to the lead. Wegner went ahead again the next go-round, winning the day money. Then Bob bucked off his fourth bull while Jim placed second to lead for the title. By the last night at Dallas, Bob had placed on four more bulls, Jim on 2. Shoulders led by only \$2. He had been thrown from one, Wegner from two. If Jim rode his last bull he would be the champion. If he bucked off and Wegner rode, Bob would win. The pressure just made Jim tougher. He made the ride look easy.

# Bull Riding 1959

**Bob Wegner** **Ponca City, Okla.**

(2nd—\$15,714). Two years in a row now Wegner had led the race for bull riding championship through the summer and early fall, only to have Shoulders come from behind at the rich, long-average late rodeos and grasp the title. In 1958, Bob lost out by \$843 and last year led by \$42 going into the NFR "World Series" playoffs.

"Bob tries every bull just as hard and just as long as he can," said Joe Green last fall, and Bob tried Shoulders, too. Jim had taken the lead in November, but Wegner fought back to first by winning the Cow Palace. Still only 25, he now figures to outlast Shoulders.

Bob started well, taking second at Denver for \$2,072. He hit the top in national rankings June 1, stayed there all summer. By the time Lewiston, Idaho, was over in early September, Bob had scored at 28 rodeos. From then until his \$1,923 win at San Francisco, his riding hand sore and weak from a fall, Bob could win but \$217.

Wegner entered his first pro rodeo in 1953. He is an ideal bull rider size, 5'6" and 140 pounds. He's single, has invested his winnings in cattle.

**Joe Green** **Sulphur, Oklahoma**

(4th—\$10,226.) Joe Green's riding runs in streaks. When he's on a good one, he's probably the finest bull rider in rodeo today. When he's cold, he can't seem to do anything right. A lot of this, other cowboys say, is that Joe still doesn't have the confidence he should have in his own ability.

Joe was only 22 when the '59 season started. By the time it ended he may have gotten the confidence to make him a future champion. He didn't place at all last year until late April, then only now and then until about the time of his 23rd birthday in August.

Starting at Burwell the middle of that month, Joe won money at every rodeo he entered through the end of the season. August 15 he showed up in the standings for the first time, fifteenth. He was eleventh when New York started, won \$3,216 there for second and by placing in day monies, including a ride on bull "Ought" that hadn't been mastered all season. He jumped to third place, but slipped a notch at the Finals. Injured there the second day, he had to turn some bulls out, but came back to place in the last go-round. He's married, has been in R.C.A. competition since he was 16.

**Bill Rinestine** **Nara Visa, N.M.**

(3rd—\$10,409) Level-headedness pays off in rodeo, particularly at the richer, and longer, rodeos. Shoulders has proved this, and it is for this characteristic that Jim picks Rinestine as "the best boy coming up."

Last fall Bill proved this trait. He was the only man to ride all of his bulls at New York, winning the \$2,251 riding there. At the Finals he bucked down from three, but still won third.

Now 25, Bill has been in pro rodeo for five seasons. He began on the labor list for stock contractor Ken Roberts, former great bull rider, and Rinestine sought out and absorbed all the coaching he could get from the old master.

Rinestine typifies the younger group that is rapidly taking over the bull riding. He is serious and studious about his event, watching the bulls buck, figuring how to ride them; watching the other top men to learn from their styles.

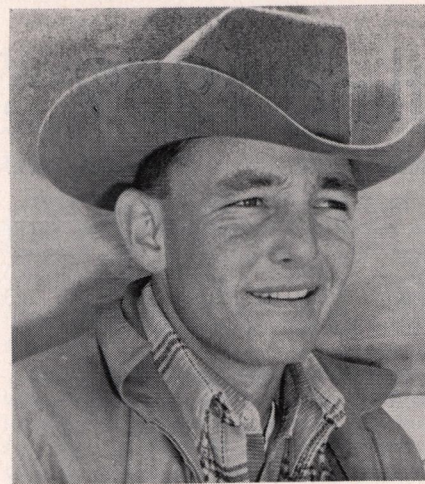
Married, Bill has his own ranch at NaraVisa, where he raises quarter horses. He ranked in the top ten all last season after taking first at San Antonio in February, moved to fourth after New York, to third after the NFR. He's 5'10" tall, weighs 150 pounds.

**Ed LeTourneau** **Davis, Calif.**

(5th—\$8,600.) 24-year-old Ed LeTourneau came to the National Finals almost completely unknown, even to the cowboys, though he ranked 11th in bull riding. When the NFR was over he was famous. 30,000,000 people watched on television as Ed had his teeth knocked out by a bull's horn early in a ride the last night at Dallas, then straightened up to ride the bull and win second there. The SPORTS ILLUSTRATED gave the 23-year-old college student a bright writeup.

Ed is studying for his veterinary degree at the University of California. He'd been a regional college champ, but never tried much pro competition till last year. Then, he didn't enter a rodeo until late April, and only competed when it was handy to his school.

In July he won the big Salinas riding, his first major mark. He travelled to the northwest a bit in the summer, took third at Pendleton, then went back to college. Watching the standings, he made two flying trips to Portland in October, during exams, won the riding there, placed third at San Francisco to break into the top fifteen and win a berth at the World Series. At Dallas he won a total of \$1,955 to go all the way to fifth. He's married.



**World Champion** **\$24,728**

**Jim Bob Altizer** **Del Rio, Tex.**

Altizer made a runaway of the calf roping last season. He took the lead in March and pulled away from there to the wire. The \$24,728 he won is a new roping record. Steer roping prize money made Jim Bob the first man since '48 to enter only ropings and finish as runner-up for the All-Around Championship.

Most ropers agree Altizer, 27, could have won the roping title years ago if he'd gone to enough rodeos. Second in '53 when 21, he has been among the top ten every season since while entering about 25 contests a year, only half as many as most contenders enter.

Last season Jim Bob went to 38 rodeos, still less than most, but he won money at 26. When National Finals time came, he was so far ahead the title was cinched. Altizer says the reason was, "I got lucky at the right rodeos," a typically over-modest statement.

He did rack up an amazing record at some of the biggest—and toughest—contests. Second at Ft. Worth was worth \$3,991; first at Phoenix, \$1,666; and second at Lubbock, another \$1,287. By the end of March he'd posted \$8,636.

In the summer Altizer won the Cheyenne average for \$2,397; then two more in a row for \$2,115. At New York he tied ten calves faster than any other cowboy tied nine, worth \$3,838, wound up with a second at San Francisco for \$1,275.

But luck sure wasn't the only reason he did this. Altizer has the coolest head in the roping game. Pressure hits ropers harder than other contestants. A 25-foot rope, or even the 6-foot tie string, can act like an angry snake in the hands of a nervous cowboy. The big-money runs make Altizer all the tougher. He never beats himself.

Jim Bob and his brother-in-law operate a 38,000 acre sheep and goat ranch at Del Rio. He and Minnie Altizer have two children.

# Calf Roping 1959

**Dale Smith**

**Chandler, Ariz.**

**Dean Oliver**

**Boise, Ida.**

(2nd—\$18,421) Smith is a cowboy's roper. He can do anything with a lariat, and do it well. Last season he was second in calf roping, 9th in steer roping and 15th in team roping, the first time in rodeo history a man finished in all three roping standings.

Now 31, Dale never hit the full-time rodeo trail until recent years. His large ranch holdings kept him close to Arizona. Still he was champion team roper in 1956 and 1957, was third in calf roping the latter year, his first high finish in that event.

Mounted on a blue horse most other ropers call the best in the business, the Arizonan gobbled up money in big hunks last year. In July he won the tough Salinas event, flew to Calgary, won it too, making more than \$4,000 at the two. He and Oliver shifted in and out of second place all fall until Smith won a \$2,520 first at the Cow Palace. Last fall he started entering steer wrestling also.

Part of Dale's competitive edge can be traced to his mental attitude. He believes every run will be a winning one, that by doing everything right you can win on even a tough calf. He's married, has two children, is a strapping 6'1", 195 pounder.

**Olin Young**

**Lovington, N. M.**

**Sonny Davis**

**Kenna, N. M.**

(4th—\$17,732) Young was raised to be a rodeo roper. His dad, Paul, was one before him. He saw that Olin from an early age, had patient coaching and plenty of chance to practice.

The boy grew up with an ambition to make good for his dad. Only 23, he already has. Finishing fourth for the season is honor enough, but Olin's prize memory from 1959 will always be winning the roping at the first rodeo "World Series," the National Finals in Dallas last December. He beat the other fourteen best ropers in the world over a trying ten-calf average.

Young first hit the bigtime in 1958, finishing seventh. In '59 he started winning steadily at Tulsa in May, where first paid him \$1,251. He scored a sensational week in August. Working Burwell, Neb., Rapid City, S. D. and Loveland, Colo., he placed on every calf at all three, won all the averages.

A slim six-footer, Young still uses the same horse on which he first learned to rope. "We know every move the other will make," he says, "He gets better all the time." Older ropers tab Young a title contender, but the U. S. Army may borrow him awhile this year.

(3rd—\$18,104) Since trailherds first came together on a drive, ropers from the southwest where climate permits year-round roping have monopolized that contest. Then along came Idaho's Dean Oliver to make the proud southerners eat humble pie. He beat them at their own event for world titles in 1955 and 1958.

To make their humility complete, Dean didn't even have a ranch back ground. He grew up in the Snake River farm belt, practiced his roping and tying on purebred dairy calves till his boss caught him. He became a rodeo pro in 1953.

Big—6'3", 200 lb.—strong and quick, Oliver's ability on the ground is unsurpassed. He is an acknowledged master at getting calves on the ground, can apply the wraps and tie as fast as anyone.

Traditionally a slow starter, Dean hit his first lick, and his best of 1959, at El Paso in February, \$1,786. Then, as in his title years, he started grinding out wins at spring California rodeos, scored heavily at main events in his northwest. In all, he placed at 34 rodeos.

Now 30, Oliver and his wife Martha have two children. They live on an irrigated farm outside Boise.

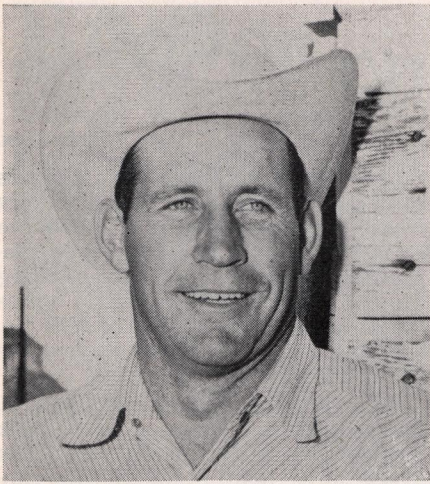
(5th—\$15,678) At 25, Davis is already a ten-year veteran of arena competition. He was larger than most men when he made his pro debut at Las Vegas, N. M. in 1950 and has been a good hand so long even many rodeo people are surprised to learn his age.

Sonny started and ended the '59 season with a bang. Last January he won \$5,278 roping calves at Ft. Worth. This payoff is the all time record for one event at a single rodeo. Davis ended the year winning second at the NFR, finishing only half a second behind Young.

The biggest man among leading ropers, Davis weighs 225, is 6'3" tall. He moves kind of slow and looks a little awkward—till he ropes a calf. Then he's quick as a cat. One day at the Finals he showed this to perfection. Missing a calf with his first loop, he snared the calf with his second rope, stepped off the wrong side of his horse, flanked down a 300-lb Brahma and made the tie. The clock read 14.9 — an unbelievable time with two loops.

Davis is also a fine steer roper, ranked fourth for the year in that event. Married and father of two, he doesn't rodeo much away from the southwest.





# Steer Wrestling 1959

**World Champion \$18,636**

**Harry Charters Melba, Ida.**

Rodeo had seen some sensational newcomers go to the top in just a few years, but never until 1959 had a first-year pro carried off a world championship.

Harry Charters did just that, and did it in a convincing way. He had joined the Association in the fall of 1958, turning pro at 33, an age when most cowboys are thinking about retiring.

The 6'-6", 265 pound giant started '59 by winning \$2,588 at the first two rodeos. He kept placing steadily, took the lead in the race March 1. Bumped to second by Danny Daniels on May 1st, big Harry went back to first six weeks later and stayed there. He went to the National Finals with a \$5,783 lead over the second man, so far ahead no one could possibly beat him for the title.

Rodeo's eleven-month playing season is a gruelling test, and with the simple but cold-blooded way of determining titles according to money won, no cowboy gets to be a champion by a fluke or single hot streak. It was no accident this rookie won the title.

Charters had been a three-sport athlete in high school. He took up weekend rodeoing in his early twenties "Because I liked to fool with horses." For ten years he went to little local summer rodeos handy to his dairy farm and horse ranch, practiced hard at home.

Big as he is, Charters moves as quickly as a small man. This makes him a tough calf roper, too, and he barely missed qualifying for the Finals in that event. Combining his size and unusual agility, Harry has a steer wrestling style some call unorthodox.

Placing in the steer wrestling at 40 rodeos and in the roping at 30, Charters won a total of \$24,930. Only three veterans did better, and Harry was an easy choice for "1959 Rookie of the Year." He is married and has four children.

**Don Feddersen**

**Sidney, Nebr.**

(2nd—\$12,940) Don started rodeoing ten years ago, going along with older brother Bill. Now 30, Don enters steer wrestling and calf roping. While on the Oklahoma A&M rodeo team, he was national intercollegiate champion steer wrestler in 1953.

Six feet tall, weighing 195 pounds, Feddersen is a tough, consistent steer wrestler who sharpened his ability practicing on many cold Nebraska winter days. He hit the top ranks of his event in 1958, finishing fourth for the season.

Last year Don started slowly, didn't get into the national standings at all until August 1. By then he had started riding the old horse he owns with Bill, and on which Don learned. He started to climb fast, wound up the regular season by winning first at the last two big rodeos, Boston and San Francisco. Worth over \$4,000, these wins moved him to second place.

When the National Finals started, Harry Charters already had such a lead nobody could beat him for the title, but at Dallas Don placed second on the ten-steer average to cinch his runner-up spot. When he's not contesting, Don works in the Nebraska oilfields. He is married, has two children.

**Tom Nesmith**

**Bethel, Okla.**

(4th—\$10,362) Ask the top pros who has the best steer wrestling form and most of them will quickly answer, "Tom Nesmith." His near-perfect coordination and style enable Tom, small for the event at 5'10" and 170 lbs., to hold his own with the giants that dominate the contest.

Just turned 25, Nesmith is rodeo's best roper-steer wrestler combination. He also finished 7th in calf roping last year, the only contestant to qualify for the National Finals in both time events.

One steer wrestler said, "Tom rides a horse like a jockey." Horsemanship is one key to Tom's success. He gets to cattle quickly and in good position, seldom gets away from the barrier badly. Another key is that quiet, serious Tom is all business about his rodeo career. And, he's already a seasoned ten-year veteran.

Nesmith won the steer wrestling at 1959's first big rodeo, Denver, worth \$2,684, led the races for the first month. He won the roping at San Antonio in late February, \$1,749, to rank as rodeo's top money winner for two weeks thereafter. In all, Nesmith placed in steer wrestling money at 18 rodeos, in calf roping at 26.

**Danny Daniels**

**Phoenix, Ariz.**

(3rd—\$11,156) Five years before he ended the '59 season as the third best steer wrestler in the world, Danny Daniels couldn't even ride a saddle horse. Because he liked some rodeo cowboys and their way of life, he decided to learn.

In 1954 he learned to ride, and the next summer entered the steer wrestling at Dublin, Texas. A strong, active 5'10", 185 lb. former athlete, Daniels placed there on two of the first three steers he ran in competition. After that he entered the biggest and toughest rodeos, gaining experience against the best contestants.

Daniels started 1959 with a \$2,684 second place at Denver. He won Phoenix in March, then in April took the lead for the championship after winning his event at Red Bluff, Calif. Danny held the number one spot for six weeks before Charters went ahead to stay.

Through the summer, Daniels stayed close, but hit a cold streak in the fall. Danny broke his arm at the Cow Palace, threw his other two steers, but watched Don Feddersen pass him for the runner-up position. In all, Daniels scored at 24 rodeos last season. He is 31 and single.

**Willard Combs**

**Checotah, Okla.**

(5th—\$10,132) 1960 will be the twentieth year of arena competition for Combs. 36. But in more ways than age he can be considered the dean of steer wrestlers. For one, he owns the finest mount the event has ever known, the bay mare Baby Doll. Too, he has for years kept at his Checotah ranch an active practice arena, and has taught many of the current top hands.

Until he had trained Baby Doll, Willard never really hit the full-time rodeo trail. In the six years since, he has only once failed to place among the top five in his event. He won the championship in 1957.

Last season Combs got off to his poorest start. He had won less than \$600 by late May. Then he broke loose, took both go-rounds at Las Vegas, won the next rodeo at Ft. Smith, Ark., then Vernon, Tex. and climbed in the standings from there. When the Finals began he was in seventh place. Showing his old pro's consistency over the ten-head event there, he won first and \$1,305 to finish fifth.

Willard owns a good ranch, is married, has three children. He stands six feet tall, weighs 200 pounds.

## World Champion Steer Roper \$5,155

**Everett Shaw**

**Stonewall, Okla.**

Shaw is one of the few men in any sport who can claim an active and winning career that spans 35 years. He entered his first rodeo in 1926, has five times won the steer roping title; 1945, '46, '48, '51 and then last season.

Now a 52-year old rancher and businessman, Everett enters only a handful of contests each year. But, for many years he made his living roping calves and steers. Always a fine horseman, he won the Madison Square Garden calf roping three times in the 30's.

1959 was a typical Shaw year. More good young ropers had gained experience to be tough, but Shaw came through where it counted. He won Cheyenne for \$1,939, richest steer roping of the year, scored at four others to hold a \$1,500 lead when he went to the National Final Ropings in Clayton, N. M., last November.

Brilliant as his roping records are—Shaw failed but one year to place among the five top men in this event—Everett will be remembered more for his character and contributions to the advancement of rodeo. Rodeo in his younger days was a far cry from the popular, well regulated sport it is today.

One of the most respected figures in rodeo history, Shaw helped bring rodeo to its current position. He served a total of eighteen years on the board of directors of the Rodeo Cowboys Association and its predecessor, the Cowboys Turtle Association.

Shaw and his wife have one teenage daughter who raises Shetland ponies, making Everett says, "More money than I do."

**Shoat Webster**

**Lenapah, Okla.**

(2nd Steer Roping—\$3,753.) Shoat was 24 when he won his first world title roping steers back in 1949. He won it again the next season, twice more in 1954-55. He and Shaw pretty much dominated the event during the past decade.

At Pendleton, for instance, the famed Sam Jackson Trophy had been unclaimed for permanent possession since 1910. To earn it, a cowboy had to three times be high money winner at Pendleton. Webster did that three years in a row, 1949-51, carried the \$5,000 trophy home, next year won a leg on the new trophy.

Shoat made his best win last year at Vinita, Okla. Trying to overcome Shaw's lead at the Finals, he missed one steer, still won almost \$1,000 to hold his second place. Webster is married, has one daughter. He stands 5'9", weighs 180.

**Jim Snively**

**Pawhuska, Okla.**

(3rd Steer Roping—\$3,280). Another veteran with a good year in '59, Jim Snively, 48, was world champ, 1956, in steer roping. His roping career goes back to 1929 and, like Shaw, he was a full-season calf roping pro for many years.

The Finals roping last year was the high point of Snively's season. There he came in first, besting Shaw by more than 15 seconds on the six steers. Jim won \$1,493 at the Finals, which shot him all the way from eighth place to third for the season.

Snively lives with his wife and two sons on a ranch near Pawhuska in the Osage country. The Snively name is assured a place in rodeo for years to come. Both boys are already ropers. Joe, 17, finished in seventh place in national standings last season, his first try at professional competition.

Until the Finals, son Joe actually stood ahead of his dad. The youngster placed second at Cheyenne against 65 veteran ropers, pocketed \$1,682. It's hard to tell whether Jim Snively was prouder of winning the first Finals Roping himself or of having Joe do so well in his first year—probably the latter.

## World Champion Team Roper \$6,184

**Jim Rodriguez, Jr.**

**Castroville, Calif.**

Youngest world Champion professional rodeo has ever crowned, Jim Rodriguez, Jr., 18, won his gold buckle by showing the icy calmness under pressure of a seasoned veteran.

Last November he drove 1,300 miles to Clayton, N. M., for the National Finals Roping, his first competition outside California. He stood second for the championship, \$900 behind 1948 title-holder, Joe Glenn.

Teamed with his partner and coach, Gene Rambo, Rodriguez placed once in the first three go-rounds, roped under familiar California rules with a loose rope that must be wrapped around the saddle horn to stop the steer. The last three go-rounds were held under Arizona rules, with ropes tied to the saddle horn.

The California pair beat the Arizonans at their own game, placed in two of the last three go-rounds. Their total time on the six steers was 44.2 seconds better than the closest team. The \$966 young Jim won there earned him the title by \$64.

When he was 16, "the Kid," his proud father's nickname for Jimmy, first teamed with Rambo, roping steers by the head for Gene to heel. Together they won Salinas in 1957 and again in 1958, the toughest team roping of any year, beating some 120 teams each time.

Rodriguez was an outstanding

school athlete, didn't rodeo as a pro until he had graduated. Then he chose the arena over several offers he had received from major league baseball clubs. He's now a freshman at Hartnell College, Salinas.

Jim had every chance to learn to rope. His father was and still is a good team roper himself. A practice arena and plenty of steers were always on hand for Jim and his youngest brother. From Jim Sr. and Rambo the boy got expert advice—and it sunk in.

**Joe Glenn**

**Douglas, Ariz.**

(2nd—\$6,120.) Roping 750-pound steers by the hind feet is, at best, a heartbreaking thing. To get both feet in the loop requires real skill, delicate timing, a smooth-working partner in the head end of the steer, a good horse—and a lot of luck. Everything can be perfect, but a steer knocks over the loop or jumps around it.

Joe Glenn is always well-mounted, he's been roping with the same good partner, Fred Darnell, for years and years, and he's long since proved his skill and timing. Sometimes he has the luck.

On one of those days when he needed the luck and didn't have it, Glenn failed to place on any of the six steers at the Finals roping in Clayton last November, saw Rodriguez pass him and take the Championship. A fourth place in any go-round would have won Glenn his second title—he was top team roper in 1948.

Joe made his best win of '59 at Tucson, good for \$1,762. In all, he placed at 14 team ropings. Glenn was a top Arizona calf roper for years. He never rodeoed full time, has a ranch near the Mexican border.

**Gene Rambo**

**Shandon, Calif.**

(3rd—\$6,087.) At 39, Rambo is already a rodeo immortal. It may not show on the records, but those who saw him in his prime agree Rambo had been rodeo's finest cowboy. He is the only one who ever entered all contest events and was as tough as anybody in the world in every one of them.

Gene almost never traveled far from the west coast, but it wasn't unusual for him to place in the finals in three or four events at big rodeos like Cheyenne, Salinas or San Francisco. He rodeoed for profits, not for titles, and built a fine ranch from his winnings.

