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Lion President

The 1995 Rodeo Committee would like to welcome everyone to the 61th Annual St. George Lion's Dixie Roundup. We are proud to continue the tradition of rodeo committees that precede us.

The Dixie Roundup is a P.R.C.A. sanctioned rodeo. This means that both the serious and casual rodeo fans will see the best cowboy and animal athletes in the country.

This year's Rodeo Committee wishes to thank all those involved in making the Roundup "95" a great success and asks you to join us now in enjoying the show!

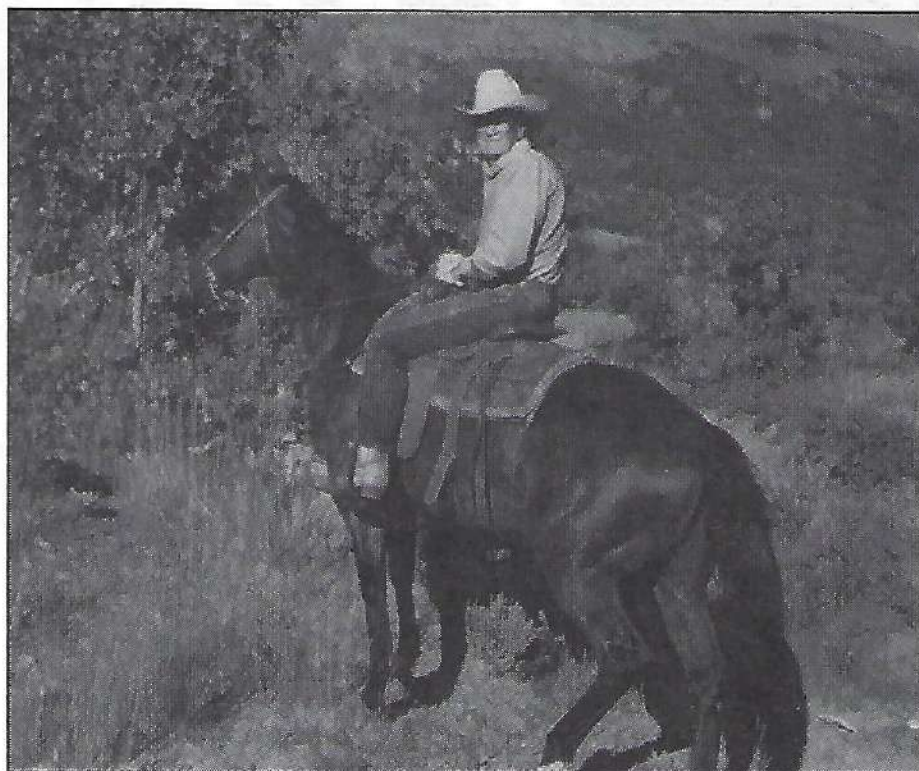
It is indeed a pleasure for me as the Mayor of St. George to welcome you to our beautiful and friendly city. We are among the fastest growing cities in the West. The St. George Lions Club is one of the spokes in the wheel of progress that move us to where we are and we salute them for their involvement in our community.

Utah's Dixie, of which St. George is the hub, has always been known for its hospitality and friendliness. Few areas of the world can boast of the beauty and variety of scenery that surrounds us and our temperate climate. The travel and movie industries display photographs of our scenery all over the world. We are many things to many people and each find here the thing that seems to matter most to them. St. George is just a good place to be. We hope you find it that way too.

Iam happy to have this opportunity to invite all Utahns, and neighboring States, to plan for the St. George Lions 61st Dixie Roundup. It's a great reunion time with friends and family.

The "SPIRIT OF DIXIE" is very evident for weeks before Roundup time with the participation of local businesses and citizens - besides the hard working Lions and Lady Lions. The reward for all the hard work is the response of great crowds.

We sincerely hope you'll be among those joining us for this fun event.



IN MEMORY OF FRED CHRISTENSEN

MAY 17, 1909

JULY 29, 1995

Fred Christensen was a man for all seasons. His ready smile and outstretched hand were his trademarks.

Fred was serving on the St. George Lions Club Board of Directors at the time of his death

He was proud to be a citizen of St. George, to be a supporter of community and schools and of giving service to others.

Fred was also known for his Danish storytelling, unorthodox golf swing, his love of wife and family, his horses and his beautiful ranch on Summit Mountain. He was a gentleman, kind and reflective father, doting grandfather and great grandfather and a loyal and devoted friend

Fred leaves behind his wife and sweetheart Frances, family and friends. He created a legacy of zest for life, strength of character, and of always trying to do his best. Fred lived a full and active life. He had alot to do and he did it! He will be greatly missed by the St. George Lions.

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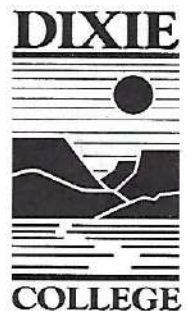
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KATIE GARDNER

1995 Dixie Roundup Queen

Katie is the 17-year-old daughter of Nolan and Margaret Gardner. She is a Senior at Snow Canyon High School.

She loves school and carries a 3.9 G.P.A. She has completed two quarters of College through the Dixie College Upward Bound Summer Program. She plans on going to Dixie College after graduation and then she plans to attend S.U.U. to earn her Bachelors Degree in Education.

Katie's activities include Student Council, Basketball, Softball, hanging out with her friends and of course riding horses. She was in 4-H Horsemanship for years and competed in High School Rodeo. She was the 1992 Roundup Princess. Katie has enjoyed representing the Lion's Dixie Roundup and her hometown of St. George throughout Utah.

"I would like to thank my parents for everything they do for me. I also want to thank the Browns for all of their help this summer. I'd like to add a special thank you to Marv Jones and his wonderful horse Amber."

