

# TUCSON'S ANNUAL RODEO

Thousands Thrilled by Spectacular Exhibitions in Tucson's Four-Day "Fiesta de Los Vaqueros"



Before a large crowd, contestants in the second annual "Fiesta de los Vaqueros" ended the four-day rodeo by staging fast and spectacular displays of skill in the final events. The crowd contained persons from all parts of the state and of the country and all seemed well pleased with the exhibitions the cowboys put up. A Phoenix delegation of about 125 persons occupied a special section of the bleachers.

The only accident of the day was that which befell Rafael Ballestero, cowboy from the La Oso ranch, when the horse he was riding in the bare-back bronc riding event plunged over the fence at the south end of the field before he could dismount.

In striking the fence, Ballestero's left elbow was crushed against a fence post and very badly injured. The horse and rider went over the fence together. Ballestero being thrown to the ground on his face. His nose was badly smashed, while his lower lip was lacerated when his lower teeth were forced through it.

The final results in this event, compiled from an average of the four days, placed the J. G. Kane-Gastelum team first for the \$300 purse, with a total of 143 1-5 seconds; R. Merchant and Curry took the \$200 second prize purse with 150 2-4 seconds, and Bud Parker third, \$100, with 152 4-5 seconds. Lee Robinson and Ike Rude failed to show in the finals because of a no-time in the event yesterday.

Bob Crosby took first place in the day money for the calf-roping event, with a time 22 4-5 seconds. B. Brown's time of 25 1-5 seconds gave him second place, and Jack Trainor took third with a time of 25 3-5 seconds.

The first prize of \$300 in the finals of the calf-roping went to H. Myers, whose time for the four days totaled 103 seconds. Hugo Strickland took the second prize of \$200 with a total of 107 seconds, and Bob Crosby third with 116 3-5 seconds.

Lee Robinson took first in the day money for bulldogging, putting his steer to the ground in 17 4-5 seconds; Mike Hastings took second with 20 seconds, and Roy Quick third with 21 3-5 seconds.

The totaling of the times for the four days in the bulldogging event gave the first prize money of \$300 to Roy Quick with 113 3-5 seconds. Bob Crosby, holder of the Roosevelt trophy for the best all-around cowboy, came within one-fifth of a second of tying Quick in the finals, but had to be content with the second prize of \$200, his time being 113 4-5 seconds. Jim Massey took the \$100 third money with 115 4-5 seconds. Jack Kersher, bulldogging, had his steer fall over him, but was extricated uninjured.

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Bob Crosby, tying his calf in 22 4-5 seconds, took first day money, while B. Brown took second with a time of 25 25 1-5 seconds, and Jack Trainor third with 25 3-5 seconds.

The final first prize of \$300 went to H. Myers, whose totals for the four days in the calf-roping totaled 103 seconds. Hugo Strickland took the \$200 second money with 107 seconds,

and Bob Crosby third money with 116 3-5 seconds.

Breezy Cox and Bob Askins, both of whom put up good rides on the brones allotted to them, split first and second money in the bucking horse contest for the day, while Paddy Ryan took third. In the finals, however, Bob Askins was declared the winner and was awarded the \$300

prize and the silver-mounted saddle donated by Leighton Kramer. For the second and third prizes of \$200 and \$100, a split was declared between Breezy Cox and Norman Cowan. In the bareback steer riding contest, Bob Askins and Frank Polk split first and second money and Bert Allen took third.

The spectators were given plenty of thrills in the relay race, in which the Breezy Coz, Carl Arnold and Doc Pardee strings were entered. Arnold's string took first, Pardee's second and Cox's third.

Pardee's first horse won the first lap, but time was lost during the saddle change because of the nervousness of the next lap horse at the band music in the stands nearby. Despite this fact, the Pardee lead was increased at the end of the second lap, but Arnold's lightning saddle change made up for the lead and his last lap horse took the final round an easy winner.

F. Mendoza captured first money in the wild horse race, while Paddy Ryan took second and Carl Arnold third.

In the wild cow milking contest, Ike Mundy won first money, he and his assistant securing a few of the coveted drops of the milky liquid in a soda-water bottle ahead of the other contestants. Richard Merchant took second money and Pete Kersher third.

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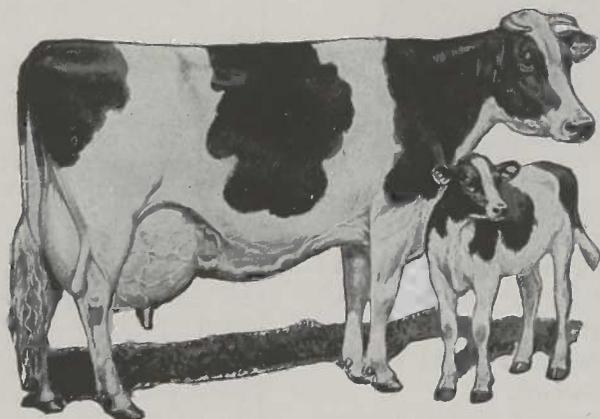
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