Several years retired to only roping, Rambo instilled in his young partner some of his cool-headedness. Gene entered the Finals knowing he couldn't be Champion—he trailed Rodriguez and both partners would win the same amount. Other teams in this situation split up at Clayton, but, typically, Rambo stayed with "the Kid" and helped him to the championship.



# Saga of Rodeo

From its dusty origin on the cattle trails of the old west, rodeo has come a long way. Today the sport that developed from the early cowhands' everyday work has spread to blanket the continent, with professional rodeo held in 37 states and three Canadian provinces last year.

National attendance at R.C.A. rodeo now is bigger than ever. The season is a full 12 months and the annual prize money payoff divided among winning contestants is well over \$3,000,000. These statistics alone make this a big and important sport, but rodeo has no Abner Doubleday, no Cooperstown. It had no inventor, was never born. Like Topsy, it just "grewed."

The cattle industry of the old west was a far cry from the version seen on TV and movie screens today. The men who herded the wild cattle of the last century were rough and violent, and their existence was harsh, lonely and monotonous.

When cattle outfits came together on the trail to northern grass or at shipping points, these entertainment-starved cowhands eagerly grasped the most ready and often the only diversion. They matched skills at their everyday work of roping and tying big steers and riding bucking horses.

As the herds and cowboys drifted, tales of these contests spread and the winners and best bucking horses always found a ready challenger in the next outfit. Whole summer's wages were bet on the outcome of a ride or of a match between ropers from two ranches. At some shipping points these contests became an annual event. One such place was Deer Trail, Colorado, where in 1869 an Englishman named Emilnie Garden-shire won the match between the Hashknife, Campstool and Mill Iron riders, and was given the first mythical title, Champion Bronco Buster of the Plains.

Then in 1883 the merchants of Pecos, Texas, went out on the plains and invited the cowhands to bring their contests to town for a 4th of July celebration. They did, penning the steers in the courthouse square and roping the longhorns down Pecos' main street.

Five years later, in 1888, the merchants of Prescott had an even better idea. They fenced off a piece of prairie and charged admission for the townsfolk to come see the action. Almost every part of the west has a town that claims the earliest rodeo, most with some justification based on certain conditions, for rodeo was growing up all over at the same time.

Today, it is still basically a commu-

nity-sponsored event, held as a local celebration to benefit the community. Some 90 per cent of the 500 rodeos approved each year by the Rodeo Cowboy's Association are held by some non-profit organization. All this has made rodeo as much a part of American life as the figure of the cowboy on horseback—a living symbol of an era of history and of characteristics and traditions that have become so representative of America.

# Rodeo Cowboys Association

The cohesive force that ties 500 individual community sponsored rodeos, 3,000 independent contestants and 40 competitive livestock contractors into a booming, multimillion dollar professional sport is the Rodeo Cowboys Association.

As the name implies, the Association began as a contestants' organization to better the lot of the competing cowboy. Today it is much more—the commissioner, the administrator, the policeman, the banker, the promotor, the publisher and the inspiration of rodeo.

By 1936 rodeo was so popular better competitors made their living by rodeo winnings. At Boston that fall, these cowboys found first prize there was hardly enough to pay room rent. They refused to compete. The producer negotiated and so was born the Cowboys Turtle Association, thus named because its leaders promised to move slowly but surely.

In nine years the Turtles brought standard rules; honest advertising of rodeo purses; addition of entry fees to the prize money; and use of competent judges. Reorganization to the Rodeo Cowboys Association came in 1945 and with it the first permanent office and fulltime executive.

Gradually the R.C.A. grew to be more than a cowboys' union. Seeing evidence of the cowboy leaders' integrity, fairness and dedication to the advancement of rodeo, rodeo commottees gained faith in the R.C.A., which offered the only active year-round administration in rodeo. These sponsors, community leaders contributing their time and efforts to hold their local rodeos, were happy to look to the R.C.A. for national leadership.

As the Association accepted leadership of and responsibility for the sport as a whole, developments came fast. A group accident policy for all members was initiated in 1951. The official publication RODEO SPORTS NEWS was first published in 1952. Nineteen hundred fifty-five saw the R.C.A. set up and finance rodeo's first national news bureau, the Rodeo Information Commission.

The Association established in 1958 the National Finals Rodeo Commis-

sion to produce each season the "World Series" rodeo to climax the year and crown the champions on a given day at a given place.

Latest of the related agencies backed by the Association is the Rodeo Foundation, a high-level advisory board composed of rodeo committeemen, stock contractors and contestants.

The fortunes of rodeo are directed by the R.C.A. Board of Directors, eleven active members who don't get a dime for the jobs they do. All but the director elected by contract members are contestants. Around meeting tables in plush hotels, these cowboys wrangle with problems the Turtle founders could never have foreseen—from the effects of network television on the sport to insurance underwriting.

All of these rodeo agencies headquarter at the R.C.A. office in Denver, center for every phase of the far-flung, complex sport. There in 2,500 square feet of modern offices a full-time staff of fifteen carries on the administration of the cowboy sport. Fittingly, the sign on the door says simply "RODEO."

# How Champions Are Named

Rodeo Champions are named at the end of each year from records kept on all approved rodeos by the Rodeo Cowboys Association, at their Denver headquarters. The contestant winning the most money at approved rodeos in each event is named the Champion of the World. These are the only legitimate champions and only times the word Champion should be used is when referring to them. Single event winners at individual rodeos are event winners, not champions. The winner of the All Around at an individual rodeo should be called the All Around winner of that particular rodeo. The All Around Champion is the contestant winning the most money for the year, and must place in two or more events.

The Rodeo Cowboys Association guarantees cash awards to be made to the Champions at the end of each year and to contestants placing second, third and fourth. These cash awards for all five standard events, the Steer Roping, the Team Roping, and the All Around. Guarantees were \$3000 for each event and the All Around in 1959. The Championship Standings are carried in RODEO SPORTS NEWS each issue, and are audited after the cut-off date at the end of each season.

The Champions of each year since 1929 are listed, starting on page 11.

# CHAMPION COWBOYS 1929-1944

(From 1929 through 1944, rodeo's champions were named by the Rodeo Association of America)

## ALL AROUND COWBOY

1929	Earle Thode
1930	Clay Carr
1931	J. Schneider
1932	Donald Nesbitt
1933	Clay Carr
1934	Leonard Ward
1935	Everett Bowman
1936	John Bowman
1937	Everett Bowman
1938	Burel Mulkey
1939	Paul Carney
1940	Fritz Truan
1941	Homer Pettigrew
1942	Gerald Roberts
1943	Louis Brooks
1944	Louis Brooks

## CALF ROPING

1929	Everett Bowman
1930	Jake McClure
1931	Herb Meyers
1932	Richard Merchant
1933	Bill McFarlane
1934	Irby Mundy
1935	Everett Bowman
1936	Clyde Burke
1937	Everett Bowman
1938	Clyde Burke
1939	Toots Mansfield
1940	Toots Mansfield
1941	Toots Mansfield
1942	Clyde Burke
1943	Toots Mansfield
1944	Clyde Burke

## SADDLE BRONC RIDING

1929	Earl Thode
1930	Clay Carr
1931	Earl Thode
1932	Pete Knight
1933	Pete Knight
1934	Leonard Ward
1935	Pete Knight
1936	Pete Knight
1937	Burel Mulkey
1938	Burel Mulkey
1939	Fritz Truan
1940	Fritz Truan
1941	Doff Aber
1942	Doff Aber
1943	Louis Brooks
1944	Louis Brooks

## BAREBACK RIDING

(No bareback champions named by the R. A. A. until 1932)	
1932	Smokey Snyder
1933	Nate Waldrum
1934	Leonard Ward
1935	Frank Schneider
1936	Smokey Snyder
1937	Paul Carney
1938	Pete Grubb
1939	Paul Carney
1940	Carl Dossey
1941	George Mills
1942	Louis Brooks
1943	Bill Linderman
1944	Louis Brooks

## BULL RIDING

1929	John Schneider
1930	John Schneider
1931	Smokey Snyder
1932 (tie)	John Schneider
1933	Smokey Snyder
1934	Frank Schneider
1935	Smokey Snyder
1936	Smokey Snyder
1937	Smokey Snyder
1938	Kid Fletcher
1939	Dick Griffith
1940	Dick Griffith
1941	Dick Griffith
1942	Dick Griffith
1943	Ken Roberts
1944	Ken Roberts

## STEER WRESTLING

1929	Gene Ross
1930	Everett Bowman
1931	Gene Ross
1932	Hugh Bennett
1933	Everett Bowman
1934	Shorty Ricker
1935	Everett Bowman
1936	Jack Kerscher
1937	Gene Ross
1938	Everett Bowman
1939	Harry Hart
1940	Homer Pettigrew
1941	Hub Whiteman
1942	Homer Pettigrew
1943	Homer Pettigrew
1944	Homer Pettigrew

## TEAM ROPING

1929	Charles Maggini
1930	Norman Cowan
1931	A. Beloit
1932	A. E. Gardner
1933	Roy Adams
1934	Andy Jauregui
1935	Lawrence Conley
1936	John Rhodes
1937	Asbury Schell
1938	John Rhodes
1939	Asbury Schell
1940	Pete Grubb
1941	Jim Hudson
1942 (tie)	Vern Castro
1942 (tie)	Vic Castro
1943 (tie)	Mark Hull
1943 (tie)	Leonard Block
1944	Murphy Chaney

## STEER ROPING

1929	Charles Maggini
1930	Clay Carr
1931	Andy Jauregui
1932	George Weir
1933	John Bowman
1934	John McIntyre
1935	Richard Merchant
1936	John Bowman
1937	Everett Bowman
1938	Hugh Bennett
1939	Dick Truitt
1940	Clay Carr
1941	Ike Rude
1942	King Merritt
1943	Tom Rhodes
1944	Tom Rhodes

# FINAL CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS 1945-59

No R. C. A. all around award in 1945 or 1946

## Standings—1945

SADDLE BRONC RIDING	
Bill Linderman	7,104
Ken Roberts	5,660
Bud Linderman	5,244
George Yardley	5,240
Bill McMacken	4,854

## BAREBACK RIDING

Bud Linderman	8,313
Bill Linderman	6,919
Gerald Roberts	4,983
Hank Mills	4,340
Paul Gould	3,898

## BULL RIDING

Ken Roberts	9,332
Dick Griffith	5,792
G. W. Lewallen	5,709
Todd Whatley	5,466
Gerald Roberts	5,397

## STEER WRESTLING

Homer Pettigrew	6,630
George Yardley	4,844
Royce Sewalt	4,683
Buck Sorrells	4,532
Dave Campbell	4,213

## CALF ROPING

Toots Mansfield	14,180
Homer Pettigrew	8,450
Royce Sewalt	6,291
Jess Goodspeed	5,730
Tony Salinas	5,300

## TEAM ROPING

Ernest Gill	1,122
Toots Mansfield	993
Tom Rhodes	970
Sunny Edwards	925
Joe Bassett	900

## STEER ROPING

Everett Shaw	2,573
Buck Goodspeed	1,137
Toots Mansfield	1,071
Carl Arnold	1,032
John Bowman	845

## Standings—1946

SADDLE BRONC RIDING	
Jerry Ambler	10,657
Bill McMacken	6,027
Jackie Cooper	5,831
Paul Gould	5,476
Tom Knight	5,437

## BAREBACK BRONC RIDING

Bud Speelman	6,689
Bud Linderman	6,129
Paul Bond	6,085
Sonny Tureman	5,650
Wag Blessing	5,520

## BULL RIDING

Pee Wee Morris	7,147
Ken Roberts	7,009
Wag Blessing	6,279
Glenn Tyler	5,282
G. K. Lewallen	4,598

## STEER WRESTLING

Dave Campbell	10,472
Steve Heacock	6,945
Dub Phillips	6,579
Wilbur Plaugher	6,257
Hank Mills	5,307

## CALF ROPING

Royce Sewalt	12,807
Toots Mansfield	11,272
Jess Goodspeed	9,538
Lanham Riley	8,468
Dee Burk	8,287

## TEAM ROPING

Chuck Sheppard	3,368
Jim Hudson	3,157
Joe Bassett	3,028
Jim Brister	2,995
Maynard Gaylor	2,887

## STEER ROPING

Everett Shaw	3,836
Buck Goodspeed	2,588
Cotton Lee	2,561
Jiggs Burk	2,340
Dick Truitt	2,111

## Standings—1947

### ALL AROUND COWBOY

The 1947 all around champion, Todd Whatley, was named by the R. C. A. after the season ended at the request of a national trophy donor. Records on the runners-up that year for the big title were not preserved.

## SADDLE BRONC RIDING

Carl Olson	8,765
Bill Linderman	8,250
Jerry Ambler	7,822
Buster Ivory	6,929
Casey Tibbs	6,565

## BAREBACK RIDING

Larry Finley	7,415
Bud Linderman	7,393
Bill Linderman	6,918
Sonny Tureman	6,445
Wallace Brooks	5,565

## BULL RIDING

Wag Blessing	8,156
Todd Whatley	7,643
Ken Roberts	5,705
Gerald Roberts	5,281
Glenn Tyler	5,176

## STEER WRESTLING

Todd Whatley	10,999
Homer Pettigrew	5,958
Howard McCrory	7,091
Ken Boen	7,026
Charley Colbert	7,013

## CALF ROPING

Troy Fort	18,482
Toots Mansfield	15,565
Zeno Farris	11,733
Buck Sorrells	8,767
Jess Goodspeed	8,626

## TEAM ROPING

Jim Brister	3,546
John Rhodes	3,251
Joe Bassett	2,410
Asbury Schell	2,397
Jim Hudson	1,995

## STEER ROPING

Ike Rude	4,389
Carl Arnold	3,800
Buck Goodspeed	3,702
Jim Snively	2,966
Buddy Neal	2,202

## Standings—1948

ALL AROUND COWBOY	
Gerald Roberts	21,766
Toots Mansfield	21,369
Todd Whatley	20,017
Gene Rambo	19,553
Harry Tompkins	17,296
Bill Linderman	16,878
Homer Pettigrew	15,979
Chuck Sheppard	15,694
Buck Sorrells	14,970
Vern Castro	14,642

## SADDLE BRONC

Gene Pruett	11,221
Carl Olson	7,715
Casey Tibbs	7,633
Bart Clennon	6,736
Gerald Roberts	6,627

## BAREBACK RIDING

Sonny Tureman	9,813
Jack Buschbom	8,901
Bud Linderman	6,103
Harry Tompkins	5,982
Wallace Brooks	5,919

## BULL RIDING

Harry Tompkins	11,313
Gerald Roberts	10,654
Sonny Lavender	8,417
Todd Whatley	8,397
Jim Shoulders	6,212

## STEER WRESTLING

Homer Pettigrew	9,906
Dub Phillips	9,411
Ken Boen	9,347
Barney Willis	8,546
Todd Whatley	7,523

## CALF ROPING

Toots Mansfield	17,812
Zeno Farris	12,260
Dee Burke	10,855
Jess Goodspeed	10,352
Troy Fort	8,664

## TEAM ROPING

Joe Glen	3,881
Marion Vincent	3,676
John Rhodes	3,474
Clay Carr	3,397
Willie Clay	2,935

## STEER ROPING

Everett Shaw	3,894
Ike Rude	2,785
Toots Mansfield	2,633
Buck Goodspeed	2,454
Carl Arnold	2,328



## Standings—1949

ALL AROUND COWBOY	
Jim Shoulders	21,495
Bill Linderman	20,680
Gene Rambo	19,494
Harry Tompkins	18,875
Homer Pettigrew	18,553
Gerald Roberts	17,286
Vern Castro	16,896
Bud Linderman	16,550
Todd Whatley	16,337
Casey Tibbs	15,882

## SADDLE BRONC

Casey Tibbs	12,867
Bill Linderman	10,471
Ross Dollarhide	9,110
Bill Ward	8,229
Bud Linderman	7,631

## BAREBACK

Jack Buschbom	9,240
Jim Shoulders	8,635
Duncan Brown	6,318
Ike Thomason	5,419
Harry Tompkins	5,336

## BULL RIDING

Harry Tompkins	13,290
Jim Shoulders	12,860
Gerald Roberts	8,449
Todd Whatley	6,813
Buck Rutherford	5,500

## STEER WRESTLING

Bill McGuire	8,058
Homer Pettigrew	6,957
Charlie Colbert	6,850
Todd Whatley	6,796
Jack Favor	6,637

## CALF ROPING

Troy Fort	14,145
Homer Pettigrew	11,496
J. D. Holleyman	10,425
Toots Mansfield	9,928
Jess Goodspeed	9,247

## TEAM ROPING

Ed Yanez	6,050
Vern Castro	4,509
Clay Carr	4,480
Andy Jauregui	4,093
Olan Simms	3,863

## STEER ROPING

Shoat Webster	2,813
Everett Shaw	2,111
Jack Skipworth	1,573
John Scott	1,278
Clark McIntire	1,222

## Standings—1950

ALL AROUND COWBOY	
Bill Linderman	30,715
Jim Shoulders	27,583
Harry Tompkins	25,891
Gene Rambo	24,161
Casey Tibbs	19,958
Gerald Roberts	17,089
Buck Rutherford	17,043
Vern Castro	16,557
Bud Linderman	16,457
Homer Pettigrew	15,653

## SADDLE BRONC

Bill Linderman	12,485
Casey Tibbs	12,308
Bill Ward	8,341
Ross Dollarhide	7,636
Bud Linderman	7,404

## BAREBACK RIDING

Jim Shoulders	11,988
Jack Buschbom	8,683
Buck Rutherford	8,194
Wallace Brooks	8,059
Casey Tibbs	7,042

## BULL RIDING

Harry Tompkins	19,213
Jim Shoulders	15,595
Gerald Roberts	8,978
Dave Mason	6,237
Bob Maynard	5,632

## STEER WRESTLING

Bill Linderman	11,946
Homer Pettigrew	9,608
Dub Phillips	9,541
James Bynum	5,368
Bill Hancock	5,157

## CALF ROPING

Toots Mansfield	12,721
Don McLaughlin	11,201
Dan Taylor	10,762
Gene Rambo	9,897
Ray Wharton	9,828

## TEAM ROPING

Buck Sorrells	4,636
Clay Carr	4,506
Vern Castro	3,667
Olan Simms	3,065
John Rhodes	2,896

## STEER ROPING

Shoat Webster	3,226
Everett Shaw	1,706
John Scott	1,409
Jack Skipworth	1,200
Shorty Valdez	1,170

## Standings—1951

ALL AROUND COWBOY	
Casey Tibbs	29,104
Jim Shoulders	27,244
Bill Linderman	23,666
Buck Rutherford	19,923
Harry Tompkins	16,321
Del Hevarty	15,402
Bud Linderman	14,825
Gerald Roberts	14,245
Vern Castro	12,827
Troy Fort	12,409

## SADDLE BRONC RIDING

Casey Tibbs	15,594
Deb Copenhaver	11,338
Gene Pruett	9,039
Bill Linderman	8,818
Buster Ivory	7,880

## BAREBACK RIDING

Casey Tibbs	13,244
Jim Shoulders	10,465
Sonny Tureman	7,444
Jack Buschbom	6,915
Del Haverty	6,488

## BULL RIDING

Jim Shoulders	16,779
Harry Tompkins	10,929
Buck Rutherford	10,614
Gerald Roberts	8,673
Bob Chartier	6,123

## STEER WRESTLING

Dub Phillips	10,957
James Bynum	6,971
Dan Poore	6,957
Jack Favor	6,590
Bill Linderman	6,395

## CALF ROPING

Don McLaughlin	12,822
Troy Fort	12,241
Lanham Riley	10,359
Dan Taylor	9,085
Doyle Riley	9,008

## TEAM ROPING

Olan Simms	3,546
Clay Carr	3,106
Tom Rhodes	2,866
Vern Castro	2,845
Everett Muzio	2,526

## STEER ROPING

Everett Shaw	4,020
Shoat Webster	2,926
J. D. Holleyman	2,126
Buddy Neals	1,917
Toots Mansfield	1,915

## Standings—1952

ALL AROUND COWBOY	
Harry Tompkins	30,934
Buck Rutherford	28,895
Bill Linderman	28,135
Jim Shoulders	22,875
Harley May	22,663
Del Haverty	21,600
Todd Whatley	20,837
Case Tibbs	20,242
Gordon Davis	18,735
Elliott Calhoun	18,730

## SADDLE BRONC

Casey Tibbs	14,631
Bill Linderman	13,389
Deb Copenhaver	12,157
Buster Ivory	10,721
Gene Pruett	9,011

## BAREBACK RIDING

Harry Tompkins	14,152
Jack Buschbom	10,243
Billy Weeks	9,757
Jim Shoulders	8,591
Buck Abbott	8,515

## BULL RIDING

Harry Tompkins	16,783
Jim Shoulders	14,103
Elliott Calhoun	9,251
Bob Maynard	8,869
Todd Whatley	8,038

## STEER WRESTLING

Harley May	15,381
Todd Whatley	9,175
Jack Favor	8,230
Bill Linderman	8,074
Buck Rutherford	6,935

## CALF ROPING

Don McLaughlin	18,294
Jess Goodspeed	14,980
B. J. Pierce	11,310
Gordon Davis	10,654
Doyle Riley	9,835

## TEAM ROPING

Asbury Schell	5,311
Joe Bassett	5,039
Vic Castro	4,892
Buck Sorrells	3,855
Chuck Sheppard	2,929

## STEER ROPING

J. A. (Buddy) Neal	3,712
Jim Snively	2,896
Shot Webster	2,361
Ike Rude	1,340
Tell McMillen	1,041

## Standings—1953

ALL AROUND COWBOY	
Bill Linderman	33,674
Casey Tibbs	31,208
Ross Dollarhide	28,035
Harry Tompkins	22,599
Eddy Akridge	20,786
Guy Weeks	20,570
Del Haverty	18,915
Jack Buschbom	18,870
Todd Whatley	17,088
Don McLaughlin	15,646
Gerald Roberts	15,646

## SADDLE BRONC RIDING

Case Tibbs	22,496
Deb Copenhaver	20,221
Bill Linderman	14,913
J. D. McKenna	9,223
Bill Ward	9,126

## BAREBACK

Eddy Akridge	17,302
Harry Tompkins	12,163
Jack Buschbom	11,131
Sonny Tureman	10,865
Del Haverty	8,407

## BULL RIDING

Todd Whatley	13,146
Billy Hand	11,124
Harry Tompkins	10,436
Dick Pascoe	10,111
Gerald Roberts	9,343

## STEER WRESTLING

Ross Dollarhide	14,224
Willard Combs	11,966
Willard Combs	7,488
Harley May	7,246
Homer Pettigrew	6,592

## CALF ROPING

Don McLaughlin	15,902
Jim Bob Altizer	12,918
B. J. Pierce	11,678
J. D. Holleyman	10,772
Buddy Groff	10,635

## TEAM ROPING

Ben Johnson	5,858
Ed Yanez	5,163
John Rhodes	5,104
Fred Darnell	5,006
Vern Castro	4,616

## STEER ROPING

Ike Rude	3,336
Shoat Webster	2,772
Everett Shaw	2,713
Clark McEntire	2,049
John Pogue	1,778