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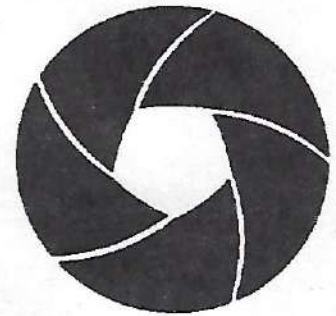


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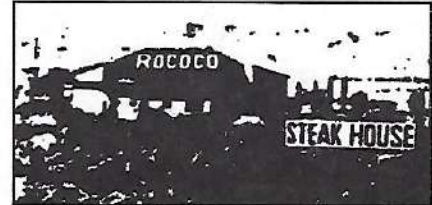
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HAILEE BROWN

1995 Dixie Roundup Princess

Hailee Brown is the 13 year old daughter of Gerry & Rita Brown of St. George, she has been involved with horses her whole life, competing in her first barrel race at age 2. She won the open saddle in the Washington County Barrel Racing Club at age 10; and is looking forward to High School Rodeo.

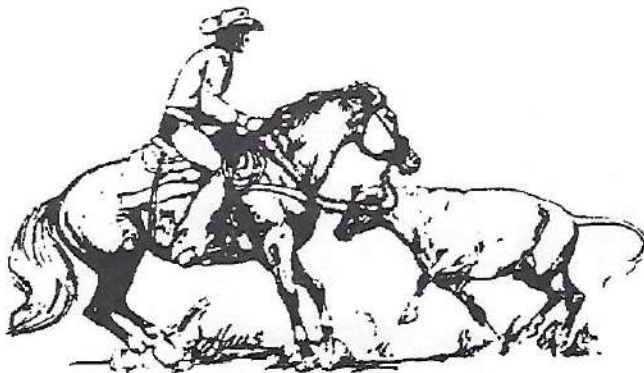
She is an up and coming Country Singer having already won many awards and competing in country showdowns. She has won the Farm Bureau Talent contest the past 2 years; and played Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz this year. She has performed in England, Hawaii, and most recently in Branson Mo.

Being Dixie Roundup Princess has been an exciting experience to be able to meet people and tell everyone that Rodeo is getting bigger and better each year. Hailee would like to give a big thanks to the Lions and Queen Committee for all their support, and most of all Mom and Dad!



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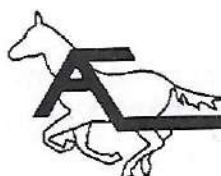
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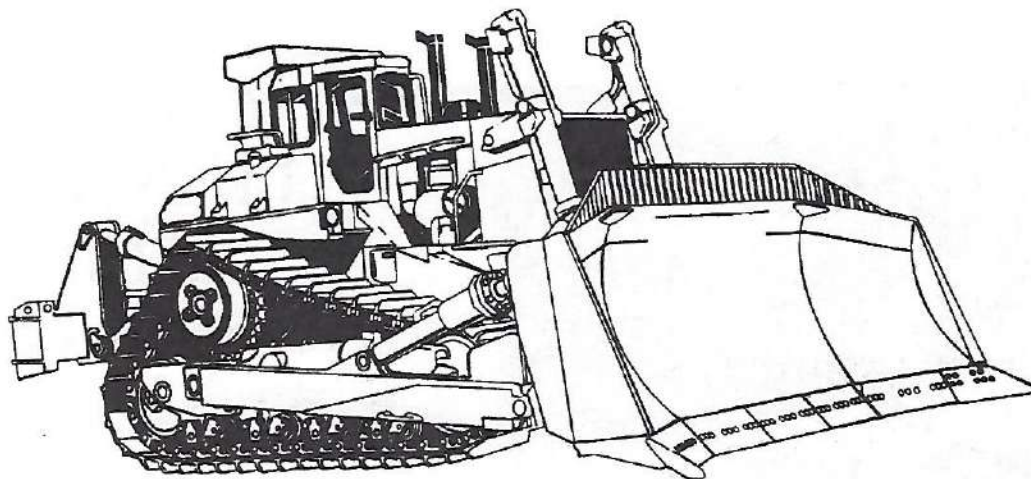
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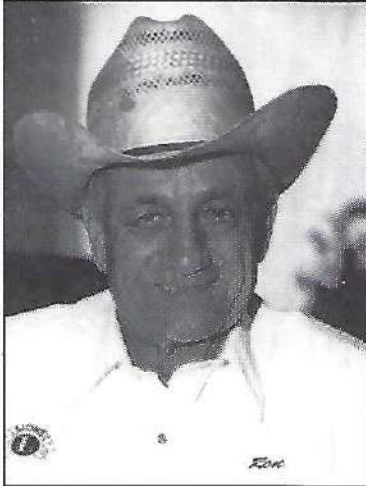


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Special Thanks to the thousands of residents, the St. George Lions Club and the City of St. George for making the Lions Dixie Roundup the best!

St. George Lions Club honors two active members who have served us for many years!



RONALD V. McARTHUR

Lion Ronald V. McArthur became a member of the St. George Lions Club in 1954. He was introduced early in life to Lionism by his father Valentine McArthur who served as President one term and Secretary of the club several different times. Lion Ron has continued this legacy as Lion Club Secretary for 37 years now. Due to an operation and hip replacement Ron will not ride in this year's grand-entry. The first one he has missed in 26 years.

As Secretary, Treasurer, and Liaison Officer in Lions International, Ron's hope and goal is for the St. George Lions Club to continue to be recognized as one of the most outstanding clubs in the world.

Ron has been very active in civic affairs having worked for the Washington County School District for 42 years as Business Administrator.

He, like the other many members of the club enjoy the togetherness and fellowship that exist in the many different projects sponsored. His service and dedication to Lionism has made Southern Utah a better place to live.



AFTON ENCE

When it comes to community service, Lion's Clubs throughout the world lead the pack. In the state of Utah, the St. George Lion's Club is the largest, and their community service matches their size.

As a 44 year member of the St. George Lion's Club, Afton Ence is certainly one of the best. The St. George Lion's Club meets once a week for a dinner meeting, and their Board of Directors meets once a month. For 44 years, Afton has had perfect attendance. If he was sick or out of town, he would attend a meeting in another city, or he would make the meeting up. That is more than 2,000 meetings without a miss.

While a member of the St. George Lion's Club, Afton has not only served as President of the Club, but also has served on the Board of Directors many times, and probably on every committee the Club has. His true calling though has been the chairman of what is called the Special Foods Committee; what St. George Lion's Club members call the work night crew. For over 20 years Afton and his committee have cooked some of the best hamburgers served in St. George, along with all the fixings, for every work night the Club has had. Work nights are held in preparation for the roundup and the Race Meet each September and April.

In addition to his Lion's Club services, Afton was employed for many years as the meat department manager for Snow's Market, and then later for Harmon's. He retired from this position several years ago. In church service, he is serving as Executive Secretary for the St. George LDS 5th ward, and has supported two sons on LDS missions. In addition to his two sons and their wives, he has six grandchildren that he is very fond of.

Afton represents the real spirit of community service. Recently he was chosen as the recipient of the "Salute to Excellence" award for outstanding civic service from the Red Cliffs and St. George ZCMI stores. He and his wife (also named Afton) make the holidays nicer for the area with beautiful Christmas displays of lights at their home each year.

Afton continues to be a dynamic part of the spirit of the Lion's Club. After 44 years of service, he hasn't slowed down at all.



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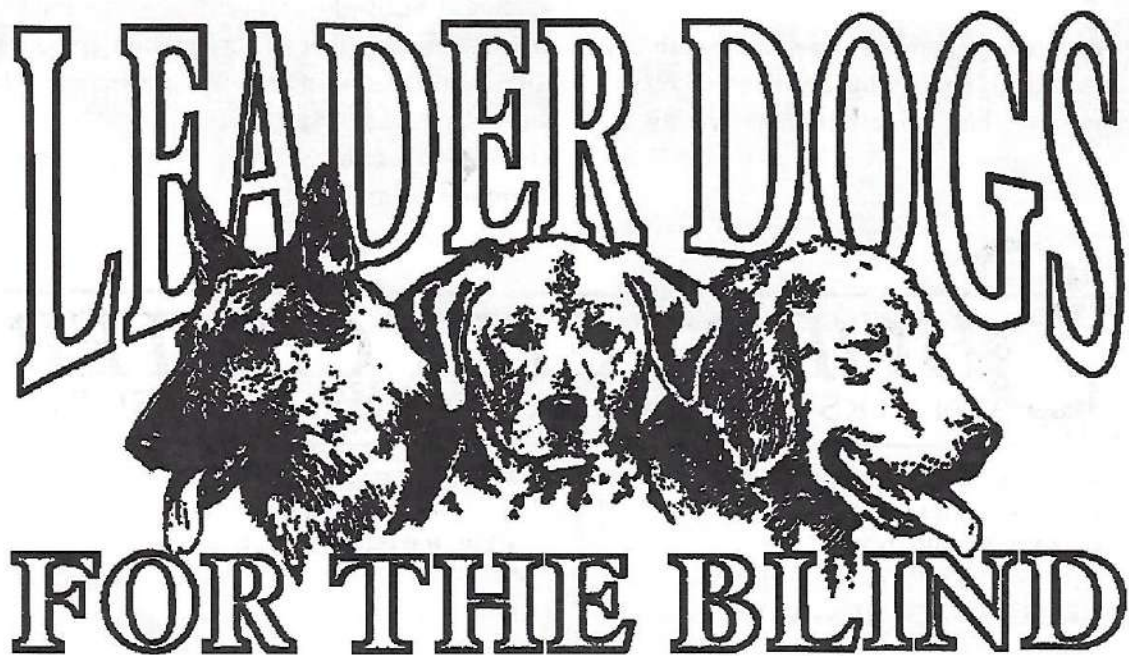
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Taking this opportunity to thank the Lions Clubs throughout District 28-T for their support of the St. George Lions Dixie Roundup through the past 61 years. We would also like to welcome the new Lions Clubs of Leeds, Bloomington, Ivins, Delta and Lehi to the District and International Family of Lions Clubs. May each of you find Satisfaction and Friendship through service to your fellowmen.

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Miss Rodeo America

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"Feeling? What feeling? I can't feel anything," Douglas told reporters. "Ask me again in a little while when I'm not shaking so much."

Douglas' duties as Miss Rodeo America will include travelling to PRCA rodeos all over the United States, making appearances at schools, hospitals and western stores as an ambassador of the sport of rodeo. She will appear on television and radio as well, promoting rodeo in cities and towns that host professional rodeos.

"Having grown up in a family with deep roots in ranching and agriculture, I've learned the value of hard work, sportsmanship, respect for people and animals, and the western way of life. It's important to me to give something back, not only by representing professional rodeo and America, but the wonderful people that make it what it is."