## Standings—1954

ALL AROUND COWBOY	
Buck Rutherford	40,404
Jim Shoulders	39,964
Casey Tibbs	36,553
Don McLaughlin	25,923
Bill Linderman	23,834
J. D. McKenna	23,078
Harry Tompkins	23,661
Guy Weeks	22,197
Todd Whatley	22,215
Jack Buschbom	20,147

## SADDLE BRONC

Casey Tibbs	23,052
Deb Copenhaver	20,386
J. D. McKenna	13,835
Bill Ward	11,826
Guy Weeks	11,407

## BAREBACK

Eddy Akridge	14,983
Buck Rutherford	14,976
Jack Buschbom	14,798
Ike Thomason	12,727
Jim Shoulders	11,264

## BULL RIDING

Jim Shoulders	28,700
Billy Hand	15,185
Buck Rutherford	14,138
Todd Whatley	13,260
Harry Tompkins	11,705

## STEER WRESTLING

James Bynum	12,578
Joe Madden	10,168
Harley May	9,630
J. D. McKenna	9,243
Ross Dollarhide	8,536

## CALF ROPING

Don McLaughlin	23,048
Buddy Groff	11,366
Dean Oliver	11,158
Jim Bob Altizer	10,666
Doyle Riley	10,439

## TEAM ROPING

Eddie Schell	6,547
Dale Smith	6,197
Olan Simms	5,668
Fred Darnell	5,258
Bob G. Jones	4,973

## STEER ROPING

Shoat Webster	4,189
Clark McEntire	3,582
Jim Snively	2,694
Ike Rude	1,935
Everett Shaw	1,640

## Standings—1955

ALL AROUND COWBOY	
Casey Tibbs	42,065
Jim Shoulders	37,682
Eddy Akridge	33,098
Harry Tompkins	23,060
Alvin Nelson	21,212
Guy Weeks	20,761
Dean Oliver	20,090
Jack Buschbom	20,080
Bill Linderman	19,487
J. D. McKenna	19,178

## SADDLE BRONC

Deb Copenhaver	24,121
Casey Tibbs	23,947
J. D. McKenna	15,925
Bill Ward	11,791
Guy Weeks	11,476

## BAREBACK

Eddy Akridge	18,213
Jim Shoulders	14,609
Casey Tibbs	13,981
Jack Buschbom	13,534
Alvin Nelson	11,689

## BULL RIDING

Jim Shoulders	22,073
Duane Howard	13,448
Harry Tompkins	12,496
Billy Hand	11,604
Gerald Roberts	9,368

## STEER WRESTLING

Benny Combs	13,742
Willard Combs	13,055
Harley May	10,780
Wilbur Plaugher	9,678
Ross Dollarhide	8,778

## CALF ROPING

Dean Oliver	19,963
Lanham Riley	13,230
Toots Mansfield	13,033
Ray Wharton	10,274
B. J. Pierce	9,602

## TEAM ROPING

Vern Castro	6,227
Bob G. Jones	5,442
Frank Ferreira	5,325
Fred Darnell	4,804
Joe Glenn	4,112

## STEER ROPING

Shoat Webster	5,163
Everett Shaw	3,972
Clark McEntire	2,157
Troy Fort	1,853
Carl Sawyer	1,310

## Standings—1956

ALL AROUND COWBOY	
Jim Shoulders	43,381
Harley May	31,180
Guy Weeks	27,802
Eddy Akridge	23,185
Bill Linderman	22,158
Harry Tompkins	21,523
Duane Howard	20,395
Jack Buschbom	20,111
Alvin Nelson	18,677
Buddy Groff	16,963

## SADDLE BRONC RIDING

George Menkenmaier .....	14,402
Alvin Nelson .....	11,979
Guy Weeks .....	10,982
Jackie Wright .....	10,300

**RABERACK RIDING**



# The National Finals Rodeo

The National Finals Rodeo Commission was created, and appointments made to the Commission, by the R.C.A. Board of Directors at their regular meeting in Cheyenne, Wyo., July 24, 1958. Mr. John Van Cronkhite, of Nacogdoches, Tex., was named producer-manager.

The purpose of the NFR was to produce a "World Series" of Rodeo. Time for the first NFRodeo was late in '59, and this was accomplished with the full cooperation and help of the entire sport.

Dallas, Texas, with the State Fair of Texas as the sponsor, was chosen for the first Finals Rodeo November 7, 1958. Dates were set for December 26-30, 1959, ten performances with the fifteen high men in each event, as of the Dec. 1st R.C.A. Standings to qualify for the Finals competition. Money won in the Finals counts toward the Championships.

The Finals was a straight contest rodeo, with all fifteen men competing in every performance, and news media coverage for the rodeo was terrific, with the last performance on television.

One of the main objectives of the Finals was to get more news coverage for the sport of rodeo, and this was a big success. Every state in the nation carried stories and reports, and the idea that rodeo is a full fledged big-time competitive sport was brought home to a world of people. The idea that rodeo is a wild west exhibition, or a carrier for a TV or movie star was dispelled in many areas. Straight contest rodeos

hold up in attendance, and continue to grow far better than the productions that tie their advertising campaign to a personality from the entertainment field.

Attendance at the Dallas NFRodeo was very good, gate receipts exceeded a quarter of a million dollars, in the period between Christmas and New Years when most events are not even given a chance to succeed.

Twenty-six rodeo stock contractors sent the very best bucking horses and bulls in their strings to Dallas for the rodeo. They were selected by a committee composed of contesting cowboys and stock contractors' representatives. This rodeo had the finest bucking stock in the nation and of course the top competing cowboys, and the news coverage on the event was a break-through in many publications that had never recognized rodeo before.

An electric scoreboard recorded markings and times in all events, and scorecards with all previous markings and times were available. The announcers gave the name of the owner as each one of the bucking animals were announced. The people are eager for this type of information at rodeos. They want to know what each man marked at the conclusion of his ride, and if he disqualified they like to know why.

This area of information has been sadly neglected at many rodeos and it should be a policy to give them the dope on the events right as it happens, not tomorrow. It is not enough just to name the winners, the markings and times are of interest

to the fans at a rodeo, and also to those who were not in attendance. They show keen interest in the bucking stock, as well.

People who attended the NFRodeo were delighted with a chance to see a straight contest rodeo, and spoke out to such effect that it could not be ignored. They like the rodeo contests, and the more the accent is on the contests the more success the rodeo will enjoy.

To the fifteen million people that bought tickets to rodeos the NFRodeo was the highlight of the year, and to the ones in attendance it was the finest rodeo ever held.

The people in charge of the production of the Dallas National Finals Rodeo:

**John Van Cronkhite**—Nacogdoches, Texas, producer-manager.

**Sponsor**—the State Fair of Texas, Jimmy Stewart, manager.

**Arena Director**—Bill Linderman, Gooding, Idaho, a former Champion cowboy and still a ranking contender in Steer Wrestling.

**Announcers**—Cy Taillon, of Denver, Colo.; Pete Logan, Medford, Ore.

**Judges for the Riding Events**—Sonny Tureman, Oakdale, Calif.; Leonard McCravey, Memphis, Tex.

**Flag Judges**—Toots Mansfield, Big Spring, Tex., Calf Roping; Benny Combs, Checotah, Okla., Steer Wrestling.

**Livestock Superintendent**—Buster Ivory, Pampa, Tex.

**Arena Secretary**—Cecil Jones, Hayward, Calif.

**Publicity**—Carle Hodge, Dallas, Tex.

Sample Scorecard

## NATIONAL FINALS RODEO SADDLE BRONC RIDING TENTH GO-ROUND WED. EVENING, DEC. 30

### CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS: (10th go-round and average monies included)

	Season	NFR	Now	Go-Round	Average
Casey Tibbs	1	\$ 17,050	\$ 435	\$17,485	1 \$347 \$ 1,044
Winston Bruce	2	13,772	478	14,250	2 261 783
Enoch Walker	3	11,626	999	12,625	3 174 522
Jim Tescher	4	9,896	2,261	12,157	4 87 261
Marty Wood	5	10,997	1,128	12,125	

No.	Contestant	TOWN AND STANDINGS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	AVERAGE	TENTH GO-ROUND	SCORE
11	Casey Tibbs	Fr. Pierre, S. D. \$17,050	171	175	178	185	0	179	0	180	0	180	1068	402	KNOTT INN 0
20	Winston Bruce	Calgary, Alta. \$13,772	0	451	459	430	180	182	174	181	175	414	1077	414	DESERT RAT 0
31	Enoch Walker	Cottonwood, Ariz. \$11,626	0	178	179	182	183	0	177	175	184	414	906	466	TRAILS END 183
35	Deb Copenhaver	Post Falls, Idaho \$11,138	1/4	449	455	442	433	431	429	439	479	444	883	430	JAKE 0
37	Marty Wood	Brownsville, Alta. \$10,997	1	441	429	428	412	419	400	455	433	468	1081	447	RED MOUNTAIN 178
19	J. D. McKenna	Tulsa, Okla. \$10,829	175	0	0	0	0	170	0	177	175	431	345	431	MISTY MIX
4	Guy Weeks	Arlene, Texas \$10,169	176	181	182	0	182	182	175	180	182	428	1428	459	BROWN BOMBER 182
9	Jim Tescher	Medora, N. D. \$9,896	1/4	474	488	482	480	464	436	411	2	472	1625	417	FIGURE 4 181
46	Lyle Smith	Donalda, Alta. \$9,494	176	180	180	185	187	169	0	176	172	403	1425	413	NORTHWESTERN 162
8	Bob A. Robinson	Rockland, Idaho \$9,270	0	468	463	437	427	441	454	458	475	404	1263	435	ROLY POLY 173
33	Bill Feddersen	El Reno, Okla. \$8,611	182	0	173	179	0	183	179	176	180	400	1252	449	PRETTY SOCS 0
56	Les Johnson	Omak, Wash. \$8,494	183	179	177	170	179	183	175	176	175	401	1597	401	CLOUDY DAY 171
26	Tom Tescher	Sentinel Butte, N. D. \$8,414	0	416	462	417	446	435	1	488	3	428	1073	434	BLUE BILL 0
32	Jim Roeser	Wilder, Idaho \$8,895	168	182	172	0	179	174	183	179	0	412	1237	434	BOBBY FACE 174
23	Duane Howard	Minnewaukon, N. D. \$5,949	0	435	418	401	443	409	463	432	0	429	540	429	GOODBYE NOW 0

## Rookie of the Year

Rookie of the Year for 1959 is the giant bulldogger from Melba, Idaho, Harry Charters who won the Championship of the World in Steer Wrestling his first year of professional rodeo. Harry racked up winnings totaling \$18,836 in this event, and a total of \$24,930 when his Calf Roping winnings are added. He won fourth place in All Around standings for the season, too.

Charters stands six foot six, and weighs in at 260 pounds. Being such a big, strong man is no doubt a help to him, but when you watch Charters contest it is easy to see he is just as fast as he is big. You have to be fast to win that much money when both contests are against the stop watch.

He is 34 years old and is a married man with four children. His wife, Fern, does not go to too many rodeos, for, as Harry says, "Someone has to look after the place." The place being a dairy farm, and quarter horse ranch at Melba.

Some critics have claimed he does

not use an orthodox style in bull-dogging a steer, which may be true, but he sure makes it pay the way he does it. Watching this man dog steers you have the feeling he just grabs them up off the ground and whacks them down again.

It is a rare thing for a steer wrestler to jump up very high in the Championship Standings till he has had several years of seasoning in competition. Charters, of course, did a lot of competing as an amateur; the competition isn't nearly as rough as in the pro rodeos, but it is good experience.

Harry Charters is a top cowboy, and well deserving of the "Rookie of the Year" award.

### Other Award Winners

1958 "Rookie of the Year" was **Benny Reynolds**, of Melrose, Montana. Benny joined the R.C.A. in 1956, but just competed through the summer months for the first two years. In '58 he rodeoed full time and

racked up winnings totaling \$26,450. A big powerful man, Benny is 6'3" tall and weighs 210 lbs. He has an older brother, John, who is a tough four event man in the same events Benny enters, SB, BB, SW and BR.

1957—The award winner was **Bob A. Robinson**, of Rockland, Idaho. Bob was a successful competitor from the first R.C.A. rodeo he entered, won the All Around at the Cow Palace that first Fall he turned pro. He is a tough contender in three events, and is often listed in the Championship Standings in all three of them. He is 27, 6' tall, and weighs 195.

In 1956 the award was given to **John W. Jones**, of San Luis Obispo, Calif. John does not rodeo very much, but when he does go to one he makes a pile of money. In '59 he entered only four rodeos, and won \$4,972. He has a large dairy farm that keeps him busy most of the time, which is a blessing to other bulldoggers.

## Bucking Horse of the Year

Trail's End, of the Oral Zumwalt string, has been chosen by the twenty top saddle bronc riders of the nation as "Bucking Horse of the Year." This is the very highest honor a bronc can receive.

A sorrel gelding, eight years old, he's been bucking two years. Easy to handle, you can do anything you want with Trail's End except ride him. He weighs about 1,200 pounds, has a strip in his face, and is just the ideal size for a top bucking horse. Big enough to be plenty powerful, yet not so big as to lose speed and action. He is a fast horse, kicks high every jump, and when he's gone about four or five seconds he cuts back either way, you are never sure which. He was ridden three times this year out of eleven starts. When a qualified ride is made on this horse it is good for a first day money every time.

Zumwalt sometimes puts him in the Bareback contest, and he is truly sensational in this event. The second time they bucked him was in the bareback and he bucked off Paul Templeton.

A sheep herder up the Bitter Root valley bought Trail's End for a saddle horse when he was two. He tried to break him and this turned out to be more of a chore than the horse breakers cared for. Eldridge, the herder, sent word to Zumwalt he had a bucking horse, and twenty of the best bronc riders in the nation certainly endorsed that statement.

It is no surprise Zumwalt is able to come up with the best bronc. He

has had a world of experience, having been a bronc rider for fifteen years himself, and a contestant in the time events for twenty-eight. Oral is of the opinion that Trail's End is exactly the type to look for when you want good broncs. He doesn't know the horse's breeding, except that he's part Morgan.

Trail's End bucked J. D. McKenna off in the third go-round at the Finals Rodeo in December, and third-ranking bronc rider, Enoch Walker, won the last go-round on him. One of the reasons this horse is so highly regarded by the bronc riders is that he—regardless of day or night, hard going or soft, big or little arena—always bucks, and looks good even on the rare occasions when someone manages to ride him. Many of the riders say they think Trail's End can buck you off any time he tries.

The three bucking horses on the final ballot were Trail's End, Jake, of the Harry Knight string, and Jesse James, owned by the Roberts Rodeo Company.

### Other Award Winners

In 1958 the "Bucking Horse of the Year" award was a toss-up between War Paint, owned by the Christensen Bros. of Eugene, Ore., and "Joker," owned by Harry Knight of Fowler, Colo.

Joker died in 1959 on the way home from the rodeo at Fort Madison, of lockjaw.

War Paint is still a top bucking horse in the Christensen string,

though perhaps not as sensational a performer as in previous years.

1957. War Paint, spotted bucking horse, threw most of the leading riders in the country. A solid consistent bucking horse, he always did his best, and usually bucked his man off. He was a high kicking horse, with a high spectacular jump out of the chute. He still bucks in the same fashion.

1956. War Paint—Christensen Brothers, Eugene, Ore., winner of the first award.

### Best Bucking Bull

Best bucking bull of the 1959 NFR was "Old Speck," owned by Elra Beutler and Son, Elk City, Okla. Old Speck has only been ridden once in his life, the very first time out, by Harry Tompkins. He bucked Tompkins off at the Finals Rodeo in Dallas, and also threw Duane Howard, and Bill Rinstine, three of the toughest bull riders in the country.

### Top Bareback Horse

Comepart, of the Harry Knight string was selected as the top Bareback horse in the National Finals Rodeo. Comepart is a big, powerful horse, weighs about 1300 pounds, and often jerks the rigging right out of the rider's hand. This sorrel gelding is a sensation to watch. He threw off the first two men who drew him at Dallas, then Bert France rode him the last go-round and made the highest marked ride of the entire rodeo on him.



# The Rodeo Cowboy

Rodeo hands are for the most part ranch or farm raised boys, who get started in the sport of rodeo for a variety of reasons. Most of them simply say it's because they like it and let it go at that.

Ask any athlete why he does what he does and that is the answer most often given. However, in the case of rodeo there is undoubtedly a lot of appeal for a young fellow in the way of glamour and color.

After they have rodeoed awhile the freedom of this way of life becomes more and more important to them. A rodeo hand is about as completely independent as anyone on earth. They have only themselves to depend on, or answer to, for their success in the arena.

Some rodeo cowboys make big money, but it is doubtful if this is the answer for most of them. They like the competition and the freedom. Very few of them quit contesting in rodeos until they quit winning and almost have to stop.

In the last ten years there have been a good many fine cowboys who have come into the rodeo arenas from the colleges. College rodeos seem to be almost an ideal place to get started as a contesting cowboy. The best example of this type contestant is Harley May, who won the Championship in Steer Wrestling his first full year of professional rodeo. Harley had contested a good deal in R.C.A. rodeos while in college, but actually had not rodeoed full time as a pro.

Ranch and farm raised boys quite often become interested in contesting at rodeos through handling livestock at home. The boys who have a talent for breaking horses or roping calves just naturally start entering rodeos when they get big enough to try it.

All Around Cowboy is used to designate a contestant who usually enters several events, at least two. A cowboy who is a top competitor in two of the standard events can be considered an All Around cowboy. Jim Shoulders is such, but as a general rule the term applies to one who enters several.

It is hard to say why all contestants don't work three of four events. However, it is a fact that most seem to excel in one, and in time just work that one. Also there just aren't too many men who are versatile enough to make it pay. Entering four events

at all the rodeos can involve quite a bit of money, and entrance fees could easily run up to \$6,000.00 for a year. This item can be a deterrent for some of the cowboys, as it might be more profitable to just enter one or two of the events they win the most in.

Danger is a subject frequently mentioned in discussions about rodeo cowboys, and it is evident that the general opinion is cowboys are either daredevils, or entirely fearless. Neither of these opinions fit the rodeo hand's outlook toward his sport at all. The arena contests can be dangerous enough, but not to the extent of being a series of crippling injuries for the contestants. It is a rough sport and many hard falls are taken during the course of a rodeo performance, but no great numbers of cowboys are seriously hurt. The insurance program proves out to be very successful in regard to arena injuries and the premium rate is not particularly high.

It is a rough, exciting sport and the attendance figures show an increase every year. Rodeo grows steadily because the people who buy the tickets see hard fought competition every trip. There are no runaways or pushover contests in rodeo. It is not as simple to explain to the uninitiated as some of the other sports, but once the spectator is familiar with the idea of the competition he sees, there are no more loyal fans in any sport.

The scores in the riding events are announced at the larger rodeos and this practice is spreading. The spectators truly enjoy hearing these scores announced right after each ride. They are able to keep track of the contest so much easier than in the past when no scores were announced till after the go-round was over.

## Saddle Bronc Riding

Saddle Bronc Riding developed from horse breaking on ranches, and is considered by many people to be the most dangerous of all rodeo contests, though there are no records to prove or disprove this opinion.

It is an event dominated by ranch raised cowboys who got started as horse breakers, and developed their contest style in the rodeo arenas.

### Equipment

Bronc Riding is to be done in Association saddles built on a fair contest tree that gives no advantage to the rider or to the horse. These are

made by various saddle makers, but must have a fourteen inch wide tree, and a three quarter rigging. Riders may use their own saddles, subject to inspection by the riding judges. If a contestant does not have his own saddle, one is furnished by the management.

The rein is made of braided rope, six feet long, and about an inch and a half thick, furnished by the rider.

Bronc riding spurs have short shanks and dull rowels, and are worn very loose on the rider's boots.

Chaps used for riding broncs are made of light, soft leather, and are tightened up snugly around the legs.

### The Rules

A rider will be disqualified for: Bucking off before the whistle (eight or ten seconds as set for each rodeo by the stock contractor), failing to start the horse out of the chute (SPURS must be over the break of the horse's shoulders when horse's front feet hit the ground at the end of the first jump out of the chute), hitting horse or equipment with free hand before the whistle, losing a stirrup, or attempting to cheat in any manner.

### How They Ride

Riding saddle broncs is more a matter of timing, rythm, and quick reactions than it is strength. Most bronc riders are of medium size and on the slim side. Like all statements about this event there are exceptions to this, but in general it is true.

The rider tries to spur the horse every jump and get a spurring stroke (called a lick) started as soon as possible. His spurs pull out of the horse's shoulders just as the horse kicks and sweep back sometimes as far as the cantle of the saddle.

If the spurs hang up in the shoulders of the horse and do not pull out when the horse kicks the rider will likely be thrown off over the bucking horse's head. When one spur hangs and the other pulls back the rider will likely be thrown off to the side the spur hung on.

The rein is very important in this event, and that is why the rider measures so carefully where he holds it. If he gets the rein too long he will probably slide back up on the cantle of his saddle and be thrown forward over the horse's head. If he takes the rein too short the chances are he will be pulled over to the side his rein is on and thrown off on that side of the bucking horse.

Some of the bigger more powerful bucking horses jerk and pull on the rein, which the riders call "fighting his head." These horses can sometimes pull the rein through the rider's hand till his rein gets so long he will be thrown off. This is one instance when the stronger rider has some advantage.

## Bareback Riding

Bareback riding is strictly a contest event that has been developed in the rodeo arena. It is now one of the five standard events required at all R.C.A. approved rodeos.

### The Equipment

Riding is done with a one hand rigging. These riggings are made of leather with a hand-hold to fit the rider's hand. They ride with a leather glove, and usually tape the hand-hold to obtain a better grip. This rigging, a glove, and spurs are all the equipment required, although most Bareback riders wear chaps. Chaps are snug fitting and can be tightened up about the legs, and are made of light leather.

### The Rules

Riding is to be done with a one hand rigging not exceeding ten inches in width at the top, or six inches at the D-rings. Rider may use his own rigging if it qualifies as legal size. One hand must be free in the air throughout the ride, and rider must spur horse over the break of the shoulders first jump out of the chute to qualify. Riding to be either eight or ten seconds at the discretion of the stock contractor.

If the rigging breaks, causing the rider to buck off he will be given a re-ride, but if rigging comes off without breaking he will not get a re-ride. Rider will get re-ride if horse falls, or fails to buck.

### Things to Watch

The higher and oftener rider spurs the horse the higher he should be marked. If the horse ducks sharply to either side he is apt to duck under the rider's foot and leave him with both feet on the same side. This does not disqualify the rider if he can avoid bucking off till he can recover. As a general rule he will be bucked off when this happens.

The event takes a strong hand and arm and a fine sense of balance. Most bareback riders are slim wiry cowboys. There is a terrific strain on the riding hand and as they often have their feet as high as their head, it takes a lot of balance.

## Calf Roping

Roping calves is a very necessary part of the working cowboy's life. It was a natural event when cowboy contests were devised for rodeos. Calves are selected for uniformity and weight and usually weigh from 225 to 300 pounds. It is a timed contest with time starting when calf crosses the scoreline and stopping when the field flagger drops his flag at the conclusion of the tie. No handicaps of any kind are ever allowed in Calf Roping, or any other rodeo event.

### The Equipment

The roper furnishes his own horse

and equipment. He uses a hemp rope about three eighths of an inch in diameter, and twenty-five feet long. The roping horse must have a neck rope on when contesting, through which the rope is passed and tied to the saddle horn. This neck rope keeps the horse facing the calf and eliminates any chance of a horse getting excited and dragging the calf.

Ropers carry a pigging string about six feet long and one quarter of an inch thick. This string is used to tie the calf with. A second rope is carried with a loop already made and is tucked under the breast collar in case the roper misses his first loop. He can jerk the second rope out and still tie a calf in respectable time. Sonny Davis tied a calf in two loops in a time of 14.9 seconds at the National Finals, but this is unusually fast time with the second loop.

### The Rules

Calf Roping rules call for two or more time keepers, a field flag judge, a scoreline judge.

Roper must rope calf, dismount and throw calf by hand, if the horse has jerked calf down roper must let him up and then throw him down and cross and tie any three feet. Tie must hold till passed on by the field judge. If roper breaks the barrier he is fined ten seconds.

See complete rules in R.C.A. Rule Book, pages 50 and 51.

### Things to Watch

The horses used for roping calves are quarter horses bred to run short distances at great speed. They are trained to follow the calf and to stop instantly when the calf is roped. The roper trains his horse to back up keeping the rope tight while he throws and ties the calf. Roper flanks calf down by ducking under the rope and reaching over calf, getting hold of the flank and throwing him on the left side. He can also go down the rope on the left side and throw the calf by taking hold of the right front foot and throwing calf down on his left side, which puts him in position to tie.

## Steer Wrestling

Steer Wrestling is strictly a rodeo contest event, developed in the rodeo arenas and never a part of the cowboy's work. It was supposedly originated by a Negro named Bill Picket, on the old 101 Ranch Wild West Show.

Steers for these contests are usually Mexican cattle and weigh about six hundred pounds.

It is a timed event, with time taken between two flags. Time to start when steer crosses the scoreline, and watches stopped when field flagger drops his flag.

This is one event dominated by big powerful men, as their weight is an advantage stopping a steer.

### Equipment

The steer wrestler or bull dogger must furnish his own horses and a hazer to keep the steer running straight. Very little special equipment is used in the contest. The horses used in the event are fast Quarter horses and must be trained for use in this event. Most of them are not used for anything except steer wrestling.

### The Rules

There will be two or more timers, a field flagger, a line flagger, or scoreline judge when barrier is used, and as many other officials as the management deems necessary.

Dogger must catch steer from horse, bring him to a stop, and twist him down, with head and all four feet in the same direction. If the steer is knocked down when dogger catches him, he must be let up and thrown by hand.

Dogger will be fined ten seconds for breaking the barrier. If no barrier is used dogger is not allowed to catch the steer till he crosses the scoreline. The scoreline referee will assess a ten second fine if the dogger's feet touch the ground before crossing scoreline.

See complete rules in R.C.A. Rule Book, pages 55, 53, and 57.

### Things to Watch For

Occasionally a steer will fall on the wrong side, called a dog-fall, and when this occurs he must be let up and thrown on the correct side, or rolled over. The dogger must receive no assistance from anyone in throwing the steer. His hazer is allowed to line steer (keep him running straight) and no other help is permitted.

Steers are thrown with what is called a front hold, and this is about the only hold now in use. If dogger is unable to throw the steer with the usual front hold he may go into a half nelson but as this hold takes longer to apply it is seldom used. The front hold is applied by catching steer by the left horn with the left hand, passing the right arm around the right horn and sliding him to a stop. Then the dogger runs the left arm in front of the left horn and around the steer's nose and twists him down.

## Bull Riding

Bull Riding developed strictly as a rodeo contest event, and has become one of the most thrilling and dangerous looking contests of all. Rodeo clowns working as bull fighters distract the bulls so the rider can get away from him after the whistle blows, or the rider is thrown.

### The Equipment

Bulls are to be ridden with one hand and a "loose rope," which is made of hemp with a braided hand hold. The rope must be made to fall off the bull after the rider has turned



loose. The bell is attached to the rope so it will pull off at the end of the ride. The riders wear a leather glove on the riding hand. The rope, glove, and his spurs are all the gear needed for this event. The bulls are flanked with a sheep-skin covered leather flank strap.

#### The Rules

Riding is to be done with one hand in the rope and the other free in the air. Rider will be disqualified for any of the following: Touching bull or equipment with free hand, bucking off before the whistle, or failing to have a bell fastened to rope. Riders are not required to spur the bulls but will receive additional credit on the ride marking if they do spur him. Rider will get lower marking for making poor ride (hanging on the side instead of sitting straight up).

See complete rules in R.C.A. Rule Book, page 52.

#### Things to Watch

These bucking bulls are big and powerful with loose hides and the rider has a problem figuring how tight to pull his rope. If he gets the rope pulled too tight it will be jerked out of his hand, and if too loose it might turn on the bull. Either of these mistakes will cause the rider to buck off. Many of the bulls spin when they buck and are inclined to throw the rider to the inside of the spin, rather than to the outside.

This falling to the inside is dangerous as the bull could easily hit the rider with his horn, or step on him.

Occasionally the rope is partially jerked out of the rider's hand and he will finish the ride holding just the tail of the loose rope. He is not subject to disqualification for this as any hold on the rope is all that is required.

There is more danger involved than being hooked or stepped on, as some of the bulls are bad to fight in the chute. Being so big and heavy, they can cause injury to the rider before he ever gets out in the arena.

This event requires a tough, wiry type of cowboy, as there is a lot of whip and strain on the hand and arm, and a fine sense of balance is almost a necessity to ride the top bulls.

## Team Roping

Team Roping is part of the cowboy's work in some parts of the country. It has become a popular rodeo contest especially in California and Arizona, and is spreading into many of the other Western States. Two men work as a team, one heading the steer and the other roping the heels.

#### Equipment

Team ropers must furnish their own horses, and in Team Tying they use a tie string about six feet long of braided rope to tie the steer's hind legs. The horses used for this event

are well trained and fast handling. In Dally Roping the roper usually wears a leather glove on his right hand to prevent rope burns when he dallies the rop around the saddle horn to stop the steer for the heeler.

#### Team Tying Rules

Arena conditions will determine start and scoreline.

Team is allowed two loops at the steer's head and should they miss with both they must retire from the arena. After he is properly roped by the head the other partner is allowed two loops at the heels. Steer may be roped by one or two hind feet, and must be tied with a double knot below hocks and above dew-claws. Both ropes must be on steer and horses in one unbroken piece when tie is completed. Steer is left tied till tie is passed on by the field flagger.

See complete rules in R.C.A. Rule Book, pages 57 through 61.

#### Dally Team Roping

The same officials and starting rules are used as in Team Tying. Dally ropers do not tie ropes to the saddle horn, and are allowed to carry only one rope each, and three throws in all are allowed for the team.

When steer is roped by the head the heeler rides up and ropes the heels, if only one hind foot is caught a five second fine will be assessed. Time flag is dropped when steer is roped by head and one or both heels and both horses are facing steer with both ropes dallied and tight.

A dally is a turn of the rope around the saddle horn.

#### Things to Watch

Dally roping can be dangerous. The roper can easily get a finger cut off if it is caught under the dally. Rope burns are common and the danger is all to the ropers as the steers and the horses are seldom injured in any way.

## Steer Roping

Steer roping has always been part of the cowboy's work. It is the only way a grown steer can be handled by one man, and was one of the original events at the first rodeo contests.

Mexican steers weighing around seven hundred pounds are used in steer roping.

It is a timed event, with time taken between two flags, one flag starts the watches when steer crosses the scoreline and the field flag stops the watches when the tie is completed.

#### Equipment

Steer roper must furnish his own horse. He carries a strong rope, heavier and stronger than those used

in Calf Roping, and a tie string similar to the pigging string. A fast, powerful horse is a must for this event and the roper trains them specially for steer roping.

#### The Rules

Steer is given a start as local arena conditions require, and roper is fined ten seconds for breaking the barrier. He must go rope the steer, throw the rope over his back along the right side of the animal and then turn off to the left. When the horse hits the end of the rope the steer is jerked down and the horse keeps pulling on the rope keeping steer on the ground while the roper runs down to steer and crosses and ties three feet. After completing the tie, roper gets back on his horse and rides up, leaving slack in the rope while the field flagger passes on the tie. The rope is not removed from the steer till after the flagger has passed judgment on the tie.

See complete rules in R.C.A. Rule Book, pages 61, 62, and 63.

#### Things to Watch

Steer Roping is a rather dangerous event, and is not allowed in some states because it is considered too rough. It takes a lot of cool judgment when laying the trip and in getting off when the steer is in position where he will stay down till the roper gets to him to tie. Some older men compete in Steer Roping, as it requires judgment and skill as well as speed.

Ike Rude won the Championship in this event when he was sixty years of age. Ike started competing in 1910, and still enters the Steer Roping contests.

**Wild Horse Race**—An event that is recognized by the R.C.A. but one for which no championship is given. In this event teams of three unmounted cowboys must catch a wild horse, saddle him and ride him across the finish line.

**Wild Cow Milking**—A recognized event, although not one of the standard events, and one in which no championship is awarded. In this event the team of two cowboys must catch a wild cow and milk at least one drop in a small bottle and carry the bottle across the finish line. Teams compete against each other for the best time.

**Steer Decorating**—A variation of steer wrestling most frequently seen in Canada. In Steer Decorating the contestant leaves his saddle and jumps to the steer's head. But instead of twisting him to the ground, he places a small ribbon around the steer's nose or over one of its horns. The event is recognized in Canada but it is not seen at approved rodeos in the U. S.

# Glossary of Rodeo Terms

**Added Money**—The total prize money in any event is made up of the entry fees paid by the contestants and the purse put up by the rodeo committee, which is called added money. When an event is cancelled for lack of enough entries, the purse money put up for the cancelled event is added to the other events.

**Arena Director**—Person whose responsibility it is to see that the rodeo goes off smoothly and according to the rules. He supervises all jobs and details in and connected to the rodeo arena itself, such as loading the chutes, keeping the arena clear, etc. He may be hired either by the rodeo committee, the producer, or the stock contractor. Frequently the stock contractor or producer works as the arena director.

**Association Saddle**—Any saddle built to definite R.C.A. specifications and design and use in saddle bronc riding. It may belong either to the contestant or the rodeo producer.

**Average**—Contestants in rodeos with more than one go-round are paid off in prize money for the best ride or time in each go-round and for the best average of all the go-rounds. The winner of the average is the winner of that event at that rodeo.

**Bareback Riding**—One of the five standard rodeo events in which the rider has no saddle, stirrups or rein. A simple leather bareback rigging with a leather handhold is cinched around the horse.

**Bareback Rigging**—A piece of leather shaped roughly like a shallow triangle with two points trimmed off. It is approximately 18 inches along the back side and cannot exceed 10 inches in width at the place where the handhold leather is, approximately in the center. The rigging, usually owned by the rider, is cinched on the horse.

**Barrier**—A rope stretched across the front end of the box from which the roper's or steer wrestler's horse comes when the barrier flagman drops the flag. According to the arena conditions, the stock is given a predetermined head start, or score, marked by a scoreline. After the stock is far enough out of the chute or has passed the scoreline, the barrier flagman lowers his flag signalling the start of time and simultaneously pulls a rope that releases the barrier.

**Breaking the Barrier**—If the contestant rides through or breaks the barrier before it is released a penalty of ten seconds is added to his time.

**Bull Dogging**—Steer wrestling, one of the five standard events in rodeo.

**Bull Riding**—One of the five standard rodeo events in which the rider must ride a bucking bull for 8 seconds with no more than a loose bull rope to hold on to.

**Bull Rope**—A braided loose rope, owned by the bull rider, fastened on the bull in such a manner that it falls off at the end of the ride. There can be no knots or hitches in the rope and the rope must have a bell attached that hangs under the bull's belly. The contestant may cling only to this bull rope and must not touch any part of the bull with his free hand.

**Busting**—A contestant busts a steer by turning his horse and riding off at an angle after roping the head or horns and throwing the slack around the far side of the steer. As soon as the slack is taken out of the rope, the steer is pulled to the ground.

**Catch as Catch Can**—A phrase describing calf roping in which the roper is entitled to catch a calf in any way as long as he turns loose of the loop before throwing it at the calf and the calf is caught in any manner that holds until the roper gets his hands on the calf.

**Champion**—A rodeo Champion is the winner of the most money for the year in one of the five standard events, Team Roping, or Steer Roping, at Association approved rodeos, as recorded in the R.C.A. Championship Standings. This is the only way the term should be used. The winner of an event at any rodeo is the event winner, not a Champion. The All Around Champion is the contestant winning the most money in two or more events for the year in the same events listed above. The winner of the All Around at any given rodeo is simply the winner of the All Around at that rodeo, not the All Around Champion.

**Champion Standings**—The Rodeo Cowboys Association will keep a record of all money won at Association approved rodeos; from which records the Champions will be named. Money won after the cut-off date for the Championship Finals will count on the Championship Standings for the following year. Money won at the Championship Finals will be counted toward the Championships.

**Closed Events**—An event at an approved rodeo that is not open to all members in good standing of the R.C.A. In order for an approved rodeo to have a local closed event, it must have the same event for members of the R.C.A.

**Contract Acts**—Any act that is retained on a contract by the rodeo committee to perform in the arena. Contract acts do not compete for prize money.

**Dally Team Roping**—(See Team Roping). In Dally Team Roping, the roper must not tie the ropes fast to the saddle horn but must take several turns around the horn with the rope to hold the roped steer. He keeps the rest of the coiled rope in the same hand with which he reins the horse.

**Dally Steer Roping**—The roper dallies the rope around the saddle horn and brings the steer to a stop, rope tight, steer facing horse.

**Day Money**—The amount of prize money paid to the winners of each go-round.

**"D" Ring**—An iron or steel ring, usually with one flat side but sometimes perfectly round. There are two "D" Rings on each cinch—one on each end.

**Deadline**—(See Scoreline.)

**Earing Down**—A method of holding a wild horse by the ears.

**Entry Fee**—The money paid by a contestant to the rodeo secretary before he can enter an event or rodeo. The size of the fee varies with the

amount of the rodeo purse, ranging from \$10 at the smallest rodeos to a maximum of \$100. Contestants must pay a separate entry fee for every event they compete in.

**Event**—The five standard events—saddle bronc, bareback riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, and bull riding—are seen at R.C.A.-approved rodeos. Team roping, steer roping, and team tying may be seen in different parts of the country where these events are more commonly known. The following events may be seen in various R.C.A.-approved rodeos along with the five standard events: wild horse race, wild cow milking, ribbon roping, steer decorating, double mugging. Each of the above-mentioned is a separate event.

**Fishing**—A common expression used in rodeo when the roper has thrown at an animal but has missed, and then by accident, or by flipping the rope, turns it into a legal catch.

**Flagman**—One flagman, called line flagger, stands on foot at the barrier and signals the start of time in a roping or steer wrestling event. The other flagman, called field flagger, mounted in the arena, signals the end of time and passes on the legality of the catch, tie or throw.

**Flank (or Flank Strap)**—A sheep-skin lined strap with a self-holding buckle passed around the flank of the bronc or brahma bull that is pulled tight as the animal leaves the chute. In an effort to get rid of the flank strap, the stock bucks higher and harder.

**Go-Round**—That part of a rodeo that is required to allow each contestant to compete on one head of stock. The number of go-rounds in a rodeo may vary from one in a small one-day contest to as many as seven or more in the larger rodeos.

**Ground Money**—When all contestants entered in an event fail to qualify so that no one wins, the purse and entry fees for the event are split equally among all entrants in that event.

**Hazer**—A cowboy who rides along beside a steer on the opposite side from the steer wrestler to keep the steer from running away from the steer wrestler's horse.

**Header**—A member of a two-man roping team who ropes the steer by the head. The header has two loops; if he misses with both, the team retires with no time.

**Heeler**—A member of a two-man roping team who ropes second and tries to catch one or both high feet of a steer after his partner has already roped the head. The heeler has two loops and if he misses both, the team receives no time.

**Hobbled**—A method of tying the hind feet of a roped steer just below the hocks with a short piece of rope.

**Honda**—The eye in one end of a rope through which is passed the other end of the rope to form a loop.

**Hooley**—A wrap around any three feet and a half-hitch used in calf roping as opposed to the usual method of tying calves with two wraps and a half-hitch.



**Hoolihan**—A now outlawed method of downing a steer in bulldogging by leaping on the steer in such a way as to drive the horns into the ground and flip the steer on its back.

**Jack Pot**—An event for which no purse is put up by the rodeo. Winners split all or part of the entry fees.

**Judge**—An official at a rodeo, usually a cowboy, who scores the riding events and flags roping events. In roping events he signals the completion of the tie to the timekeepers and passes on the legality and firmness of the tie before the roper's time can be recorded. In the steer wrestling event, he determines if and when the steer has been properly thrown and signals the timekeepers. In the riding events he scores both the animal and the contestant.

**Lap and Tap**—A lap and tap start occurs when the steer or calf is released from the chute without a head start on the roper or steer wrestler. Lap and tap starts most frequently are seen in indoor arenas where there is not room to give the stock a long score.

**Mount Money**—Never paid in a contest, mount money is paid when someone is riding, roping, or bulldogging as an exhibition and not for competition.

**National Finals Rodeo**—There shall be held annually a National Finals in each of the seven recognized events. This rodeo shall be directed and produced by the National Finals Rodeo Commission. Contestants for the Finals shall be the fifteen high men in each event willing and able to compete in the Finals. The fifteen high men will be determined by the Championship Standings taken after the designated results cut off date.

**No Time**—When a field flagman waves "No Time" it means that the contestant has not caught or thrown his animal properly and receives no time on that animal in that go-round but is still entitled to compete in the next go-round.

**Pegging**—A method by which a steer wrestler throws a steer by driving one of the horns into the ground.

**Pickup Man**—A mounted cowboy who helps the rider off a bronc when the ride is completed. The pickup man then removes the flank strap from the bronc and leads it out of the arena.

**Pigging String**—A short piece of soft rope by which a roper ties together the feet of a roped calf or steer.

**Prize Money**—Money paid to the winners of the various events in a rodeo. It is comprised of the purse put up by the rodeo committee and the entry fees paid by all of the contestant.

**Producer**—The individual who runs a rodeo. The role and the responsibilities of the producer vary from rodeo to rodeo. In some cases the rodeo committee acts as the producer, hiring the stock contractor, the contract acts and all other work done. In other cases, the stock contractor is hired as the producer also. In cases where there is no sponsoring organization, the rodeo producer acts as the complete promoter of the rodeo, renting the arena, paying all expenses and collecting the gate receipts.

**Pulling Leather**—When a bronc rider holds on to the horn or any part of the saddle, he is said to be pulling leather. Pulling leather disqualifies a saddle bronc rider if it is done before the ride is completed.

**Re-Rides**—Another ride given to a bronc rider or a bull rider in the same go-round when the first ride is unsatisfactory for any of several reasons.

**Re-Run**—A steer or calf that is used for the second time in a steer wrestling or roping event in the same rodeo in the same go-round. Generally, re-run stock is easier to wrestle or tie although if bulldogging steers are re-run too frequently, they get wise to the methods of the bulldogger and are sometimes hard to catch. See rules on calf roping, page 35, Pony edition.

**Roman Riding**—A method of riding by which the rider stands on the horse's back with the reins in his hands. Roman riding can be done on either one or two horses, and there are roman riders who can handle teams of as many as five horses riding abreast.

**Rowel**—The circular, pointed part of a spur often shaped like a star or a notched wheel which protrudes behind the heel of the boot.

**Saddle Bronc Riding**—One of the five standard rodeo events in which the rider must ride a regulation saddle, may use only one rein attached to the simple halter and must not touch the saddle, the horse or himself with his free hand.

**Score**—The distance between the chute opening and the scoreline, or the amount of head start given to a steer or calf in a roping or steer wrestling event. The length of the score is usually determined by the size of the arena or other local conditions.

**Scoreline**—An elastic or leather strip usually about 6 feet long, stretched out and fastened to the ground several feet in front of the chute at the end from which the stock comes out. The distance between the chute opening and the scoreline varies according to the arena conditions and the stock.

**Set-up**—An animal that suddenly stops at, or just past the scoreline is called a set-up steer. "Sets up" simply means stop suddenly, usually at the line, or when the dogger starts to get down from his horse.

**Single Steer Tying**—Also called steer roping. A recognized rodeo event for which a world's champion is named, although not one of the five standard events, single steer tying is offered at relatively few rodeos. Similar to calf roping, it differs in that the steer must be thrown by the horse, which runs off at an angle hard enough to pull the steer off its feet. The roper must then dismount, run down the rope and tie the steer's feet with a pigging string as in calf roping. See rules, single steer typing, page 37, Pony Edition.

**Single Dally Steer Roping**—(See Dally Steer Roping.)

**Standard Event**—To qualify as an R.C.A.-approved rodeo, a contest must feature the five standard events recognized by the R.C.A. The five standard events are Saddle Bronc Riding, Calf Roping, Bareback Riding, Steer Wrestling, and Bull Riding.

**Steer Roping**—(See Single Steer Tying.)

**Steer Wrestling**—Also known as bulldogging. One of the five standard rodeo events. The contestant rides alongside a running steer, jumps from his saddle to the steer's head, stops it and twists it to the ground with head and all four feet pointing in the same direction.

**Stock Contractor**—The person or outfit who provides stock for a rodeo. Normally the stock contractor furnishes the saddle broncs and bareback horses, the bulls used in bull riding, the roping calves and steers, and the bulldogging steers. Some of the larger contractors will carry a few roping and dogging horses in their strings as well as the horses to be used by the judges and some extra horses for use in the grand entry. In some cases the stock contractor will also act as the producer or arena director.

**Sunfishing**—When a bucking animal twists its body violently in mid-air, rolling its belly upward toward the sun.

**Team Roping**—A recognized rodeo event for which a world's champion is named but not one of the five standard rodeo events. It is worked by two mounted ropers, one roping the head of the steer and one the hind legs, and is done in two ways: Team Tying and Dally Team Roping. The champion team roper of the year is determined by combining the points received in team roping and team tying.

**Tie Judge**—(See Flagman.)

**Tied Team Roping**—(See Team Roping.)

**Timer**—In each of the timed events there must be two or more timers who must agree on the time of each contestant. The timers begin time when the contestant in a roping or steer wrestling event comes out of the chute or on signal of the scoreline judge. Time is stopped on the signal of the field flag judge. The timer also keeps time on the riding events and sounds a gun, buzzer or whistle when the contestant has stayed aboard long enough to make a qualified ride.

**Turtle**—A member of the Cowboys Turtle Association, predecessor to the Rodeo Cowboys' Association.

**Untie Man**—An arena employee who, after the flagman has signalled that a tie has qualified, releases the calf or steer from both the rope and the pigging string. Untie men usually work in pairs.

# Leading Rodeo Cowboys

**Adams, Don** 30; 5'8"; 145#; married; in rodeo since '45; rodeos year 'round; enters 2 events, BB, BR; biggest win in '59, BR3, Tucson, \$568. Placed in average 24 rodeos in Calif. Injuries past 8 years, concussion, broken neck, broken jaw and serious knee injuries.