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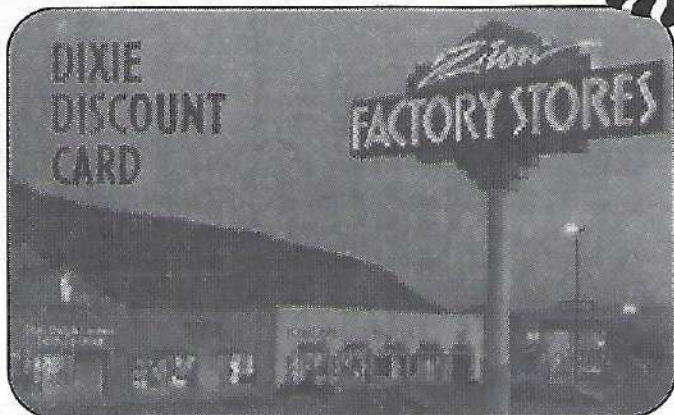
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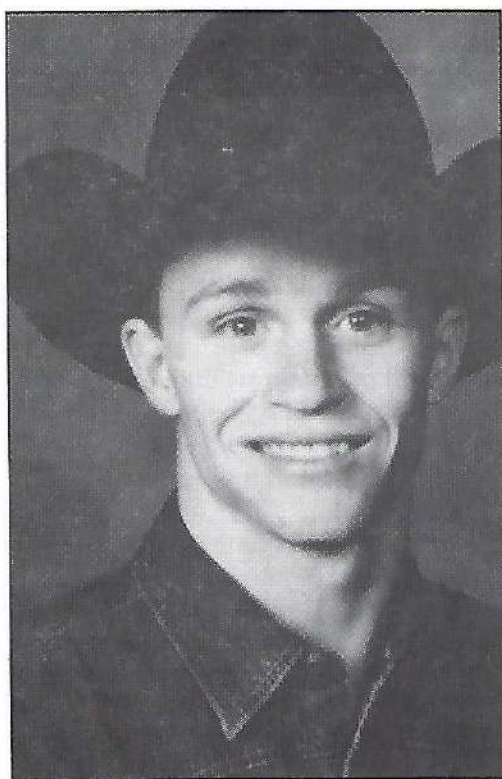


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1994 SEASON EARNINGS: \$246,170

At the age of 25, Ty Murray Joined Larry Manan and Tom Ferfguson as just the third cowboy ever to win six world all-around championships.

Murray, who's won six straight world all-around championships since earning Resistol Rookie of the Year honors in 1988, has ridden beyond the rank of superstar. He now lives in Legend Land.

Murray, an Arizona native who these days hangs his hat in Stephenville, Texas, hit the jackpot in Las Vegas again in 1994, cashing National Finals Rodeo checks in all three roughstock events worth \$80,613. He finished the year with \$246,170 and another gold buckle.



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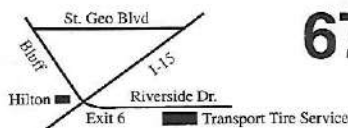
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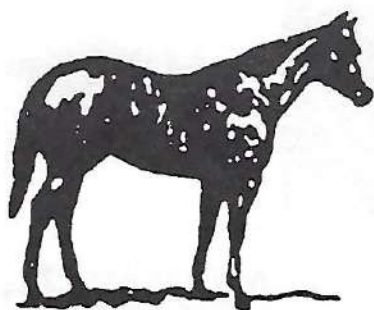
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NINE-TIME WORLD
CHAMPION STEER ROPER
1994 SEASON EARNINGS: \$57,338

Walter Mondale was vice president the first time Guy Allen won the title of world champion steer roper. Since then he's pretty much disappeared. Mondale, that is. Allen, on the other hand, became—and remains—the greatest steer roper in the history of professional rodeo. Many will go as far as to say he is the greatest cowboy of all time.

Allen, a man known by competitors and fans alike as "The Legend," owns more steer roping records than any other man.

In the opening ceremonies of the 1994 NFSR, announcer Clem McSpadden told the crowd at the Lazy E Arena in Gurhrie, Okla., "Welcome to Guy Allen's event."



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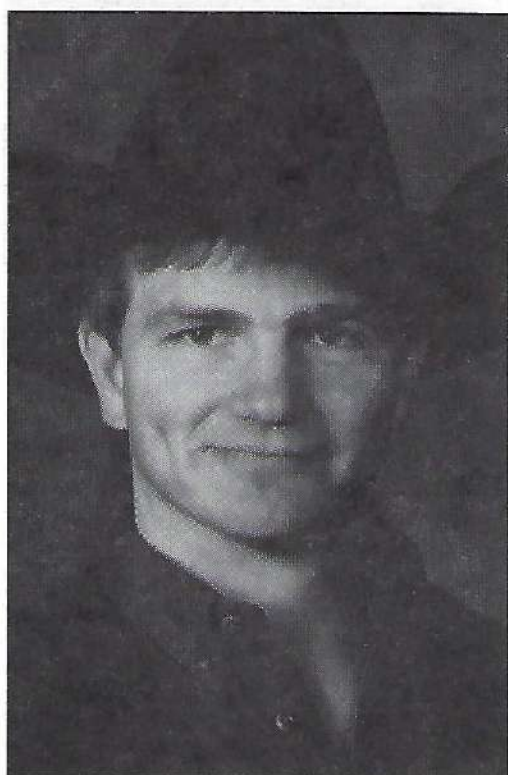


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1994 SEASON EARNINGS: \$124,001

Late on a Saturday night, Marvin Garrett walked down a hallway deep in the belly of the Thomas and Mack Center following the ninth go-round of the 1994 National Finals Rodeo.

Garrett was making his way to the NFR press room. He wanted to look at the results, to see just how close the bareback riding race had become with one ride remaining.

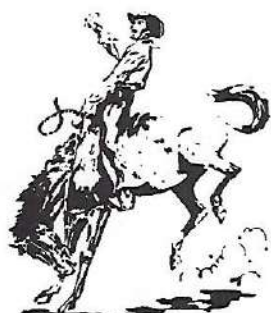
"I got to the door and thought, 'It doesn't matter,'" Garrett said. "I turned around and went home."

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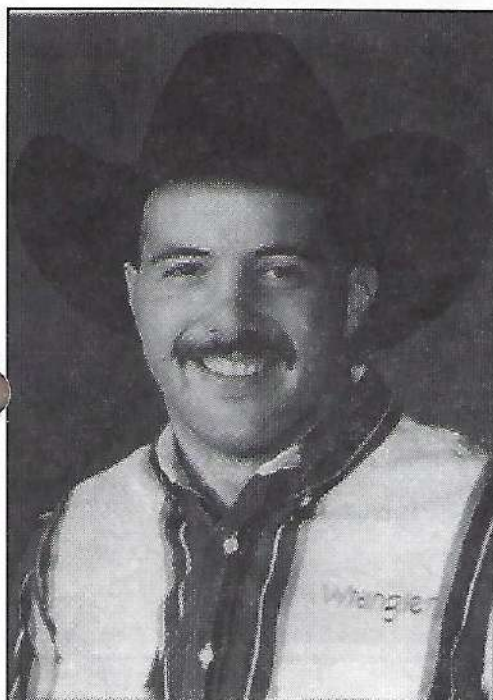
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BULL RIDER
1994 SEASON EARNINGS: \$124,564

Better late than never.