**Akers, Ira** 26; 5'10½"; 165#; married; in rodeo since '47; full-time contestant; former NIRA champion; enters 3 events, SB, BB, BR; biggest win in '59: BR1, BB3, Camdenton, Mo., \$1,470. Broken leg in exhibition ride, Cheyenne '59. Placed in average 16 rodeos. Ranked in top ten BB, BR, when hurt in '59, didn't compete again during season.

**Akridge, Eddy** 30; 5'9"; 160#; married; in rodeo since '46; world's champion bareback rider '53, '54, '55; returned to full-time competition in '59 after operating a guest ranch for several years; enters one event, BB; '59: BB10, \$7,727; biggest win, BB2, NFR, Dallas. Placed in average 19 rodeos. Has been professional singer, with six records in circulation.

**Allen, Grady** 28; 6'; 165#; enters SW, CR, TR; in rodeo since '43; joined R.C.A. '50; raised on ranch; married; ranches; placed in 20 rodeos '59; biggest win Memphis \$692.43; total for '59 \$5,355; injuries acquired practicing, broken leg, rib, nose; set roping record at Calgary; won team roping NIRA '57; served with USN underwater demolition team 1/51 - 11/54.

**Altizer, Jim Bob** 29; 6'1"; 180#; married; in rodeo since '45; saddle bronc riding specialist. '59: biggest win, SB2, BB2, El Paso, \$1,330. Placed in average 19 rodeos.

**Arnold, Art** 19; 5'5"; 125#; single; entered Jr. rodeos in '55; rodeoed year 'round in '59 for first time; enters 3 events CR, SR, TR; placed in 15 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$1,282 at Prescott; total of \$5,299 in '59; won TR '59 in Chandler & Prescott, Ariz. Father, Carl Arnold was famous steer roper.

**Beck, Rex** 34; 5'11"; 180#; married; in rodeo since '41; rodeos full time; enters 1 event, CR; '59: CR15, \$7,551. Biggest win in '59, CR2, \$786, Sidney, Iowa. Placed in 19 rodeos.

**Belyeu, Howard** 20; 5'10"; 140#; single; in rodeo since '55; joined R.C.A. '56; participated in Junior Rodeos; enters BB, BR; rodeos year 'round; raised in city; likes BR best; '56, Payson, Ariz., placed on 5th bull ever ridden, 2nd on first bull, 4th in average; placed at 15 rodeos '59; biggest win Yuma \$632; total for '59 \$3,919.

**Belyeu, Ray** 21; 5'11"; 128#; single; entered rodeo '54; joined R.C.A. '55; began Jr. rodeos; enters BR; placed in 15 rodeos '59; biggest win \$564 at San Francisco; won total of \$4,171 in '59; rodeos year 'round; 4 teeth knocked out Nephi, Utah, '57 in BR, fractured jaw.

**Newhall, Calif.** 30; 5'8"; 145#; married; in rodeo since '45; rodeos year 'round; enters 2 events, BB, BR; biggest win in '59, BR3, Tucson, \$568. Placed in average 24 rodeos in Calif. Injuries past 8 years, concussion, broken neck, broken jaw and serious knee injuries.

**Baird, Tex.** 26; 5'10½"; 165#; married; in rodeo since '47; full-time contestant; former NIRA champion; enters 3 events, SB, BB, BR; biggest win in '59: BR1, BB3, Camdenton, Mo., \$1,470. Broken leg in exhibition ride, Cheyenne '59. Placed in average 16 rodeos. Ranked in top ten BB, BR, when hurt in '59, didn't compete again during season.

**Midland, Tex.** 30; 5'9"; 160#; married; in rodeo since '46; world's champion bareback rider '53, '54, '55; returned to full-time competition in '59 after operating a guest ranch for several years; enters one event, BB; '59: BB10, \$7,727; biggest win, BB2, NFR, Dallas. Placed in average 19 rodeos. Has been professional singer, with six records in circulation.

**El Campo, Tex.** 28; 6'; 165#; enters SW, CR, TR; in rodeo since '43; joined R.C.A. '50; raised on ranch; married; ranches; placed in 20 rodeos '59; biggest win Memphis \$692.43; total for '59 \$5,355; injuries acquired practicing, broken leg, rib, nose; set roping record at Calgary; won team roping NIRA '57; served with USN underwater demolition team 1/51 - 11/54.

**San Antonio, Tex.** 21; 5'7"; 160#; single; entered rodeo '54; joined R. C. A. '54; enters two events SW, CR; attends college and rodeos; NIRA Champion Calf Roper; placed in 19 rodeos in '59; biggest win in '59 \$632 at Pueblo; total in '59, \$4,163.

**Buckeye, Ariz.** 19; 5'5"; 125#; single; entered Jr. rodeos in '55; rodeoed year 'round in '59 for first time; enters 3 events CR, SR, TR; placed in 15 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$1,282 at Prescott; total of \$5,299 in '59; won TR '59 in Chandler & Prescott, Ariz. Father, Carl Arnold was famous steer roper.

**Talpa, Tex.** 34; 5'11"; 180#; married; in rodeo since '41; rodeos full time; enters 1 event, CR; '59: CR15, \$7,551. Biggest win in '59, CR2, \$786, Sidney, Iowa. Placed in 19 rodeos.

**Phoenix, Ariz.** 20; 5'10"; 140#; single; in rodeo since '55; joined R.C.A. '56; participated in Junior Rodeos; enters BB, BR; rodeos year 'round; raised in city; likes BR best; '56, Payson, Ariz., placed on 5th bull ever ridden, 2nd on first bull, 4th in average; placed at 15 rodeos '59; biggest win Yuma \$632; total for '59 \$3,919.

**Phoenix, Ariz.** 21; 5'11"; 128#; single; entered rodeo '54; joined R.C.A. '55; began Jr. rodeos; enters BR; placed in 15 rodeos '59; biggest win \$564 at San Francisco; won total of \$4,171 in '59; rodeos year 'round; 4 teeth knocked out Nephi, Utah, '57 in BR, fractured jaw.

**Block, Leonard** Late 30's; 6'; 190#; single; cattle and real estate; enters 3 events, CR, TR, SR; placed in 27 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$1,781 at San Francisco '59; total won in '59, \$8,785.

**Denair, Calif.** 24; 5'10"; 170#; entered his first R.C.A. rodeo in '55; served in Army during 1958; started '59 season by tying a calf in 13.9 at Ft. Worth in January, good for \$1,545. '59: CR6, \$11,626.

**Lakewood, Colo.** 27; 5'11"; 165#; joined R.C.A. '51; enters two events, CR, SW; '59: placed second SW, Montgomery, Ala., \$293. Placed in average 19 rodeos.

**Omaha, Tex.** 43; 5'8"; 175#; married; entered rodeo '30; rodeos year 'round; enters one event CR; trains horses besides rodeo; began in rodeo by roping goats; placed in 20 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$545 at Nephi, Utah.

**Lawton, Okla.** 38; 5'7½"; 160#; married; in rodeo since '37; full-time contestant; enters 4 events, SB, BB, SW, BR. '59: AA13, \$17,387, BR14, \$6,907; biggest win, SB1, SW3, Omaha, \$1,723. Placed in average 28 rodeos. Injuries: broken neck, leg and foot.

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**Burkholder, Jack** 21; 5'7"; 160#; single; entered rodeo '54; joined R. C. A. '54; enters two events SW, CR; attends college and rodeos; NIRA Champion Calf Roper; placed in 19 rodeos in '59; biggest win in '59 \$632 at Pueblo; total in '59, \$4,163.

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**Forreston, Tex.** 36; 6'4"; 230#; married; began rodeo career in '40; combines rodeo with cotton farming; '55 & '58 SW champion; '59: SW6, \$9,635, biggest win, SW2, Sheriff's Rodeo, Los Angeles, \$1,764. Placed in average 20 rodeos.

**Grants, N.M.** 35; 5'10"; 180#; married; in rodeo since '48; enters 3 events, BB, SW, BR. '59: BB14, \$6,869, biggest win, BB 3-4, Lubbock, \$732. Placed in average 40 rodeos. Injuries, broken leg four times.

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**Grants, N.M.** 35; 5'10"; 180#; married; in rodeo since '48; enters 3 events, BB, SW, BR. '59: BB14, \$6,869, biggest win, BB 3-4, Lubbock, \$732. Placed in average 40 rodeos. Injuries, broken leg four times.

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**Halliday, N.D.** 5'11½"; 175#; single; in rodeo since '49; full-time contestant; enters events, SB, SW; NIRA champion bronc rider '53 and '54. Recently discharged from Army.

**Aguila, Ariz.** 26; 6'2"; 180#; married; learned to rope from father; started in Jr. rodeos; entered rodeo '45; rodeos year 'round; won Jr. Rodeo All-Around '46, '48, '49, '50; placed in 20 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$837 at Chandler, Ariz., also \$836 at Prescott and \$702 at Clayton, N.M.; total won in '59, \$7,376.

**Zephyr Cove, Nev.** 28; 6'5"; 215#; married; entered rodeo '47; father was rodeo stock contractor; rodeos summer and fall only; operates riding stable; enters 3 events CR, TR, SW; placed in 20 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$1,196.53 at Albuquerque SW.

**Ft. Worth, Tex.** 31; 6'; 200#; married; in rodeo since '42; full-time contestant; enters 1 event, SW. '59: SW10, \$8,990, biggest win, SW2, Denver, \$1,622. Placed in average 16 rodeos.

**Panhandle, Tex.** 26; 6'1"; 195#; married; began rodeo career in roping club; part-time contestant, wheat and cattle rancher; enters 1 event, CR. '59: CR12, \$8,261, biggest win, CR1, Tucson, \$904. Placed in average 15 rodeos. '54 NIRA CR champion.

**Combs, Benny** 27; 5'10"; 190#; married; in rodeo since '49; full-time contestant; enters 1 event, SW; '55 SW champion. '59: biggest win, SW2, Colorado Springs, \$488.

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**Monument, N.M.** 32; 5'11", 190#; married; joined R.C.A. '52; rodeos full time; enters 2 events, CR, SW. '59: biggest win, SW3, Pueblo, Colo., \$449. Placed in average 10 rodeos.

**Monument, N.M.** 34; 6'1"; 185#; married; entered rodeo '36; joined R.C.A. '46; enters 3 events CR, SR, TR; placed in 14 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$972 at Calgary; total won '59 \$4,299; wife is barrel racer and roper; father saddle bronc rider and rodeo producer; basketball officiating as a hobby; won NIRA calf roping championship '50; runnerup in '49.

**Post Falls, Ida.** 35; 5'7"; 165#; married; in rodeo since '41; rodeos full time; saddle bronc riding specialist, world's champion in his event in '55 and '56; '59: total \$11,225, 7SB; biggest win, SB2 Salinas. Placed in average 24 rodeos. Raises registered quarter horses.



**Crump, Pete** Green Acres, Wash. 30; 5'9"; 175#; married; in rodeo since '45; full-time contestant; enters 3 events, BB, BR, SW. '59; BR10, \$7,694, biggest win, BB2, Cow Palace, \$1,843. Placed in average 24 rodeos.

**Cullison, Bob** Hyattville, Wyo. 32; 5'8"; 160#; married; joined R.C.A. '41; rodeos full time; enters 2 events, BB, BR. '59: BR15, \$6,477, biggest win, AA, BB2, BR1, Pueblo, Colo., \$1,178. Placed in average 24 rodeos. Injuries: broken ribs, collarbone; fractured skull.

**Curry, H. B. (Bronc)** Bakersfield, Calif. 36; 6'3"; married; entered rodeo '46 as R.C.A. member; enters two events CR and TR; rodeos part time; Shell Oil mechanic; hobby is roping; placed in 19 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$1,542 at Tucson; total winnings in '59 \$6,780.

**Dalton, John** Cheyenne, Wyo. 30; 6'1"; 197#; married; enters CR, SW, SR; in pro rodeo since '49, started in high school rodeos; no longer rodeos full time, trains horses and ranches; originally from Brownfield, Tex.; fine all-around athlete, tough in all events he enters; proudest moment—winning Pendleton All-Around, '56 by winning SR and 2nd in both CR, SW; Finished 11th in SR, '59.

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**Darnell, Fred** Rodeo, N.M. 40; 5'11"; 165#; married; entered rodeo '36; grew up on ranch; rodeos part time; ranches and raises stock; enters 3 events CR, SR, TR; all around Tucson '46, CR Prescott '50, CR and AA Prescott '52, TR Yuma '52 and '53; TR director '55-'56; placed in 10 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$1,762 at Tucson; total winnings '59 \$4,361.

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**Decker, Tater** Clayton, Okla. 36; 6'½"; 185#; married, wife Jo is rodeo secretary, All Around, \$11,965, Tater is an all around cowboy, has worked all events except Bull Riding. Raised on a ranch, and now has one of his own. Best event in '59 SW, Finals contestant at Dallas.

**Dent, Chuck** Vero Beach, Fla. 42; 5'10"; 187#; married; began rodeo career as a trick rider; full-time contestant; enters 2 events, CR, SW; won Florida State championship in SB, BB & SW '54, repeated for SW '55 & '56. Placed in average 6 rodeos in '59.

**Dorsey, E. V.** Sonoma, Calif. 42; 6'; 200#; in rodeo since '33; part-time contestant, trains roping horses; enters 2 events, CR, TR. '59 biggest win; CR4, Denver, \$713. Placed in average 10 rodeos.

**Downey, Tom** Riverside, Calif. 30; 5'9"; 160#; single, in rodeo since '48; combines rodeo career with contracting business; enters 3 events, BB, BR, SW. Won Calif. AA, BB, BR in '59. Split 2-3 BB, Salinas, \$762. Placed in average 19 rodeos.

**Dudley, Eldon** Perryton, Tex. 30; 6'; 185#; married; entered rodeo '45; joined R.C.A. '49; wife is barrel racer; enters 3 events SW, CR, SR; placed in rodeos in '59; biggest win \$1,044 at Lubbock; total winnings '59, \$5,171; tied Lanham Riley's record of 11.2 CR in '57; all around cowboy '51 & '52 in college.

**Dygart, Bill** Red Lodge, Mont. 40; 5'10½"; 179#; married; joined R.C.A. '39; full time contestant; enters 3 events, SB SW, BR. '59: biggest win, SB3, split 3-4 BR, Belle Fourche, \$378, placed in average 3 rodeos. Injuries: broken knee cap, broken leg, fractured skull.

**Fedderson, Bill** El Reno, Okla. 32; 5'11"; 165#; married; in rodeo since '43; rodeos year 'round; enters two events, SB SW; '59: SB12, \$9,133; biggest win, SB1, Los Angeles Coliseum, \$1,290. Placed in average 25 rodeos.

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**Ferreira, Frank** Fresno, Calif. 41; 5'10"; 165#; married; one son; in rodeo since '36, but never rodeoed full time as profession. Now enters CR, TR only, once worked BB, BR, SW also. TD best event, known as top heeler; best finish for season, 3rd TR, '57; dairy and cotton farmer, rodeos week ends; trains roping horses; son Frank Jr., 18, roper too.

**Flynn, Sammy** LaGrange, Ore. 21; 5'10" 140#; single; entered rodeo '53; joined R.C.A. '57; raised around rodeo and likes it; enters 1 event BB; placed in 17 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$584 at El Paso; total winnings '59, \$3,734; rodeos year 'round.

**Fore, Lawson** Riverside, Calif. 39; 5'8"; 180#; married; in rodeo since '34; raised on a ranch in N.M.; enters 3 events, SB, SW, TR. '59: placed in average at 18 rodeos. Injuries, broken ribs, leg, punctured lung. Formerly entered all five standard events and TR.

**Fort, Troy** Lovington, N.M. 42; 5'11"; 175#; married; combines rodeo with ranching; world's CR champion '47 & '49; enters 2 events, CR, SR. '59: SR5, \$2,695, biggest win, SR3, Cheyenne, \$1,566. Placed in average 8 rodeos.

**Fowler, H W** Irving, Tex. 28; 6'; 205#; married; entered rodeo because of love for roping when Dad gave him first horse at age 14; enters 1 event, CR; placed at 12 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$606 at Dublin, Texas; also won \$593 at Waco and \$579 at McAlester, Okla.; total won in '59, \$3,018.

**France, Bert** Las Vegas, Nev. 21; 5'6"; 140#; single; entered his first rodeo when he was 11; joined R.C.A. '53; rodeos years 'round; won AA & SB in '58 in his hometown; enters 2 events, BB, SB; '59: BB11, \$7,566; biggest win, SB1, Ogden. Picked by veterans as future champion.

**Franklin, Glen** House, N.M. 23; 6'; 190#; single; joined R.C.A. '56; calf roping specialist; won N.M. State calf roping championship in '56; N.M. High School AA '55. '59: CR9, \$9,900, biggest win, split 3-4 CR, Ft. Worth, \$2,446. Placed in average 9 rodeos. Was 3rd for CR championship his first pro year, '56; runnerup '57, '58. Out much of '59 from broken wrist, resulting operation.

**Fredericks, Pete** Halliday, N.D. 23; 6'; 175#; married; entered rodeo '52; joined R.C.A. '53 after breaking horses for pleasure; enters 3 events, SB, BB, SW; rodeos part time and ranches; won national h.s. all around '55; won all around trophy saddle '59 at Wolf Point Stampede; Placed in 18 Rodeos '59; biggest win \$466 at Dickinson, N. D.; total winnings '59, \$5,573.

**Frost, Clyde** LaPoint, Utah 26; 5'8"; 155#; married; in rodeo since '46; rodeos year 'round; enters BB, SB and SW; owns ranch with brothers; despite broken collarbone and shoulder injuries last Sept., finished '59 BB7, \$8,955; biggest win, split 1-2 BB, Denver, \$1,911. Placed in average 28 rodeos. Injuries: broken collarbone; dislocated knee.

**Garcia, Lewis W.** Animas, N.M. 5'8"; 180#; married; entered rodeo '31, "had roping fever"; rodeos part time; operates ranch and is R.E.A. lineman; enters 2 events, CR and TR; SRA, TR champion '54; placed in 10 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$1,192 at Douglas, Arizona TR.

**Garrett, James Wayne** Pawhuska, Okla. 31; 6'3"; 210#; married; entered rodeo '48; joined R.C.A. '50; always around livestock; rodeos part time and raises cattle & quarter horses; races quarter horses; had never bulldogged, but won average at Ardmore in '51; enters 2 events, SW and CR; placed in 5 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$2,699 at Denver; total winnings for '59, \$3,755.

**Garvie, Tom** Denver, Colo. 22; 5'8½"; 145#; single; entered rodeo '52; began riding calves in small rodeos; rodeos year 'round; enters 1 event, BR; breaks horses as hobby; BR champion Arapahoe Jr. Rodeo Assn. '53; broke arm '58; placed in 9 rodeos '59; biggest win \$610 at Pueblo.

**George, Bill** Canadian, Tex. 33; 6'; 170#; married; in rodeo since '46; part-time contestant; operates western store; enters 3 events, BB, BR, SW. '59: biggest win, BB3, split 4 BR, Baton Rouge, \$410. Placed in average 7 rodeos.

**Gilbert, Mickey** Van Nuys, Calif. 23; 6'; 170#; single; entered rodeo '54 while in college; rodeos part time; also in motion picture business; enters 2 events CR & SW; was NIRA Regional Vice President '55; held different titles at rodeos '54 through '56 while in college; placed in 11 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$2,016 CR at Los Angeles.

**Gilfillian, Derrel** Beaumont, Tex. 25; 6'; 165"; married; entered rodeo '48; joined R.C.A. '50; began in high school rodeos; rodeos year 'round; enters 2 events, BR and SB; won all around at Orange, Texas '55 and '57 as well as SB at Orange '57; placed in 16 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$1,540 at Ft. Worth; total winnings '59, \$4,361.

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**Godby, Bud** Gooding, Ida. 23; 5'8"; 143#; married; entered rodeo '52; joined R.C.A. '58; enters 1 event, SB; rodeos part time, also barber and auctioneer; shows quarter horses as a hobby; hopes to raise registered quarter horses; was Idaho State Champion BB rider and runner-up in national h.s. BB '54; wife rodeo queen of Bruneau Roundup; placed in 16 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$434 at Evanston, Wyo.; total winnings '59, \$3,595.

**Goodspeed, Bobby** Wetumka, Okla. 21; 5'11"; 165#; married, son of famous calf roper, Jess Goodspeed; overcame jinx against second-generation athletes, ended '59 season CR 10th with \$9,210. '59 his first full season pro rodeo; was American Junior Rodeo All-Around and Calf Roping champ in '54, '55, '56. big wins last year: Camdenton, Coffeerville, Des Moines, Ft. Madison.

**Gore, Les** Medicine Bow, Wyo. 34; 5'10½"; 170#; married; joined R.C.A. '50, part-time contestant; enters 4 events, SB, BB, SW, BR. '59: biggest win, BB2, Omaha, \$768. Former NIRA contestant. Partner in Summit Rodeo Co., livestock contractors.

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**Groff, Buddy** Bandera, Tex. 34; 5'11"; 175#; married; in rodeo 10 years; full-time contestant; enters 3 events, CR, SW, SR. Runner-up for CR championship '54 & '56. '59: SR14, \$1,267, biggest win, CR2, New York, \$1,727.

**Hale, Billy** Colorado Springs, Colo. 21; 6'1"; 180#; single; grew up around rodeo arenas working for his dad, owner of a small string of bucking stock; all star track and basketball athlete in high school; enters 1 event, SW. '59: SW12, \$8,656, biggest win, SW5, Denver, \$1,565. Placed in average 10 rodeos.

**Haley, Nathan** Hanna, Okla. 34; 6'2"; 225#; married; entered rodeo '56; joined R.C.A. '58; rodeos year 'round and ranches; entered 1 event, SW; placed in 12 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$493 at Ft. Smith; total winning '59, \$3,044.

**Hand, Billy** West Palm Beach, Fla. 27; 5'10"; 165#; in rodeo since '48; rodeos full time; bull riding specialist. '55 through '58 finished among top ten bull riders in the nation. '59, biggest win, BR5, Ft Worth, \$936.

**Hartell, Byrle** Bridgeport, Tex. 5'9"; 155#; in professional rodeo since '51; enters CR only; best year, '58, finished 8th; placed at 16 rodeos in '59; biggest '59 win, CR1, Little Rock, \$1,366.

**Hataway, Del** Snyder, Tex. 21; 5'11"; 160#; single; in rodeo since '51; began rodeo career in high school. '59: biggest win, BR3, Ft. Worth, \$1,587.

**Hatcher, Phil (John Phillip)** Randlett, Okla. 25; 5'11"; 182#; married; entered rodeo '50 because had always wanted to; joined R.C.A. '53; rodeos year 'round and shoes horses; enters 2 events, SW and CR; won trophy Woodward, Okla. '56 and Nampa, Idaho '58; placed in 18 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$468 at Belle Fourche '59; total winnings '59, \$4,547.

**Hatley, John** Uvalde, Tex. 29; 6'3"; 260#; married; in rodeo since '49; former guard with Philadelphia Eagles, pro football team; enters 1 event, SW. '59: SW14, \$7,679, biggest win, SW1, Odessa, \$1,763; placed in average 10 rodeos; now under football contract new Dallas team AFL.

**Haverty, Dell** St. David, Ariz. 31; 5'10"; 175#; married; entered rodeo '42; father was a roper; roped in Jr. rodeos; rodeos during summer months and ranches; raises crossbred cattle and quarter horses; enters 6 events, BR, BB, CR, SR, TR, SW; serious injury bulldogging '48; '54, and bull riding '56. Placed in 21 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$700 in TR at Phoenix, also \$600 in SR at North Platte and \$587 in BB at Chandler; total winnings '59, \$9,412.

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**Hennigh, Duane** LaVerne, Tex. 30; 5'11½"; 177#; married; entered his first rodeo at 14; rodeos full time; enters 4 events, BB, CR, SW, BR; won BB, New York '55, \$3,297. '59: biggest win, split 2-3 BR, Memphis, \$568; placed in average 20 rodeos. Fine all-around hand, seldom enters larger rodeos, but has won New York, Ft. Worth.

**Hex, Doad** Lompoc, Calif. 38; 5'11"; 185#; married; entered rodeo '37; rodeos part time; is ranch foreman; enters 2 events, CR, TR; injured while roping a calf in '48; placed in 12 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$918 TR at Bishop, Calif.

**Hill, Arnold L.** Canadian, Tex. 30; 5'8"; 155#; single; entered rodeo '44; enters 2 events BR and BB; had throat cut at Denver '51 while bull riding, also leg injury at Clovis, N.M. '52 bull riding; rodeos year 'round and has cattle business. Placed in 9 rodeos in '59; biggest win, \$1,164 BR at Los Angeles; total winnings '59, \$3,586.

**Hirdes, Les** Turlock, Calif. 26; 5'11"; 205#; married; in rodeo since '43; combines rodeo with dairy farming; enters 2 events, CR, TR. '59: TR8, \$5,078, biggest win, TR1, Phoenix, \$1,050. Placed in average 12 rodeos.

**Hobday, Daryl** Peck, Ida. 27; 5'11½"; 160#; married; began rodeo career as amateur '47; enters 3 events, SB, BB, CR. '59: biggest win, CR4, Ellensburg, \$238. Placed in average 17 rodeos.

**Hogue, Bill** Holtville, Calif. 32; 5'8"; 175#; married; in rodeo since '43; combines rodeo with brick business; enters 3 events, CR, SW, TR. '59: biggest win, TR3, Reno, \$359. Placed in average 4 rodeos. Former top full-time rodeo hand.

**Holmes, Marvin** Pickens, Okla. 29; 5'5"; 145#; married; in rodeo since '47; full-time contestant; enters 2 events, SB, BB. '59: biggest win, BB 3-4, Denver, \$729. Placed in average 12 rodeos. Consistent winner at southern rodeos.

**Houston, Allen** Alva, Okla. 30; 6'2"; 190#; single; in rodeo since '47; full-time contestant; enters 2 events, SB, BB. '59: biggest win, BB1, SB4, Omaha, \$1,235. Placed in average 20 rodeos. Injuries: broken leg, '51.

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**Huddleston, Don** Clayton, Okla. 25; 6'4"; 229#; in rodeo since '50; full-time contestant; enters 1 event, SW. '59: won \$5,497, biggest win, 1st, Baton Rouge, \$1,642; '59 first pro year.

**Ivory, Buster** Pampa, Tex. 37; born Alturas, Calif.; entered his first rodeo at McArthur, Calif., when he was 14; won the Cow Riding, and Steer Roping; enters SB only now; suffered broken neck in '48 at Salinas bucking off saddle bronc; served as business manager for R.C.A. '52-'55. Wife June is rodeo secretary and Quadrille rider. Buster was Livestock superintendent at Dallas NFR.

**Johnson, Bernis** Cleburne, Tex. 27; 5'11"; 175#; married; in rodeo since '47; rodeos year 'round; raises registered horses; enters 3 events, BB, SW, BR. '59: AA15, \$14,714, BB9, \$7,835; biggest win, BR1, Winston-Salem, \$705. Placed in average 33 rodeos.

**Johnson, Les** Omak, Wash. 29; 5'7"; 175#; married; in rodeo since '49; rodeos year 'round; enters SB; '59 SB11, \$9,755; biggest win, SB1, San Francisco. Placed in average 20 rodeos.

**Jones, Arnold** Prescott, Ariz. 33; 5'8"; 155#; married; in rodeo since '44; combines rodeo with carpentry, enters 3 events, SB, BB, SW. Competes mostly in Arizona and New Mexico rodeos. Placed in average at 15 rodeos during '59.

**Jones, Bob G.** Merced, Calif. 33; 5'8"; 160#; married; in rodeo since '46; full-time contestant; became interested in rodeo when his father was contesting; enters 2 events, CR, TR. '59: biggest win, TR2, Tucson, \$1,542. Placed in average 11 rodeos. Badly injured '59 when roping horse jerked down.

**Jones, Jim D.** Akron, Colo. 31; 5'11"; 180#; married; joined the R.C.A. '48; enters all 5 standard events, SB, BB, CR, SW, BR. '59: biggest win, SB3, Little Rock, \$298. Placed in average 30 rodeos. One of very few to enter 5 standard events.

**Jones, John W.** San Luis Obispo, Calif. 27; Married; 5'11"; 185#; enters SW, CR, TR; "Rookie of the Year" in 1956; rodeos little, large dairy operation; in '56 went to his first rodeo outside California, won SW Denver and \$2,831, won SW and was high money winner at New York that fall, finished fifth in SW entering only 22 rodeos. In '59 placed at only 4 rodeos, won \$4,972, 1st in Los Angeles, \$2,131; 2nd at San Francisco, \$2,228.

**Kerns, Vernon** Hearne, Tex. 31; 5'10"; 180#; married; full-time contestant; became interested in rodeo when father was a member of Cowboy Turtles Association; enters 2 events, CR, SW; biggest win, CRI, SWI, Harrisburg, \$869. Placed in average 18 rodeos.



**Kunkle, Bill** Eugene, Ore.  
33; 6'; 180#; married; in rodeo since '45, stock truck driver for Christensen Bros.; enters 2 events, BB, SW. '59: biggest win, SW1, Molalla, \$447. Placed in average 8 rodeos.

**Lancaster, Leonard** Okla. City, Okla.  
26; in rodeo since '49, began contesting in high school; competes full time; enters 2 events, SB, BB. '59: biggest win, SB1, Nampa, \$668. Placed in average 14 rodeos.

**Lawrence, Billy** Missoula, Mont.  
31; 5'11"; 170#; married; joined R.C.A. '44; full-time contestant; enters 3 events, BB, CR, SW. '59: Biggest win, BB 3-4, SW2, Tucson, \$1,002. Placed in average 21 rodeos. Bareback best event, finished 16th for '59 season. Raised at Boulder, Colo. Rode his first calf at age of four. Raises quarter horses.

**Leonard, Johnny** Del Rio, Tex.  
27; 5'9"; 158#; single; entered rodeo '48 as a hobby; joined R.C.A. '50; enters 1 event, CR. rodeos part time and operates a ranch; roped on Texas Tech Rodeo Team when won Nat'l trophy '55; won roping at Texas Tech '53 & '55; father is engineer for Southern Pacific RR; won Sonora, Texas trophy h.s. roping; won between 2 and 4 events each year since 1956; placed in 17 rodeos '59; biggest win \$1,626 in Pendleton; total winnings '59 \$5,423.

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**Lewis, Ellie** O. K. Falls, B. C., Canada  
30; 5'10"; 170#; married; entered rodeo '45 steer riding; joined R.C.A. '47; rodeos and ranches year 'round; enters 4 events SB, BB, BR, SW; saddle bronc reared backward '54 injured knee; hockey and skiing are hobbies; Canadian SB champion '53; BB champ '57; likes SB best; trophy from Omak, Wash. AA champ '55, '57, '58; trophy Settler Alta BR '55; other trophies, buckles & saddles for BB, SB; placed in 29 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$720 in SB at Tucson; total winnings '59 \$7,248.

**Lewis, Wayne** Dell City, Tex.  
24; 5'8"; 140#; single; raised on a ranch and entered Kids' rodeos, joined R.C.A. '54; full-time contestant, enters 1 event, BR. '59: BR11, \$7,599. Biggest win, BR4, Denver, \$1,103. Placed in average 11 rodeos. Injuries: fractured skull '55.

**Linderman, Bill** Gooding, Ida.  
39; 6'; 175#; married; in rodeo since '40; full-time contestant; enters 3 events, SB, BB, SW. Won world titles in AA, '50, '53; SB, '45, '50; SW, '50. President, R.C.A. '51 through '56. Arena director, NFR, Dallas '59. Biggest win, SW3, New York, \$1,817. Placed in average 19 rodeos. Injuries: broken arms, back, neck, leg, foot, collarbone, fractured skull.

**James, Lowell** Rapid City, S.D.  
23; 5'8"; 160#; married; in R.C.A. Rodeo since '53; full-time contestant; enters 2 events, BB, BR. '59: placed in average 19 rodeos.

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**Mattos, Harold** Newman, Calif.  
30; 6'; 190#; married; entered rodeo '42 because liked horses and competitive sports; enters 2 events CR & TR; rodeos and ranches year 'round; placed in 22 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$689 TR in Salinas; total winnings '59 \$6,313.

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**Maynard, Bob** San Diego, Calif.  
31; 5'10"; 180#; single; entered rodeo '45 after moving to Calif.; joined R.C.A. '46; enters 3 events BB, BR, SW; won many buckles, saddles, & trophies in BR and BB; placed in 16 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$868 BR in Tucson; total winnings '59 \$5,336.

**McCravey, Leonard** Memphis, Tex.  
33; 5'7"; 160#; single; entered rodeo '44 in BR; joined R.C.A. '47; enters 1 event BB; rodeos year 'round; veteran of service in Far East; placed in 17 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$616 at San Francisco; total winnings '59 \$3,889.

**McEntire, Clark** Kiowa, Okla.  
32; 5'10 1/2"; 220#; married; nickname "Ropenture"; joined R.C.A. '45; world's champion steer roper '57 & '58. '59: SR6, \$2,054, biggest win, SR1, Ada, \$719. Placed in average 3 rodeos. Rancher, enters rodeo where important steer ropings are held. Used to rope calves, too. Along with Shaw, Webster has been tops in steer roping through '50's. Served two terms as R.C.A. director.

**McKenna, J. D.** Tulsa, Okla.  
37; 5'10"; 180#; married; in rodeo since '46; full-time contestant; enters SB & SW; '59: total \$10,829 SB7; biggest win, split 1-2 SB Colo. Spgs. Placed in average 25 rodeos.

**McLaughlin, Don** Fr. Worth, Tex.  
33; 5'10"; 160#; married; in rodeo competition since '46; full-time contestant; enters 2 events, CR, SR. World's champion calf roper '51, '52, '53, '54, '57, '59: CR 8, \$10,428, SR8, \$2,009, biggest win, CR 2, Sheriff's Rodeo, Los Angeles, \$1,668. Placed in average 25 rodeos. Injured shoulder badly New York, '59. Began rodeo as kid trick roper.

**Martin, Tex** Clifton, Tex.  
29; 5'9"; 155#; married; began rodeoing in junior steer riding '45; NIRA BR champion '54; enters 4 events, SB, BB, SW, BR. '59: biggest win, SB4, BB3, BR3, Louisville, \$520. Placed in average 24 rodeos.

**Meek, Sanford Loyd (Junior)** Cleburne, Tex.  
23; 6'2"; 195#; single; entered rodeo '54 because he liked it; joined R.C.A. '54; rodeos full time; enters 4 events BB, BR, SW, CR, also clown and bull fighter; placed in 24 rodeos '59; biggest win \$1,437 BR at Denver; total winnings '59, \$6,906.

**Mendes, Carl** Visalia, Calif.  
41; 5'10"; 175#; married; entered rodeo '30; joined Turtles '37, R.C.A. '46; rodeos year 'round in addition to a 20-acre orchard; began rodeo by riding Dad's calves; has won numerous individual all around and bulldogging championships; placed in 9 rodeos in '59; injured neck and shoulder in '51 while bulldogging.

**Miles, Gene** Eugene, Ore.  
32; 6'1"; 195#; married; entered rodeo; joined R.C.A. '48; thought breaking horses was easy so graduated to rodeo; enters only one event SW; rodeos part time; placed in 12 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$508 at Ellensburg, Washington.

**Mills, Gene** Riverside, Calif.  
39; 5'10"; 170#; married; entered rodeo '45; enters 2 events SB and SW; studies law, architecture and language as hobby; broke same arm twice in same year; rodeos year 'round; placed in average in 9 rodeos in '59; building contractor, rodeos only in Calif.

**Murry, Bill** Big Springs, Tex.  
30; 5'11"; 205#; single; entered rodeo '46; joined R.C.A. '56; enters 3 events SW, CR, SR; rodeos year 'round and operates stock farm; golf and water skiing hobbies; placed in 22 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$1,029 CR at Colorado Springs; total winnings '59 \$7,464.

**Myren, George** Viking, Alberta, Can.  
26; 6'; 170#; married; entered rodeo '50; entered boys' steer riding; rodeos year 'round; enters 2 events SB and BB; in Canada also enters SW and CR; won BB championship Central Alberta Rodeo Circuit '53; won SB Central Alberta Rodeo Circuit '58 and '59; broke left ankle '53, right foot and ankle '55, right ankle '58; placed in average in 11 rodeos in '59; biggest win BB2 \$1,725 at Ft. Worth, Texas.

**Nelson, Alvin** Sentinel Butte, N.D.  
26; 5'7"; 140#; married; entered rodeo '50; joined R.C.A. '51; enters 2 events SB and BB; rodeos year 'round; World Champion SB '57; 5th AA '55; 5th BB '55; 6th SB '55; 34 SB '56; 4th AA '57; Army service 2 years '58-'59; injured '57 when horse fell backwards on him in chute. National High School SB Champion '52.

**Nichols, Walt** Oracle, Ariz.  
5'11"; 190#; married; entered rodeo via Kids' Rodeo '38; rodeos year 'round; also shoes horses; enters 4 events, CR, SR, TR, SW; placed in 15 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$712 CR and \$112 TR at Prescott, Arizona.

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**Noddings, Ken** Powell, Wyo.  
26; 6'2"; 240#; single; entered rodeo (R.C.A.) '50; enters one event SW; formerly entered BB and CR also; broke arm Douglas, Wyo., '57, SW. rodeos summers while attending college; champion bull dogger '57; Zumwalt Rodeo Col, Champion bull dogger '58 Univ. of Wyo.; placed in 10 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$907 at Ft. Madison; total for '59 \$3,165.

**Norris, Pete** Whittier, Calif.  
30; 6'; 180#; married; entered first rodeo, Corona, Calif., '53; joined R.C.A., '53; enters one event, CR; placed in 14 rodeos, '59; biggest win \$1,321 at Los Angeles; total for '59 \$3,796.

**Oliphant, Sonny (Ralph A.)** Okemah, Okla.  
34; 6'1"; 215#; married; entered rodeo '40, joined R.C.A. '49; rodeos part time; enters one event SW; placed in average in 10 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$756 at Camdenton, Mo.; broke angle '55. Rancher.

**Oliver, Dean** Page 7  
**Painter, Jim** McAlester, Okla.  
27; 6'1"; 200#; single; entered rodeo '52; rodeos year 'round; roped and wrestled steers in school; enters 1 event SW; after NFR SW8 \$9,270; placed in 29 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$863 at Ft. Smith. '59 first pro season.

**Peak, Buddy** Tucson, Ariz.  
26; 6'1"; 180#; married; entered rodeo '48; enters 3 events, SB, BR, SW; rodeos year 'round; placed in average at 30 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$1,292 at New York; has won many individual rodeo BB and BR championships; fractured skull '49.

**Perkins, Robt. Allen (Bob)** Boulder, Colo.  
22; entered rodeo '53; joined R.C.A. '54; enters one event, SW; rodeos part time, is a stone mason by trade; placed in 22 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$1,065 at San Francisco; total for '59 \$4,710.

**Pierce, B. J.** Clovis, N.M.  
33; 5'11"; 160#; married; entered rodeo '45; enters 3 events CR, SR, TR; rodeos year 'round, also farms and ranches; CR champion college '48; has won many individual CR championships; broke leg '57; placed in average at 9 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$857 CR at Yuma; teaches school.

**Plaughter, Wilbur** Clovis, Calif.  
37; 6'2"; 220#; married; entered rodeo '42; enters 1 event, SW; rodeos year 'round; placed in averages in 17 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$1,973 at San Antonio; after NFR SW9 \$9,407; broke neck in '43. Is rodeo clown, enters less rodeos than full-time contestants, still finishes well in standings. Was SW runner-up '58.

**Porter, T. Barrett (T.B.)** Leesville, La.  
32; 5'8"; 160#; married; entered rodeo '41; Father produced rodeos and is livestock dealer; rodeos year 'round; enters 2 events CR and SR; placed in average in 11 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$2,190 CR at Denver; '59 CR13, \$8,161.

**Potter, Mel** Tucson, Ariz.  
24; 6'4"; 175#; married; entered rodeo in '50; rodeos year 'round, also raises cranberries and mink; enters 1 event CR; wife is barrel racer and roper; placed in average in 16 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$2,954 at Denver; '59 - CR 14, \$7,944.

**Quaid, Eddie** Okla. City, Okla.  
27; 5'4"; 135#; joined R.C.A. '49; full-time contestant; enters 2 events, BB & BR. '59: biggest win, AA, BB2 BR2, Ft. Madison, \$1,093. Placed in average 16 rodeos.

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**Rhoades, Frank** Wright City, Okla.  
31; 6'; 175#; began rodeo career in junior bull riding in '45; full-time contestant; enters 3 events, BB, BR, SW. '59: BB13, \$6,878. Injuries: broken cheekbone; broken leg.

**Rhodes, John** Cortaro, Ariz.  
72; 5'11"; 200#; married; entered his first rodeo in Tucson in 1915; oldest active contestant in rodeo, still enters team roping in Ariz. Has been one of winningest heel ropers in ro-

deo. Son Tom was twice World Champion Steer Roper, in '43, '44; John was World Champion team roper in '36 and '38. "Grand Old Man" of rodeo.

**Riggs, Jack** Sanderson, Tex.  
32; 5'11"; 180#; married; entered rodeo '50, joined R.C.A. same year; father Texas Ranger and old-time roper; wife (Ora Altizer) roper and barrel racer; enters two events CR and TR; placed in 13 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$1,110 at Phoenix; total for '59 \$6,321.

**Richmond, George** Lloyd, Mont.  
39; 5'8"; 150#; married; began contesting in amateur rodeos; combines rodeo with announcing and ranching; enters 1 event, CR.

**Riley, Lanham** Fr. Worth, Tex.  
40; 5'9"; 170#; married; in rodeo since '37; combines rodeo with managing quarter horse ranch. '59: biggest win, CR1, Lubbock, \$1,348. Former R.C.A. vice president and director.

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**Robinson, Bob** Cardston, Alta., Can.  
28; 5'10"; 175#; married; joined R.C.A. '54; full-time contestant; enters 3 events, SB, SW, BR; Canadian saddle bronc champion '56; first Canadian to be elected to R.C.A. Board. '59: biggest win, split 2-3 BR, Salinas, \$687. Placed in average 19 rodeos.

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**Robinson, Kimer** Imperial, Calif.  
31; 6'1"; 185#; married; entered rodeo '44; joined R.C.A. '45; enters two events BB and SW; rodeos part time and has cattle business; plays polo as hobby; feels rodeo is toughest competitive sport; placed in 18 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$887 at Yuma. Ariz. in SW; total for '59 \$3,614; broken hand bull dogging '53; broken shoulder '53 bareback; broken elbow '54 BR.

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**Roeser, Jim** Wilder, Ida.  
26; 5'11 1/2"; 165#; married; in rodeo since '52; rodeos full time; enters two events, SR BB: '59: SB14, \$7,330; biggest win, SB2, New York, \$2,018. Placed in average 27 rodeos.

**Romine, Herschell** Big Spring, Tex.  
31; 6'; 180#; married; in rodeo since '47; began rodeo career by entering jackpot and club roping; enters 1 event, CR. '59: biggest win, CR6, Cow Palace, \$818. Placed in average 12 rodeos.

**Rossen, Ronnie** Broadus, Mont.  
22; 5'10"; 165#; married; began rodeo career in high school; joined R.C.A. '56; enters 2 events, BB, BR. '59: BR12, \$7,579. biggest win, BR2, San Antonio, \$1,191. Placed in average 13 rodeos.

**Rude, Ike** Brawley, Calif.  
65; 5'1 1/2"; 170#; in rodeo since 1910; world's steer roping champion '47 and '53; has won Cheyenne steer roping four times. At 58 was oldest man to win World Championship in any event. One of rodeo's most famous and colorful personalities, a living legend. Lived in Oklahoma most of his life, one of rodeo's first noted horse trainers. Owned famous rope horse "Baldy." Still enters all important steer roping events.

**Rutherford, Buck** Lenapah, Okla.  
29; 6'; 180#; began rodeo career in '47; world's champion all around in '54, sidelined for two years by a serious bull riding accident. Back to full-time competition. Did enter BB, SW, SB, BR; now works BB, SW.

**Saye, Leonard** Broadus, Mont.  
34; 6'3"; 195#; married; entered rodeo '36; joined R.C.A. '50; enters 4 events, SW, CR, SR, TR; father was rodeo contestant; rodeos full time; also ranches; gored by steer '52, broken leg '5; holds arena record SW 3.3 Ft. Worth, CR 11.2 Spokane, both in '54; placed in average in 11 rodeos '59; biggest win \$683 at Rapid City CR.

**Schild, Bob D.** Pocatello, Ida.  
28; 5'10"; 170#; married; entered rodeo '50 after continued razzing by college classmates; joined R.C.A. '51; enters 4 events, SB, BB, BR, SW; rodeos year 'round; National college Champion BB and SB '54; runner-up to College All-Around '53 and '54; N.I.R.A. Regional Director; placed in average in 30 rodeos '59. Went to Colorado State, Boulder.

**Schliep, Ronny** Haigler, Nebr.  
29; 6'3"; 200#; married; entered rodeo '45; joined R.C.A. same time; formerly rode race horses. got too big; began in rodeo BD, BR & BB; now enters one event CR; rodeos part time, ranches and raises quarter horses; horse racing and water skiing are hobbies; placed in 16 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$1,234 at Omaha; total for '59 \$3,987.

**Seals, Bobby** Justin, Tex.  
26; 5'8"; 180#; single; enters four events SW, CR, SR, TR; rodeos year 'round; also has cattle; placed in 26 rodeos '59; biggest win \$1,160 SW at New York City; total for '59 \$9,025.

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**Sheppard, Bob O.** Richardson, Tex.  
25; 5'9"; 135#; married; entered rodeo '47; joined R.C.A. '56; began in Kids' Rodeo; rodeos year around; enters events BB and BR; broken arm '55, fractured skull '57; placed in average in 19 rodeos '59; biggest win \$1,658 BR at Cheyenne.

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**Simon, Milt** Limon, Colo.  
34; 6'; 190#; married; entered rodeo '43; father was rodeo man; joined R.C.A. '43; wife barrel racer; has won numerous individual awards; placed in 27 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$3,168 at New York, City, SW; broken collar bone, numerous knee injuries. '59 SW11, \$3,666. Won SW New York '59, CR New York '55.