In 1993, Daryl Mills, a bull rider from the tiny town of Pink Mountain, British Columbia, shook the entire rodeo community by taking the National Finals Rodeo by Storm. He rode eight of 10 bulls, placed on six rides, and chalked up a record \$74,112 in NFR earnings. Yet, despite winning \$124,564, Mills fell \$95.26 short of taking the world bull riding championship away from Ty Murray.

All that did was set the table of 1994. It proved to be Mills' championship year. The Canadian overcame a nearly \$24,000 deficit to win his first world bull riding title.



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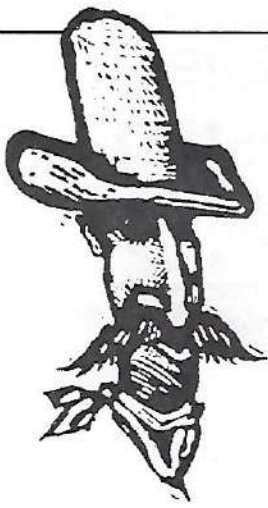
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1994 WORLD CHAMPION

STEER WRESTLER

1994 SEASON EARNINGS: \$102,301

How ironic! It's mid-October and the boys are in Billings, Mont., at the Northern International Livestock Exposition and Rodeo.

Blaine Pederson, struggling to make the 15-man National Finals Rodeo steer wrestling cut, doesn't win anything with a slow 14-second time on two head. What he does get is a scolding from his friend and fellow bulldogger Rod Lyman.

Pederson goes on to win his event at the rodeos in Central Point, Ore., and Sioux Falls, S.D., and cash a fifth place check in the average competition at the Cow Palace in San Francisco for \$3,300 in all. He finishes the regular season ranked 12th in the world standings.

Fast forward to the final day of the 1994 National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, Blaine Pederson wins the world championship.



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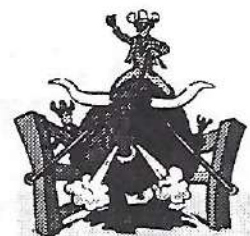
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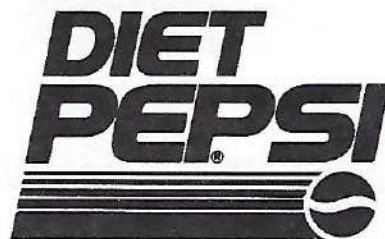
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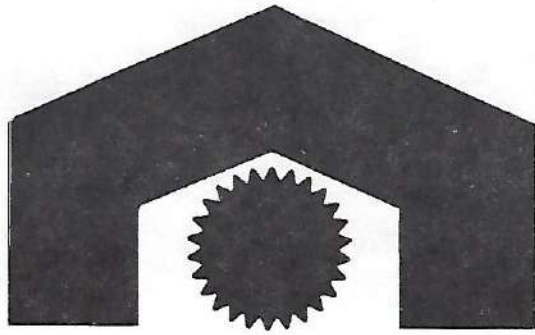