**Sloan, Cotton (Lloyd)** Westville, Okla.  
31; 6'1"; 205#; married; entered rodeo '47; joined R.C.A. '50; enters 1 event SW; bull dogging and swimming are hobbies; rodeos and operates service station; placed in 14 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$768 at Sidney, Iowa; total for '59 \$4,166.



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**Smith, Clifton** Tell, Tex. 26; 5'11"; 160#; married; entered rodeo '44; joined R.C.A. '57; began rodeo with father, both liked it; enters one event CR; rodeos year 'round also farms and ranches; has won many buckles, 2 saddles and 2 silver trays; placed in 9 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$1,724 at Cheyenne; total for '59 \$4,919.

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**Smith, Jay T. "J. T."** Iona, Ida. 29; 5'10"; 155#; married; entered rodeo '47; joined R.C.A. '53; rodeos year 'round and has trucking business; has won several BB trophies; placed in average in 14 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$912 BB at Denver; enters 2 events, BB and BR.

**Smith, Lyle** Donald, Alta., Canada 29; 5'6"; 160#; married; in rodeo since '48; raised on a ranch; rodeos full time; enters SB; '59, total \$10,406. SB9; biggest win, SB4 NFR, Dallas. Placed in average 27 rodeos.

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**Stull, Dick** Potter, Nebr. 33; 5'10 3/4"; 190#; married; entered rodeo '43 after riding Dad's calves; joined R.C.A. '45; enters 3 events SB, BB and SW; has won many individual trophies for AA and BB; has broken foot three times; placed in average in 15 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$1,260 SW at Lubbock, Texas, also \$1,054 at Cheyenne and \$1,053 at Omaha. Won SW New York '58.

**Sublett, Joel A.** Tucson, Ariz. 32; 6'; 175#; married; wife is trick rider; entered rodeo '48; enters 5 events BR, BB, CR, TR, SW; rodeos during summer and operates small farm and boarding stable; seriously trampled by bull '53; placed in average in 25 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$94 BR at Scottsdale, Ariz.

**Sullins, Sherman** Oakdale, Calif. 29; 6'; 185#; single; entered rodeo '42; rodeos year 'round; enters 4 events CR, TR, SW SR, placed in average in 15 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$827 TR and \$298 SW at Eugene, Oregon. SW runner-up '57. Rodeos on west coast.

**Swaggert, Cecil** Ritter, Ore. 22; 5'10"; 180#; married; entered rodeo CR Junior Rodeo 49; joined R.C.A. '56; rodeos year 'round; enters 2 events SB and BB; has won several individual trophies; was Northwest Junior Champion BB in '54; won Junior championships '53, '54, '55; hand seriously injured in '54; placed in average in 9 rodeos in '59.

**Swaim, Bob** Arlington, Ore. 30; 5'10"; 175#; married; entered rodeo while still in high school '48; joined R.C.A. '49; enters 3 events BR, BB, SW; rodeos part time; golf, bowling, hunting are hobbies; placed in average in 16 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$494 BB at Portland.

**Teague, Bill** Crane, Tex. 27; 5'8"; 170#; married; began rodeo career team roping with his father; won N.I.R.A. TR '54. Enters two events, CR and TR. '59, biggest win, CR1, Colorado Springs, \$1,315. Placed in average 5 rodeos. Teaches school, rodeos in summer.

**Templeton, Paul** San Jose, Calif. 32; 5'9"; 165#; married; in rodeo since '43; full-time contestant; enters 3 events, SB, BB, SW. '59, placed in average 18 rodeos. Licensed pilot, runs charter service for rodeo cowboys.

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**Tescher, Tom** Sentinel, Butte, N.D. 33; 5'8"; 175#; married; in rodeo since '44; combines ranching with contesting; enters 2 events, SB, SW. '59, SB13, \$8,935, biggest win, SB1, Denver, \$1,973. Placed in average 20 rodeos. Injuries: broken leg.

**Thurman, DeMar** El Monte, Calif. 21; 5'8"; 175#; married; entered rodeo '53 with his brother while they worked at a riding academy; rodeos year 'round; enters 1 event SW; placed at 23 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$662 SW at Los Angeles.

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**Torricellas, Louie** Eugene, Ore. 28; 5'10"; 170#; married; began contesting in '45 at junior rodeos; combines rodeos with horse training and logging; enters 3 events, CR, SW, TR. '59; placed in average 9 rodeos. In pro rodeo since '56.

**Tumlinson, Monroe** Carlsbad, N.M. 31; 6'; 195#; married; in rodeo since '43; combines rodeo with horse training; enters 2 events, CR, SW. '59: CR11, \$8,382, biggest win, AA, CR1, SW1, Wichita, Kans. \$1,351. Placed in average 15 rodeos.

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**Weeks, Billy** Abilene, Tex. 33; 5'7"; 150#; married; raised on a ranch; enters 2 events, BB, SB. '59: biggest win, SB2, Albuquerque, \$735. Placed in average 26 rodeos. Injuries: Broken leg, ankle, collarbone.

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**Wellborn, Dick** Datil, N.M. 21; 5'6"; 140#; single; began rodeo career roping calves in high school; joined R.C.A. '58; year 'round contestant, enters 2 events, BB & BR. '59: biggest win, BR1 Albuquerque, \$1,061.

**Wharton, Ray** Bandera, Tex. 40; 5'7"; 165#; single; raised on a ranch & entered amateur rodeos near home; full-time contestant; world's champion calf roper '56. '59: biggest win, AA, CR1, St. Paul, \$1,227. Placed in average 6 rodeos.

**Whatley, Todd** Hugo, Okla. 39; 5'11"; 175#; former spokesman for Cowboy Turtles Association, predecessor of R.C.A.; served on R.C.A. Board from '52 through '57; world's all-around and steer wrestling champion '47, bull riding champ '53. '59: biggest win, SW2, Ft. Worth, \$1,685.

**White, Jim R.** Cheyenne, Wyo. 32; 5'10"; 160#; married; entered rodeo '43; began riding calves and breaking horses; enters 2 events BB and CR; rodeos year 'round; placed in 13 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$893 BB at Albuquerque; total for '59 \$3,476.

**Wiley, Bob** Porterville, Calif. 23; single; entered rodeo '53, joined R.C.A. '54; always wanted to rope calves, enters three events CR, SW, TR; ranches and rodeos part time; placed in 28 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$794 at Ogden; total for '59 \$5,840.

**Williams, Bill D.** Clarksville, Tex. 30; 5'9"; 140#; year-round contestant; enters 2 events, BB, BR. '59: biggest win, AA, BR1, BB 1-2, Coffeyville, \$1,141.

**Williams, George** Casper, Wyo. 26; 6'4"; 175#; single; joined R.C.A. '49, full-time contestant, called the "globe trotter" among the cowboys, won the saddle bronc riding at Mexico City & Havana, Cuba in '57, competed in wild west show in Brussels in '58, then on to Winton, Queensland, Australia. Enters 1 event. SB. '59: biggest win, SB1, Tucson, \$720. Placed in average 13 rodeos.

**Willis, Barney** Visalia, Calif. 42; 6'; 185#; married; entered rodeo '35, joined R.C.A. '39; rodeos and ranches year 'round; enters 3 events, CR, SW, TR; broke leg '49, broke arm '50; won IRA SW championship '48; has won many individual steer wrestling and roping events; placed in 23 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$331 at San Diego SW; total for '59 \$4,700.

**Wilson, Don L.** Eugene, Ore. 29; 5'9 1/2"; 145#; married; raised on a ranch & entered local contests, full-time contestant, enters 2 events, SB & BB. '59: BB8, \$8,161, biggest win, BB2, Calgary, \$1,107. Placed in average 17 rodeos.

**Wise, Jim** Wheatland, Wyo. 25; 5'7"; 165#; single; raised on a ranch, joined R.C.A. '55, full-time contestant, rodeo judge, enters 3 events, SB, BR, SW. '59: biggest win, BR1, Edmonton, \$703. Placed in average 19 rodeos. Was in top fifteen SB all year '59 until shoulder injury in early fall, finished 16th for season.

**Wood, Jack Wm.** E. Glacier Park, Mont. 28; single; entered rodeo '49; joined R.C.A. '50; veteran of Navy service; began rodeo bareback riding; enters four events, SB, BR, BB, SW; rodeos year round and has cattle; broken ribs, Calgary; broken nose, St. Paul; placed in 19 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$1,652 BB at Denver; total for '59 \$7,276.

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**Worrell, Sonny** Fredonia, Kans. 23; 5'10"; 165#; married; entered rodeo '46, joined R.C.A. '55; enters two events SW and SR; began rodeo because father wanted him to rope; rodeo full time; member of Okla State Univ. rodeo team 3 years; placed in 20 rodeos in '59; biggest win \$667 CR at San Angelo; total for '59 \$4,904.

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ALABAMA—7			
Town and Date	Perf.	Purse	
Dothan, Dec. 4-6	3	\$ 250	
Montgomery, Apr. 22-26	6	5,010	
Reeltown, July 3-4	2	375	
Selma, May 23-24	2	250	
Selma, June 20-21	2	250	
Selma, Aug. 21-22	2	250	
Selma, Nov. 7-8	2	250	
Totals	19	\$ 6,635	

ARIZONA—20			
Amado, Aug. 29-30	2	\$ 400	
Amado, Oct. 31-Nov. 1	2	400	
Amado, Nov. 28-29	2	400	
Amado, Dec. 12-13	2	400	
Benson, Sept. 6-7	2	400	
Buckeye, Oct. 24-25	2	400	
Chandler, Feb. 28-Mar. 1	2	900	
Dewey, June 28	1	200	
Douglas, Mar. 7-8	2	900	
Holbrook, Sept. 12-13	2	750	
Payson, Aug. 14-16	3	600	
Phoenix, Mar. 12-15	6	14,400	
Prescott, July 3-4	2	3,100	
Scottsdale, Jan. 30-Feb. 1	3	1,200	
Sierra Vista, Nov. 14-15	2	1,800	
Sonoita, Oct. 3-4	2	400	
Tucson, Feb. 19-22	4	9,900	
Willcox, Sept. 19-20	2	400	
Winslow, Sept. 26-27	2	1,000	
Yuma, Feb. 14-15	2	4,500	
Totals	47	\$42,450	

ARKANSAS—5			
Crossett, Aug. 12-15	4	\$ 2,250	
Fort Smith, May 25-30	6	8,250	
Little Rock, Oct. 5-10	9	9,000	
Pine Bluff, Sept. 29-Oct. 3	5	3,250	
Springdale, July 1-4	4	4,500	
Totals	28	\$27,250	

CALIFORNIA—57			
Angels Camp, May 16-17	2	\$ 3,250	
Barstow, Sept. 26-27	2	1,200	
Beaumont, June 20-21	2	750	
Bishop, Sept. 5-6	2	3,800	
Blythe, Oct. 24-25	2	750	
Clovis, Apr. 25-26	2	2,400	
Delano, Oct. 10-11	2	1,200	
El Toro, June 20-21	2	1,000	
Eureka, June 27-28	2	1,800	
Glennville, June 7	1	900	
Hanford, Aug. 29-30	2	1,200	
Hayward, May 23-24	2	1,600	
Imperial, Feb. 28-Mar. 1	2	1,375	
Isabella, May 24	1	500	
Lakeport, June 19-20	2	1,000	
Lamont, May 30-31	2	750	
Lancaster, Sept. 13	2	1,250	
Lone Pine, May 23-24	2	1,200	
Los Angeles, Aug. 23	1	12,500	
Los Angeles, Nov. 21-22	2	1,000	
Los Banos, Apr. 29-30	2	500	
Merced, Aug. 14-15	2	1,200	
Novato, June 21	1	300	
Oakdale, Apr. 11-12	2	1,800	
Orland, June 6-7	2	1,100	
Oroville, May 2-3	2	500	
Palm Springs, Feb. 7-8	2	2,000	
Paso Robles, Aug. 21-22	2	1,200	
Plymouth, Aug. 30	1	900	
Porterville, May 2-3	2	1,900	
Ramona, May 2-3	2	1,000	
Red Bluff, Apr. 18-19	2	6,200	
Redding, May 23-24	2	3,200	
Redwood City, July 3-5	3	2,700	
Riverside, May 16-17	2	1,350	
Sacramento, Sept. 10-13	4	4,000	
Salinas, July 16-19	4	13,200	
San Bernardino, May 2-3	2	1,550	
San Diego, Oct. 3-4	2	3,000	
San Fernando, Sept. 6-7	3	2,000	
San Francisco, Oct. 30-Nov. 8	14	23,500	
San Jose, May 30-31	3	3,250	
San Juan Bautista, July 12	1	1,300	
Santa Barbara, May 9-10	2	1,200	
Santa Barbara, Aug. 13-15	3	1,500	
Santa Maria, June 6-7	2	2,700	
Saugus, Apr. 25-26	2	1,700	
Sonora, Aug. 9	1	500	
Springville, Apr. 11-12	2	1,500	
Stockton, Aug. 27-29	3	3,075	
Torrance, July 25-26	2	1,000	
Ventura, Oct. 9-11	4	2,500	
Victorville, Oct. 10-11	2	1,200	
Visalia, Oct. 4	1	575	
Woodlake, May 9-10	2	1,000	
Woodland, Aug. 15-16	2	1,800	
Yuba City, July 31-Aug. 1	2	2,400	
Totals	129	\$140,225	

COLORADO—42			
Akron, Aug. 21-22	2	\$ 1,040	
Aspen, Aug. 8-9	2	350	
Boulder, July 26-27	3	2,750	
Brighton, Aug. 7-8	2	1,000	
Burlington, Aug. 21-22	2	1,000	
Canon City, July 11-12	2	750	
Castle Rock, Sept. 12-13	2	750	
Cheyenne Wells, Sept. 4-5	2	1,000	
Colorado Springs, Aug. 4-8	6	11,200	
Cortez, June 19-21	3	1,625	
Delta, July 31-Aug. 1	2	500	
Denver, Jan. 16-24	18	30,500	
Dunlap, July 31-Aug. 2	3	4,000	
Eads, Sept. 11-12	2	1,000	
Estes Park, July 30-Aug. 1	3	2,000	
Fort Collins, Aug. 22-23	2	500	
Golden, May 29-30	2	500	
Golden, June 25	1	250	
Golden, July 31-Aug. 2	3	1,500	
Grand Junction, May 8-9	2	750	
Grand Junction, June 9-10	4	2,500	
Greeley, July 2-4	3	3,750	
Gunnison, July 17-19	3	1,775	
Holyoke, Aug. 12-13	2	1,000	
Idaho Springs, Aug. 15-16	2	500	
Kremmling, Sept. 19-20	2	825	
Lamar, Aug. 11-12	2	1,150	
Longmont, Aug. 20-22	3	2,750	
Loveland, Aug. 9-11	3	1,500	
Monte Vista, July 29-31	3	3,000	
Montrose, July 3-4	3	1,250	
Montrose, Aug. 29-30	2	1,150	
Norwood, Aug. 15-16	2	1,000	
Pagosa Springs, July 4-5	2	1,000	
Pueblo, Aug. 27-29	6	9,000	
Ridgway, Sept. 6-7	2	750	
Rocky Ford, Sept. 2-3	3	1,500	
Sterling, Aug. 19-20	2	1,750	
Walden, July 18-19	2	500	
Walsenburg, June 26-27	2	500	
Woodland Park, July 17-19	3	1,500	
Yuma, Aug. 18-19	2	1,000	
Totals	122	\$103,115	

FLORIDA—11			
Bonifay, Oct. 2-4	3	\$ 2,250	
Bradenton, Feb. 17-18	3	1,500	
Brantford, Sept. 25-27	3	750	
Clearwater, Mar. 19-21	3	1,875	
Homestead, Feb. 7-8	2	1,000	
Indianapolis, Feb. 28-Mar. 1	2	1,000	
Kissimmee, Feb. 20-22	3	2,500	
Kissimmee, July 3-5	3	2,250	
Lake City, Oct. 30-Nov. 1	3	750	
Okeechobee, Sept. 6-7	2	750	
Sarasota, Mar. 7-8	2	500	
Totals	29	\$15,125	

GEORGIA—2			
Rome, May 14-17	4	\$ 1,000	
Waycross, Oct. 8-10	3	1,125	
Totals	7	\$ 2,125	

ILLINOIS—5			
Kankakee, Aug. 8-9	3	\$ 3,000	
Marion, June 18-21	4	2,000	
Moline, June 12-14	5	2,500	
Peoria, June 26-28	4	4,000	
Springfield, April 23-26	8	3,000	
Totals	24	\$14,500	

IDAHO—21			
Burley, Aug. 20-22	3	\$ 2,625	
Caldwell, Aug. 4-8	5	6,250	
Coeur d'Alene, Aug. 14-16	3	1,250	
Filer, Sept. 2-5	4	4,000	
Grace, Aug. 7-8	2	1,250	
Grangeville, July 3-5	3	2,250	
Hailey, July 3-4	2	1,500	
Idaho Falls, June 23-26	4	4,000	
Jerome, Aug. 20-22	3	2,250	
Lewiston, Sept. 11-13	3	5,050	
Malad, July 10-11	2	1,250	
Nampa, July 14-18	5	10,625	
Pocatello, July 14-16	3	3,000	
Pocatello, July 17	1	1,000	
Preston, July 30-Aug. 1	3	2,625	
Rigby, Aug. 7-8	2	1,000	
Rupert, July 2-4	3	2,250	
Salmon, Aug. 28-29	2	1,000	
Sandpoint, Aug. 29-30	2	750	
Terreton, Aug. 28-29	2	400	
Weiser, July 9-11	3	2,170	
Totals	60	\$56,495	



# Results of Some Large Rodeos

## NEBRASKA—15

Benkelman, Aug. 17-18	2	\$ 1,000
Bertrand, Aug. 25-26	2	1,000
Burwell, Aug. 12-15	4	7,840
Chambers, Aug. 19-20	2	1,000
Crawford, July 2-4	3	1,300
Gordon, Sept. 11-13	3	2,530
Imperial, June 12-14	3	1,500
Lewellen, Aug. 29-30	2	1,100
McCook, Aug. 7-9	3	1,500
North Platte, June 19-21	3	2,760
Omaha, Sept. 25-Oct. 4	11	16,500
Potter, June 6-7	2	500
Seward, Aug. 3-4	2	1,125
Sidney, Aug. 21-22	2	1,000
Wahoo, Aug. 13-16	4	2,600
Totals	48	\$43,255

## NEVADA—4

Fallon, Sept. 5-7	3	\$ 3,800
Las Vegas, May 15-17	3	6,500
Reno, July 3-5	3	8,100
Yerington, May 30-31	2	1,000
Totals	11	\$19,400

## NEW MEXICO—14

Albuquerque, Sept. 26-Oct. 4	9	\$13,500
Carlsbad, June 4-6	3	2,625
Deming, Oct. 10-11	3	600
Espanola, May 30-31	2	1,000
Farmington, June 5-7	3	1,500
Farmington, Sept. 6-7	2	1,000
Gallup, June 27-28	3	1,500
Hobbs, May 21-23	3	2,000
Las Vegas, Aug. 7-9	3	2,500
Lovington, Sept. 16-19	4	2,400
Roswell, Oct. 7-11	5	3,000
Santa Fe, July 8-11	4	3,000
Socorro, Sept. 4-5	2	500
Truth or Consequences, April 24-26	3	2,000
Totals	49	\$37,125

## NEW YORK—13

Gerry, Aug. 3-9	9	\$ 3,375
Lake Luzerne, July 3	1	150
Lake Luzerne, July 10	1	150
Lake Luzerne, July 17	1	150
Lake Luzerne, July 24	1	150
Lake Luzerne, July 31	1	150
Lake Luzerne, Aug. 7	1	150
Lake Luzerne, Aug. 14	1	150
Lake Luzerne, Aug. 21	1	150
Lake Luzerne, Aug. 28	1	150
Lake Luzerne, Sept. 4	1	150
New York, Sept. 24-Oct. 12	28	67,500
Rochester, Sept. 2-7	8	3,000
Totals	55	\$75,375

## NORTH CAROLINA—4

Charlotte, May 6-10	6	\$ 5,000
Raleigh, May 12-16	6	3,000
Shelby, Sept. 30-Oct. 3	4	1,875
Winston-Salem, Apr. 28-May 3	7	7,850
Totals	23	\$17,725

## NORTH DAKOTA—8

Arvilla, Aug. 22-23	2	\$ 1,100
Beulah, Sept. 6-7	2	1,250
Dickinson, July 4-5	2	3,800
Garrison, June 6-7	2	750
Hettinger, June 6-7	2	1,000
Killdeer, June 20-21	2	750
Minot, Oct. 9-11	4	2,000
Newtown, July 18-19	2	1,000
Totals	18	\$11,650

## OHIO—1

Portsmouth, June 24-27	5	\$ 1,875
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## OKLAHOMA—16

Ada, Aug. 11-15	5	\$ 6,000
Chickasha, July 14-17	4	4,000
Claremore, July 7-11	5	3,000
Elk City, Aug. 31-Sept. 2	3	3,000
Guymon, May 1-2	2	1,000
Hinton, July 6-8	3	1,500
Lawton, Aug. 3-6	4	3,500
Lenapah, July 2-4	3	1,425
Mangum, July 9-11	3	1,500
Marietta, Aug. 6-8	3	1,500
McAlester, Sept. 9-13	5	6,300
Tulsa, May 5-10	6	7,500
Vinita, Aug. 26-30	5	7,500
Walters, June 22-24	3	1,250
Woodward, Aug. 26-29	4	3,500
Yukon, June 25-27	3	1,500
Totals	61	\$53,975

## OREGON—20

Cottage Grove, July 10-12	3	\$ 1,500
Elgin, July 25-26	2	1,000
Eugene, July 31-Aug. 2	3	7,800
Halfway, Sept. 6-7	2	1,000
Joseph, July 31-Aug. 2	3	3,000
Klamath Falls, July 24-26	3	3,200
Lebanon, June 5-7	3	2,550
Molalla, July 3-5	4	5,500
Moro, June 26-28	3	3,500
Myrtle Point, Aug. 22-23	2	2,300
Pendleton, Sept. 16-19	4	10,125
Portland, Oct. 17-24	11	11,000
Prineville, Aug. 7-9	3	5,450
Redmond, Aug. 29-30	2	1,800
Roseburg, June 20-21	2	2,200
Salem, Sept. 5-12	10	5,500
Sheridan, June 20-21	2	1,000
Spray, May 23-24	2	1,000
St. Paul, July 3-5	4	7,700
Union, June 4-6	3	1,500
Totals	71	\$78,625

## PENNSYLVANIA—4

Donora, July 2-5	5	\$ 1,875
Harrisburg, Nov. 10-14	6	5,250
Hughesville, Aug. 19-23	5	1,250
Sharon, July 8-11	4	1,500
Totals	20	\$ 9,875

## SOUTH CAROLINA—1

Greenville, Nov. 18-21	6	\$ 1,500
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## SOUTH DAKOTA—16