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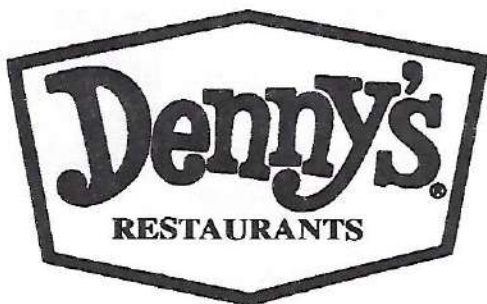
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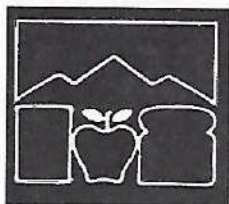
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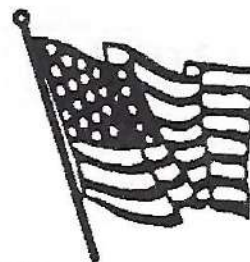
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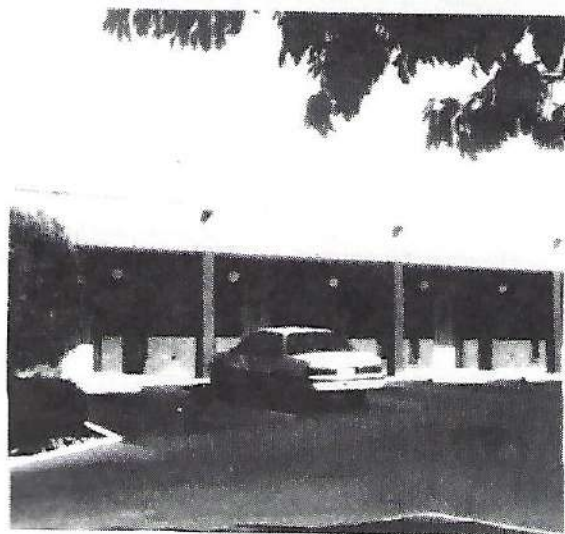
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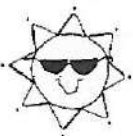
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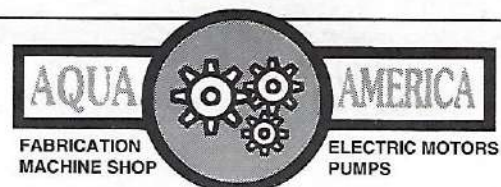
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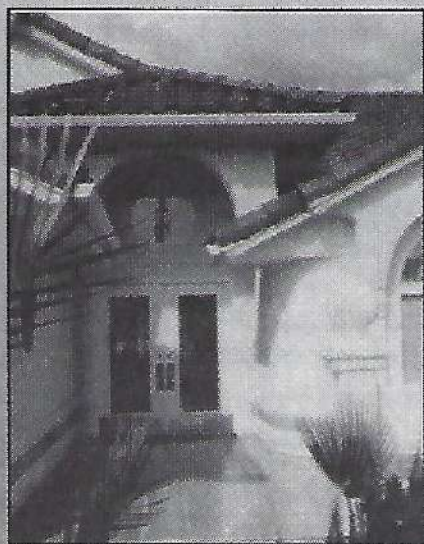
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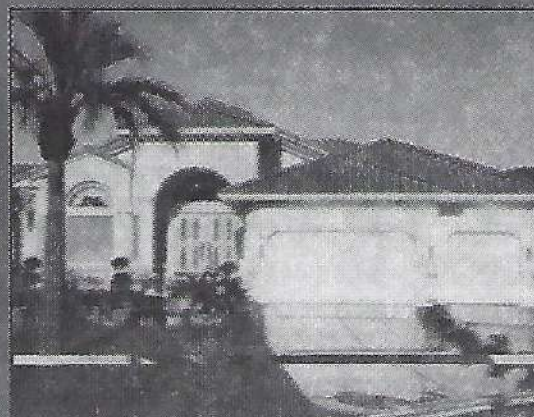
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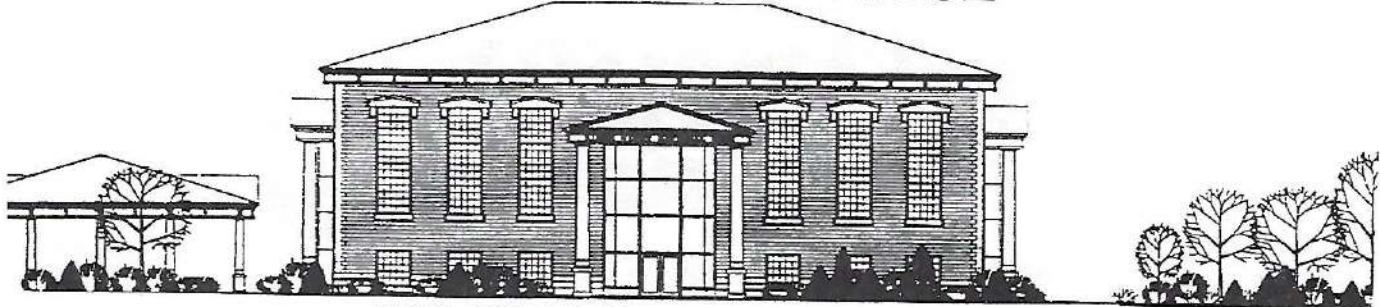
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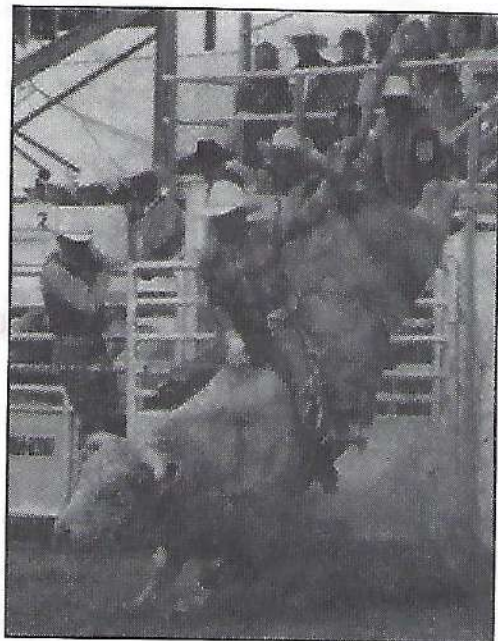
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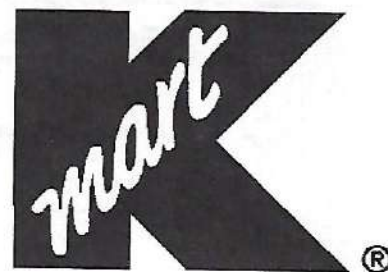


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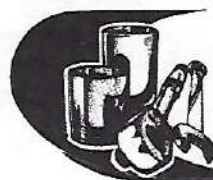
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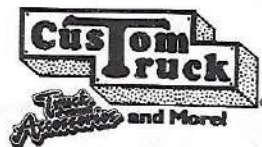


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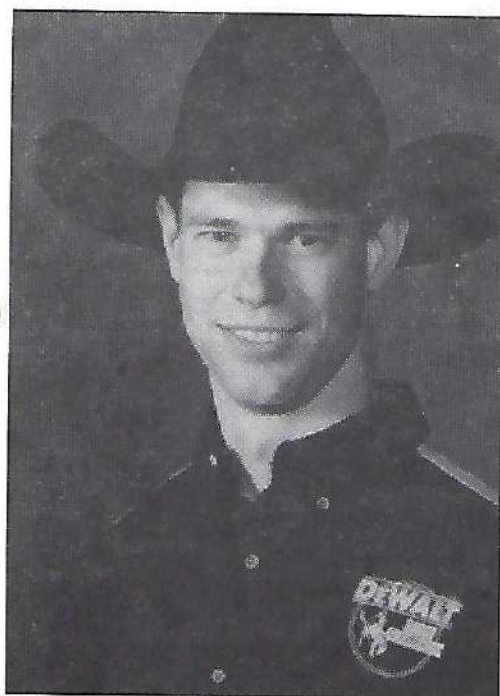


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Mortensen, 25, said his second title was every bit as exciting as his first. "I think (the second world title) might mean a little more to me," he said. "Last year I had a lot of pressure on me and I was out to prove to everybody else, and that that I deserved to wear the buckle. This year I did it for myself. I felt I didn't have to prove myself anymore; I'd already done that."

While Mortensen agrees 1994 was a phenomenal year for him, he adds that the pinnacle has not been reached. "It's always that you're out to satisfy yourself," he said. "I've got two gold buckles, but all the greats have four or five, so there's always stuff to shoot for; there's always room to improve. Nobody's made the perfect bronc ride yet, and until that happens you have to improve."

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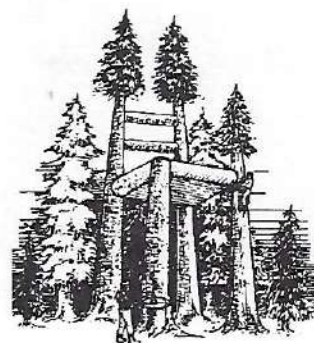
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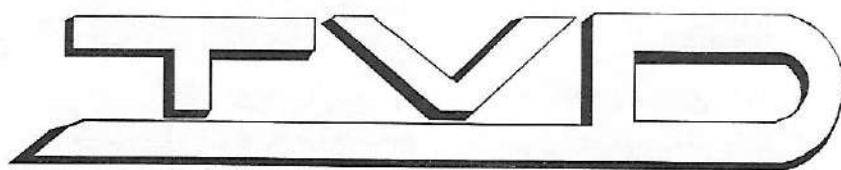


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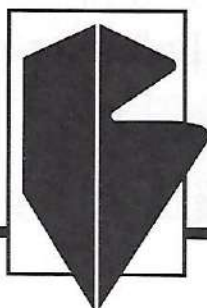
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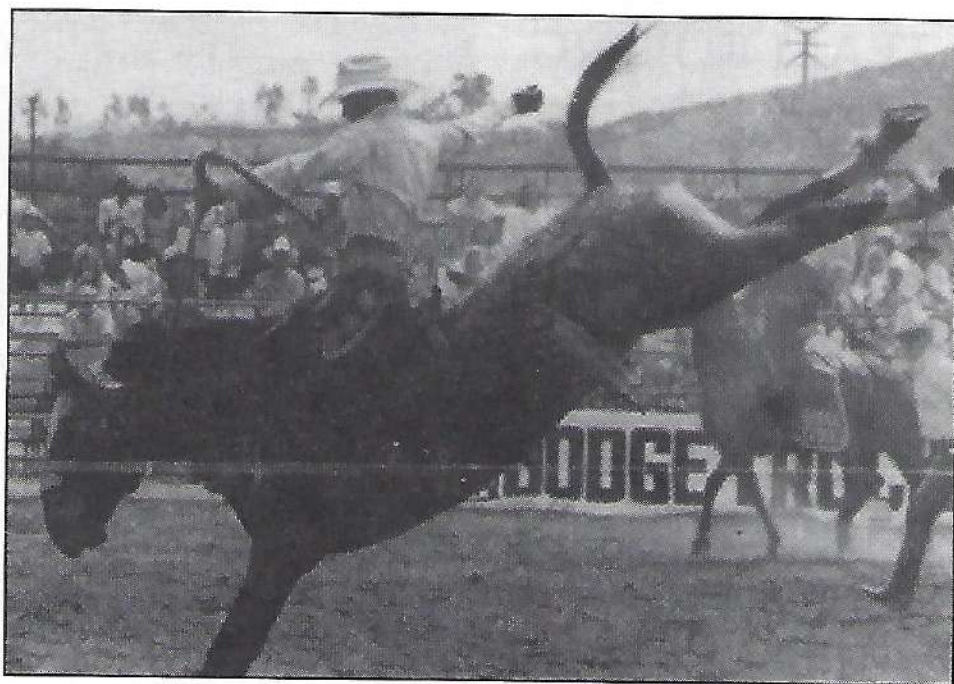
The flank strap is a sheepskin-lined strip of leather placed behind the horse's rib cage in the flank area. The strap enhances the bucking action, but does not hurt the animal. PRCA rules strictly regulate the use of the strap, which must have a quick-release buckle. Sharp or cutting objects are never placed in the strap.

Veterinarians have testified that the flank strap causes no harm to the animals.

"I've never seen or heard of any damage caused by a flank strap, and as for the argument that it covers the genitals, that's impossible," said Dr. Susan McCartney, a Reno, Nev., veterinarian who specializes in large-animal care. also, the horse's kidneys are protected by its ribs, and the flank strap does not injure internal organs.

So, if not for the flank strap, why do horses buck? The answer is simple: instinct. It has to be in a horse's nature to buck, and a horse that is not inclined to buck cannot be forced to do so with the use of a flank strap.

"These are not animals that are forced to buck and perform out in the arena," said Dr. Eddie Taylor, the attending veterinarian for La Fiesta de los Vaqueros, a PRCA-sanctioned rodeo in Tucson, Ariz. "They thoroughly enjoy what they are doing."



A bronc with loose flank strap kicks high at a PRCA rodeo.



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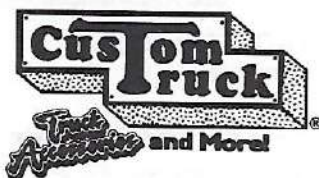


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As in all timed events, the steer is given a head start based on the size of the arena. The header waits behind a barrier, which is released after the steer has taken the proper head start. If the header breaks the barrier, the team is assessed a 10-second penalty. The heeler follows after the header has started his pursuit.