Belle Fourche, July 3-5	3	\$ 5,450
Buffalo, Sept. 6-7	2	1,050
Clear Lake, June 26-28	3	3,800
Deadwood, July 31-Aug. 2	3	5,000
Fort Pierre, Aug. 2	2	1,300
Hot Springs, July 18-19	2	750
Huron, Sept. 10-12	3	3,750
Mobridge, July 4-5	4	4,800
Nemo, July 26	2	3,750
Pierre, June 12-14	3	1,500
Rapid City, Aug. 13-16	4	6,400
St. Onge, June 27-28	2	600
Sioux Falls, Aug. 29-31	3	3,000
Spearfish, July 18-20	3	1,150
Sturgis, July 11-12	2	1,250
Yankton, June 6-7	3	1,650
Totals	44	\$45,150

## TENNESSEE—3

Cookeville, June 4-7	4	\$ 2,000
Oak Ridge, June 10-13	4	1,500
Memphis, Sept. 25-30	11	12,800
Totals	19	\$16,300

## TEXAS—65

Athens, May 28-30	3	\$ 1,500
Austin, July 16-18	3	1,500
Baird, April 30-May 2	3	1,500
Beaumont, June 25-27	3	1,275
Belton, July 2-4	3	1,875
Big Spring, June 11-13	3	2,450
Burkburnett, June 16-18	3	2,000
Carthage, July 30-Aug. 1	3	1,500
Center, July 16-18	3	1,125
Coleman, July 15-18	4	3,500
Denison, June 3-6	4	2,000
Dublin, May 21-23	3	2,700
El Paso, Feb. 11-15	6	7,000
Fort Worth, Jan. 30-Feb. 8	20	35,000
Gainesville, Aug. 27-29	3	1,125
Gladewater, June 16-19	4	5,000
Graham, June 10-13	4	2,500
Henderson, June 3-6	4	2,000
Jasper, May 6-9	4	2,000
Killeen, May 7-9	4	1,500
Kountze, Oct. 30-31	2	500
Lamesa, May 28-30	3	1,500
Liberty, Oct. 7-10	4	2,200
Lubbock, Mar. 18-21	4	3,500
Lufkin, June 18-20	3	1,500
Mercedes, Mar. 19-22	5	3,300
Mesquite, Apr. 24-25	2	1,000
Mesquite, May 9	1	375
Mesquite, May 16	1	375
Mesquite, May 30	1	375
Mesquite, June 6	1	375
Mesquite, June 13	1	375
Mesquite, June 16	1	250
Mesquite, June 20	1	375
Mesquite, June 27	1	375
Mesquite, July 4	1	375
Mesquite, July 11	1	375
Mesquite, July 18	1	375
Mesquite, July 25	1	375
Mesquite, Aug. 1	1	375
Mesquite, Aug. 8	1	375
Mesquite, Aug. 15	1	375
Mesquite, Aug. 22	1	375
Mesquite, Aug. 29	1	375
Mesquite, Sept. 5	1	375
Mesquite, Sept. 12	1	375

Mesquite, Sept. 19	1	375
Mesquite, Sept. 26	1	375
Midland, June 2-6	5	5,750
Mineral Wells, June 18-20	3	1,500
No. Fort Worth, Apr. 30-May 2	4	2,000
Odessa, Jan. 5-10	6	6,000
Olney, June 18-20	3	1,500
Orange, Sept. 3-5	3	1,500
Pecos, July 1-4	4	4,600
Plainview, June 11-13	3	1,500
Rusk, Aug. 6-8	3	1,500
San Angelo, Mar. 12-15	6	3,500
San Antonio, Feb. 13-22	15	26,250
San Saba, June 11-13	3	1,375
Texarkana, Sept. 14-19	6	3,750
Vernon, June 24-27	4	6,300
Waco, Oct. 6-10	5	3,125
Weatherford, July 29-Aug. 1	4	2,750
Wichita Falls, Apr. 30-May 2	3	2,500
Totals	210	\$175,700

## UTAH—15

Deseret, Aug. 14-15	2	\$ 1,000
Heber City, Aug. 7-8	2	1,000
Lehi, June 25-27	3	2,600
Logan, Aug. 27-29	3	2,625
Murray, June 4-6	3	1,250
Nephi, July 9-11	3	3,125
Ogden, July 20-24	5	11,875
Pleasant Grove, June 18-20	3	750
Price, July 16-18	3	2,250
Richfield, June 19-20	2	750
St. George, Sept. 17-19	3	3,000
Salt Lake City, July 18 20-25	7	10,500
Spanish Fork, July 23-25	3	1,875
Tooele, July 4	1	400
Vernal, July 30-Aug. 1	3	1,500
Totals	46	\$44,500

## WASHINGTON—19

Coulee City, June 6-7	2	\$ 750
Dayton, May 30-31	2	1,000
Ellensburg, Sept. 5-7	3	6,600
Grand Coulee, May 30-31	2	1,000
Kennewick, Aug. 28-30	3	3,300
Monroe, Sept. 5-7	3	1,500
Moses Lake, Sept. 12-13	2	1,925
Mount Vernon, May 30-31	2	750
Newport, Aug. 1-2	2	1,550
Omak, Aug. 8-9	2	4,290
Puyallup, Sept. 19-27	18	10,350
Sedro Woolley, July 4-5	2	1,000
Spokane, Aug. 19-22	4	6,300
Tumacskit, June 13-14	2	1,250
Toppenish, June 26-28	3	4,000
Vancouver, Apr. 4-5	2	1,000
Vancouver, Nov. 13-15	3	1,500
Walla Walla, Sept. 4-6	3	4,400
Washougal, July 17-19	3	2,400
Totals	63	\$54,775

## WEST VIRGINIA—1

Huntington, June 17-21	5	\$ 1,875
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## WISCONSIN—5

Hammond, Aug. 1-2	2	\$ 1,000
Manawa, July 18-19	2	1,000
Menomonie, Sept. 26-27	2	1,000
Mondovi, Sept. 19-20	2	1,000
Spooner, July 11-12	3	1,800
Totals	11	\$ 5,800

## WYOMING—12

Casper, July 29-Aug. 1	4	\$ 6,600
Cheyenne, July 21-25	5	23,700
Douglas, Sept. 3-5	4	4,400
Evanston, Sept. 5-7	3	3,200
Greybull, June 13-14	2	1,500
Guernsey, July 4-5	2	1,000
Laramie, July 10-11	2	1,000
Rawlins, Aug. 28-29	2	1,500
Rock River, June 20-21	2	375
Saratoga, July 4-5	2	1,000
Thermopolis, Sept. 6-7	2	1,500
Wheatland, Aug. 29-30	2	1,000
Totals	32	\$46,775

## CANADA—9

Calgary, July 6-11	6	\$26,680
Cardston, July 13-14	2	1,100
Cloverdale, May 16-18	2	2,600
Edmonton, Apr. 27-May 2	7	8,700
Lethbridge, July 22-25	4	3,360
Macleod, June 30-July 1	2	1,800
Medicine Hat, July 16-18	3	3,380
Moose Jaw, July 8-11	4	2,475
Swift Current, July 1-3	3	3,750
Totals	33	\$53,845
493 Rodeos	1,566	
TOTAL PURSES		\$1,491,045
ENTRANCE FEES		\$1,701,700
Grand Total		\$3,192,745

## Calgary, Alberta, Canada

July 6-11, 1959

### Event Winners

**Saddle Bronc Riding**—Winston Bruce; Jim Tescher; Guy Weeks; Keith Hyland.

**Bareback Riding**—Del Haverty; Don Wilson; Bob A. Robinson; Jack Buschbom.

**Bull Riding**—Jim Shoulders; Gid Garstad; Bob Wegner; Ray Belyeu.

**Calf Roping**—Dale Smith; Dean Oliver; Jim Bob Altizer; E. V. Dorsey.

**Steer Decorating**—Bud Butterfield; Lawrence Wachtler; Leonard Saye; Weyman McMasters.

## Phoenix, Arizona

March 12-15, 1959

### Event Winners

**Saddle Bronc Riding**—Marty Woods; Winston Bruce and Bob Robinson, split; Tom Tescher.

**Bareback Riding**—Sonny Tureman; Ralph Buell; Jack Buschbom; Bill Lawrence and Walt Mason, split; Jackie Wright.

**Bull Riding**—Bob Sheppard and Blocky Rutherford, split; Bob Cassa; Bob Wegner; Ira Akers, Buddy Peak, Bob Robinson and Larry Condon, split.

**Calf Roping**—Jim Bob Altizer; Dale Smith; Jack Riggs; John Dalton.

**Steer Wrestling**—Danny Daniels; John Hatley; Tom Tescher; Tom Nesmith.

**Team Roping**—Albert Hooper and Les Hirdes; Buck Nichols and Gilbert Nichols; Doad Hex and Leon Bright; Joe Glenn and Fred Darnell.

## Little Rock, Arkansas

October 5-10, 1959

### Event Winners

**Saddle Bronc Riding**—Enoch Walker; Les Johnson; Jim Jones; Jack Swauger and Kurley Hebb, split.

**Bareback Riding**—Lewis Davenport; Frank Rhoades; Freckles Brown; Bob Schild.

**Bull Riding**—Delbert Hataway; Buck Boyce;



**Winston-Salem, North Carolina**  
April 28 - May 3, 1959

**Event Winners**

**Saddle Bronc Riding**—J. D. McKenna; Lyle Smith, Freckles Brown; Jack Buschbom.

**Bareback Riding**—Jack Buschbom; Benny Reynolds; Doug Thurman; Tater Decker.

**Bull Riding**—Bernis Johnson; Benny Reynolds; Freckles Brown; Don Mayo.

**Calf Roping**—Doug Thurman; Leo Brannon; Billy Leach; Gene Clark.

**Steer Wrestling**—Don Feddersen; Don Brannon; Tater Decker; Ted Smalley.

**Omaha, Nebraska**

September 25 - October 4, 1959

**Event Winners**

**Saddle Bronc Riding**—Freckles Brown; Scott Hall; Buck Boyce; Alan Houston.

**Bareback Riding**—Alan Houston; Les Gore; Walt Linderman; Don Mayo.

**Bull Riding**—Spike Bronson; R. C. Bales; Neil Samuels; Leon Ross.

**Calf Roping**—Ronny Schliep; Dale Carroll; Monroe Humlinson; Herb Doenz.

**Steer Wrestling**—Dick Stull; Wilbur Plaugher; Freckles Brown; Bill Lawrence.

**Albuquerque, New Mexico**

September 26 - October 4, 1959

**Event Winners**

**Saddle Bronc Riding**—Les Johnson; Billy Weeks; Bill Watts; Darrell Phillips.

**Bareback Riding**—Jim R. White; Mike Isley; Gary Garner; Eddie Yaklich.

**Bull Riding**—Dick Wellborn; Delbert Hataway; Don Kimble; Louis Espinosa.

**Calf Roping**—Rex Beck; Elmer Carter; Sonny Davis; J. D. Holleyman.

**Steer Wrestling**—Wayne Cline; Neil Love; Chuck Sheppard; C. R. Boucher.

**New York, New York**

September 24 - October 12, 1959

**Event Winners**

**Saddle Bronc Riding**—Casey Tibbs; Jim Roeser; Guy Weeks; Jim Tescher.

**Bareback Riding**—Jim Shoulders; Guy Weeks; Ralph Buell; Buddy Peak.

**Bull Riding**—Bill Rinestine; Joe Green; Harry Tompkins; Jim Tescher.

**Calf Roping**—Jim Bob Altizer; Buddy Groff; Ray Wharton; Dale Smith.

**Steer Wrestling**—Milt Simon; Jim Tescher; Bill Linderman; Doyle Cobler; Bobby Seals; Tom Nesmith.

**Reno, Nevada**

July 3 - 5, 1959

**Event Winners**

**Saddle Bronc Riding**—Harley May; Lawson Fore; Jim Hannum; Dick Pascoe.

**Bareback Riding**—Buddy Peak; Al Young; John Hawkins; Walt Mason.

**Bull Riding**—Bob Maynard; Ray Belyeu; Joe Green; Bob Sheppard; Jim Charles; Howard Belyeu and Buddy Peak, split.

**Calf Roping**—Bucky McCullar; Bobby Jones; Gerald Davis; Jack Price.

**Steer Wrestling**—Gerald Davis; Larry Southard; Bob Maynard; Al Young.

**Team Roping**—Bronc Curry and Dale Smith; Gene Rambo and Jim Rodriguez, Jr.; Bill Hogue and Dan Poore; Ross Dollarhide and Lawson Fore.

**Pendleton, Oregon**

September 16 - 19, 1959

**Event Winners**

**Saddle Bronc Riding**—Casey Tibbs; Enoch Walker; Winston Bruce; Guy Weeks.

**Bareback Riding**—Jim Shoulders; Bill Linderman and J. T. Smith, split; John Hawkins and Ellie Lewis, split.

**Bull Riding**—Duane Howard; Jim Charles; Ed LeTourneau; Jim Shoulders.

**Calf Roping**—Johnny Leonard; Don McLaughlin; Sonny Davis; Dean Oliver.

**Steer Wrestling**—Harry Charter and Wilbur Plaugher, split; Barney Willis; Les Kamm.

**Steer Roping**—Joe Bergevin; Leonard Block; Les Kamm; Sonny Davis.

**Portland, Oregon**

October 17 - 24, 1959

**Event Winners**

**Saddle Bronc Riding**—Deb Copenhaver; Bob A. Robinson; Enoch Walker; Don L. Wilson.

**Bareback Riding**—Sammy Flynn; Bill Lawrence; Jack Carson and Bob Swain, split.

**Bull Riding**—Ed LeTourneau; Don White; Bill Rinestine; Milton Payne.

**Calf Roping**—Dean Oliver; Bob Juker; Bob Wiley; E. V. Dorsey.

**Steer Wrestling**—Harry Charters; George Berg; Gene Miles; Bill Lawrence.

**Fort Worth, Texas**

January 30 - February 8, 1959

**Event Winners**

**Saddle Bronc Riding**—Jim Wise; George Myren; Marty Wood; J. D. McKenna.

**Bareback Riding**—John Hawkins; Ralph Buell; Bob Aber; Tex Martin.

**Bull Riding**—Wayne Lewis; Darrell Gilfillian; Delbert Hataway; Jim Shoulders; Billy Hand; Pete Crump.

**Calf Roping**—Sonny Davis; Jim Bob Altizer; Glen Franklin and Homer Pettigrew, split; Ray Wharton; Gene McLaughlin.

**Steer Wrestling**—Jim Tescher; Todd Whatley; Tom Nesmith; Jim Charles; Harley May; Max Nelson.

**San Antonio, Texas**

February 13 - 22, 1959

**Event Winners**

**Saddle Bronc Riding**—Guy Weeks; Deb Copenhaver; Jim Tescher; Bob A. Robinson.

**Bareback Riding**—Benny Reynolds; Ira Akers; Bernis Johnson; Casey Tibbs.

**Bull Riding**—Bill Rinestine; Ronnie Rossen; Bob Cullison; Jim Shoulders.

**Calf Roping**—Tom Nesmith; Sonny Davis; Don McLaughlin; Bobby Seals; Rex Beck; Guy Weeks.

**Steer Wrestling**—Wilbur Plaugher; James Bynum; Milt Simon; Bob A.

Robinson; Don Huddleston; Bill Murry.

**Memphis, Tennessee**

September 25 - 30, 1959

**Event Winners**

**Saddle Bronc Riding**—Enoch Walker; Kurly Hebb; Tex Martin; Pat Scudder.

**Bareback Riding**—Bernis Johnson and Frank Rhoades, split; Tex Martin; Bill Williams.

**Bull Riding**—Cleo Schultz; Wart Baughman and Duane Hennigh, split; Jinks Fires; Dave Glover and Lowell James, split.

**Calf Roping**—Grady Allen and Dwight Graham, split; Harold Parsons; Whit Keeney.

**Steer Wrestling**—James Bynum; C. T. Jones; Charlie Bowers; Red Jones.

**Ogden, Utah**

July 20 - 24, 1959

**Event Winners**

**Saddle Bronc Riding**—Bert France; Guy Weeks; Deb Copenhaver; Bob A. Robinson.

**Bareback Riding**—Walt Mason; Eddy Akridge and Clyde Frost, split; Don L. Wilson; Joel Sublette and John Hawkins, split.

**Bull Riding**—Joe Green; Bill Rinestine; Wayne Lewis and Jim Charles, split; Enoch Walker; Don Kimble and Byrum Rice, split.

**Calf Roping**—Dean Oliver; Jim Bob Altizer; Bob Wiley; Lee Cockrell and Bill Murry, split.

**Steer Wrestling**—Harley May; Jim Charles; Harry Charters; Willard Combs.

**Puyallup, Washington**

September 19 - 27, 1959

**Event Winners**

**Saddle Bronc Riding**—Ronnie Raymond; Don L. Wilson; Rocky Rockabar; Lawson Fore.

**Bareback Riding**—Bob Cook, Cody Morris; Johnny Mitchell; Don L. Wilson.

**Bull Riding**—Jack Carson; Ted Tufares; Milton Payne; Chip Eidson.

**Calf Roping**—Wayne McMeans; Larry Wyatt; Lawson Fore; Floyd Peters.

**Steer Wrestling**—Louie Torricella; Gen Tyler; Mark Schricker; Sherman Sullins.

**Cheyenne, Wyoming**

July 21 - 25, 1959

**Event Winners**

**Saddle Bronc Riding**—Winston Bruce; Jim Tescher; Enoch Walker; Casey Tibbs.

**Bareback Riding**—Pete Crump; Ralph Buell; Bernis Johnson; Paul Templeton.

**Bull Riding**—Bob Sheppard; Jim Shoulders; Dick Wellborn; Benny Reynolds.

**Calf Roping**—Jim Bob Altizer; Olin Young, Clifton Smith; Don McLaughlin; Lee Cockrell; Buddy Groff.

**Steer Wrestling**—Dick Stull; Harley May; Willard Combs; James Bynum; Monroe Tomlinson.

**Steer Roping**—Everett Shaw; Joe Snively; Troy Fort; Tom Maddox; Waldo Haythorn; Don McLaughlin.

## Bucking Stock

Furnishing bucking stock for rodeos is big business these days. The Stock Contractor has quite an investment in stock and equipment. The bucking stock is high priced and needs constant replacement. The larger contractors are on the lookout for good bucking horses all the time. Many of them have scouts who locate bucking horses for them, and buy those they find for sale.

Good bucking horses are harder to find than bucking bulls. Some of them have been saddle horses who have gotten mean and hard to handle, others are spoiled work horses, and some just wild, unbroken horses that have been tried out for use as bucking horses.

There are bucking horse sales held now and then, where perhaps 300 head of horses are bucked out in a day. The stock contractors bid on them like any other sale.

**Saddle Broncs**

Saddle broncs are bigger and stronger than bareback horses as a rule. They need more power and strength for this event. They run in size from about 1100 to 1400 pounds, and most of them can be tied up, and are semi-broke to lead. A few of them are quite gentle to handle, unless you try to ride them.

One of the best sources of supply for saddle broncs has been the Northwest part of the United States, and Western Canada. This area has been producing most of the bucking horses for many years. One reason being the great numbers of work type horses that are range raised.

**Bareback Horses**

Bareback bucking horses are usually smaller than saddle broncs and

are often tried out from bunches of wild horses. They usually buck a little faster, and duck and dodge more than the bigger saddle broncs. They depend less on power and more on tricky jumps and styles to buck off the riders.

Bucking horses often continue to buck very well for a great many years. Such horses seem to be able to buck just about as long as they have the desire to. They do not often sustain any injuries when used in the arena, and do not seem to develop physical infirmities from this use.

Lots of them have lasted for more than twenty years in the rodeo arenas. T-Joe, of the Vern Elliot string, bucked for at least that long. He was not a real big horse, weighing perhaps 1100 pounds. Hell-To-Set, a little brown horse that was bucked for at least twenty years, under four different owners, never failed to buck in all that time and was sound right to the last. These are just two of possibly hundreds of horses that could be listed here that have been bucked countless times in the rodeo arenas.

**Bucking Bulls**

Bucking bulls for rodeo contests are much easier to find than bucking horses. They are usually Brahmas, or some of the Brahma crosses, and often get quite dangerous to handle around the arenas. They are usually quiet and peaceful enough except when the rodeo is under way. The bulls get to be real big after several years of use as bucking stock. They are a long-lived animal as cattle go, and grow till they are so big they become a problem to haul.

A good many of them are almost impossible to ride, and are very dan-

gerous customers to get away from all in one piece, if you do manage to ride them.

They are quite difficult for the bull fighters to work, as they do not blindly charge as most other breeds of cattle do. Brahma, and Brahma cross bulls watch the clown closely and will turn to the clown as they charge. You do not fool these bulls. It is a matter of turning faster than they are able to, or they catch you.

Bucking bull sales are held in the Gulf Coast area at times, just for the purpose of selling bucking bulls to the various Stock Contractors. Of late some of the Brahma and Charolais cross bulls, known as Charbray, have become outstanding bucking bulls. There have been many of the more common crosses such as Brangus, the Brahma and Angus cross, Braford-Hereford and Brahma, and of course the Santa Gertrudis bulls, in the rodeo arenas for many years.

Rodeo clowns, as bull fighters are unsurpassed. They fight bulls that have been in the arena hundreds of times and are extremely fast and tricky. Their horns are tipped when they are first used but never touched again unless they get real bad about hitting the riders while bucking. These bulls are not distracted by the cape like other cattle, and watch the man at all times.

Bucking bulls injure as many riders by stepping on them as they do with their horns. Most of them spin when they buck, and most times if they buck the rider off he will fall to the inside of the spin. This puts him in a bad position, and he is often stepped on as the bull spins around over the top of the fallen rider.

## Rodeo Records

Most World Championships.....	Jim Shoulders, 16
Most All-Around Championships.....	Jim Shoulders, 5
Most Total Money Won.....	Bill Linderman, \$414,284
Most Money Won One Year.....	Jim Shoulders, \$43,381, 1954
Most BB Championships.....	Jim Shoulders, 4
Most CR Championships.....	Toots Mansfield, 7
Most SB Championships.....	Casey Tibbs, 6
Most SW Championships.....	Homer Pettigrew, 6
Most BR Championships.....	Jim Shoulders, 7
Most TR Championships.....	Asbury Schell, 3
Most SR Championships.....	Everett Shaw, 5
Youngest World Champion.....	Jim Rodriguez, Jr., 18, TR '59
Oldest World Champion.....	Ike Rude, 59, SR '53

## Annual Statistics, R.C.A. Rodeo, 1953-1959

Year	States with Rodeos	No. of Rodeos	No. of Performances	Total Purse	Entry Fees	Total Prize Money
1953	35	578	1,779	\$1,486,805	\$1,006,051	\$2,492,856
1954	34	550	1,721	\$1,485,488	\$1,240,702	\$2,726,190
1955	36	542	1,751	\$1,549,769	\$1,280,215	\$2,829,984
1956	33	519	1,699	\$1,516,552	\$1,345,973	\$2,862,525
1957	33	458	1,475	\$1,467,032	\$1,328,163	\$2,795,195
1958	35	475	1,535	\$1,450,109	\$1,341,998	\$2,792,107
1959	38	493	1,566	\$1,491,045	\$1,701,700	\$3,192,745



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