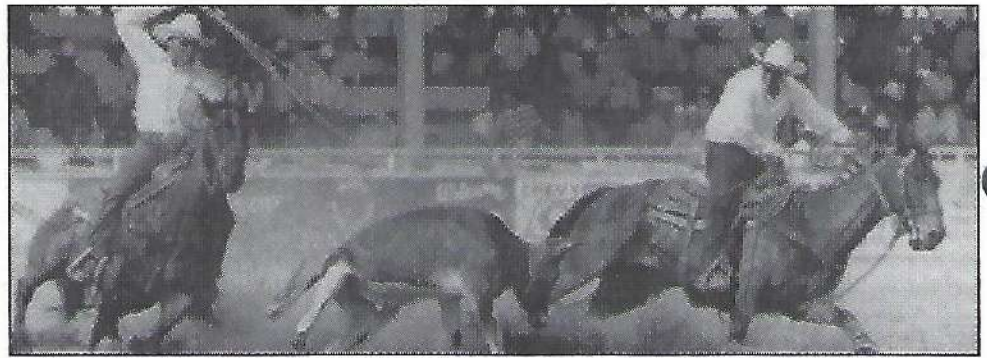
The header is the first to rope. He must catch the steer around the horns, around one horn and the head or around the neck. His roping job completed, the header dallies the rope around his saddle horn and rides to the left, turning the steer away from the heeler.

As the header rides away, the heeler ropes the steer's hind feet. Catching only one foot results in a five-second penalty.

The clock is stopped when no slack is in the rope and the ropers are facing each other.

Horses are trained separately for their specialties, heading or heeling. Heading horses usually are taller and heavier than heeling horses because they must be able to keep up with the steer's every move. The horse of choice for either specialty is the American quarter horse.

Team roping originated on ranches when a large steer had to be caught and treated or branded. It still is common on ranches.





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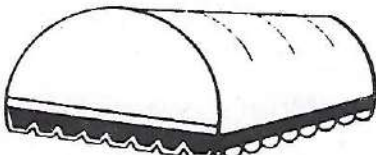
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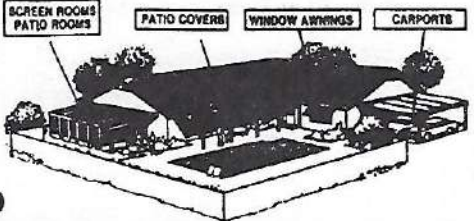
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Independent as they are, few rodeo cowboys travel alone. Most take advantage of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Associations "buddy system," Which allows up to four cowboys to enter rodeos as a group and request to compete during the same performance. By ensuring that they will compete on the same day, the cowboys can travel together and share expenses.

Most nationally ranked cowboys compete each year in 100-125 rodeos throughout the United States and Canada. Without the buddy system, it would be financially impossible for all but a few to travel so much without any guarantee of a paycheck. Cowboys usually travel with someone else who competes in their events.

Timed-event contestants, as a rule, take longer to get from one rodeo to another - and therefore usually compete in fewer rodeos than the roughstock cowboys - because they take their horses with them. Most "times" drive pickup trucks and travel in pairs.

Occasionally, especially during the busy summer months, they hire someone to drive the horses or arrange to use other contestants' horses so they can fly to rodeos and save travel time. Although the buddy system was devised to ease the financial strain of traveling, it has had the added effect of cultivation long-lasting friendships. Cowboys compete against one another are often each other's closest friends and most enthusiastic supporters.



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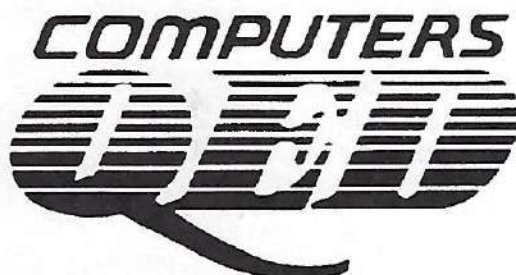
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THE EVENTS

Rodeo competition falls into one of two categories: roughstock events or timed events.

Roughstock events are the scored riding events of professional rodeo - saddle bronc riding, bareback riding and bull riding.

In all the roughstock events, the cowboy must ride for eight seconds to receive a qualified score. The contestant uses only one hand to secure himself to the animal. He may not touch the animal, himself or any equipment with his "free hand" during the ride; doing so results in automatic disqualification and a "no score" for the round.

In regular-season rodeos, two professional officials judge the roughstock action. Each judge awards up to 25 points for the contestant's performance and up to 25 points for the animal's bucking efforts. The scores of the two judges are then added together to determine the contestant's total score. A perfect score is 100. In the timed events - calf roping, steer wrestling, team roping, steer roping and barrel racing - most contestants ride quarter horses. The calf or steer is always given a head start determined by the size of the arena. It cannot be changed after the animal has been released. A barrier string stretched across the box where the contestant waits to make his run is released when the calf or steer has gone the predetermined distance. If the contestant breaks the barrier, he is assessed a 10 second penalty.



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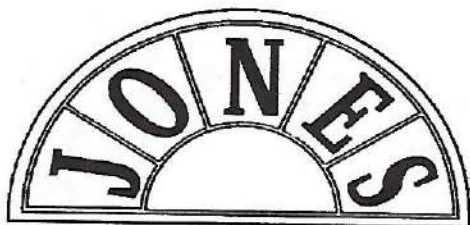
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Spurring action must be synchronized with the horse's movements. If a rider is able to "keep in time" with the horse, the ride will be fluid and graceful, not wild and uncontrolled.

A saddle bronc rider's feet must touch the horse's shoulders on the first jump out of the chute.

This is called a "mark-out," and a contestant who fails to have his feet in places at the beginning of the rides is said to have "missed his mark" and is disqualified. He will receive a "no score" for the round.

The rider, gripping a thick rein attached to the horse's halter as his only means of securing himself to the animal, attempts to place his feet over the horse's shoulders a split second before the animal's front feet strike the ground. As the horse bucks, the rider bends his knees and finishes his spurring stroke with his spurs near the "cantle," the back of the saddle, then snaps his feet back to the horse's shoulders as the animal's front feet hit the ground. The rider strives to keep his toes turned out during the entire ride.

A saddle bronc ride is judged on the cowboy's spurring action, his control of the horse, and the degree to which his toes are turned out. The horse's bucking efforts also contribute to the score. An eight second ride is required.





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