

Let's



Rodeo!

Hundreds of miles of highway and a gas shortage were not good enough reason to miss the 27th Tygh Valley All-Indian Rodeo. From Alberta to Arizona cowboys packed their gear, trailered their horses, and hit the road for the tiny town with the big rodeo.

Tourists, too, came out of the woodwork, only somewhat worried about gas. Those who ventured to the wild and woolly western show found gas in Tygh Valley flowing as freely as the traditional beer in the "cage".

Long before the rodeo stands began to fill, horses with wild looks in their eyes began to raise dust in the corrals. The rodeo had already begun on the Warm Springs Reservation where cowboys combed the range for

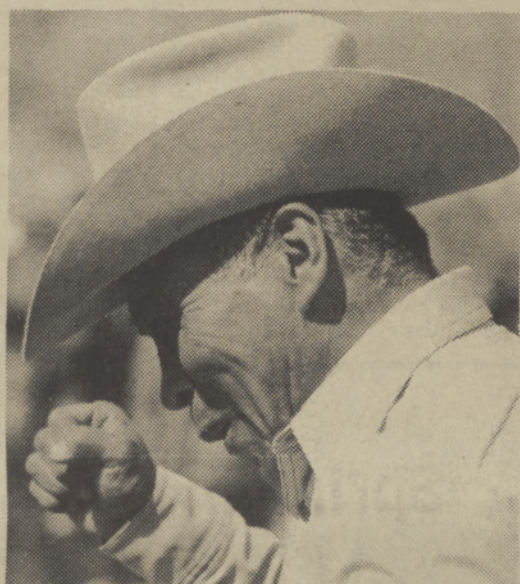
bucking stock that knew it was May and time to stay clear of the two-leggeds.

Soon they would be sparring in the Tygh Valley arena with a host of Indian gladiators, resisting Jazzy Wewa's halter and saddle (left) or deciding whether to give Buzzy Scott points by responding to his spurs (below).

Sombrero bulls from Sisters were similarly pitted against the plucky Indian cowboys and nearly always won, except when winners like Larry Condon (below center) clung to their backs till the buzzer sounded.

In other events, horses and cowboys were teams and calves were the prey as dozens of ropes whistled through the dusty air for running targets (bottom left).

And when the arena cleared for the final time on Sunday, two cowboys waited for the dollars to be tallied and the announcement to be made about the all-around winners. Butch Little Mustache and Pete Brusheadhead (bottom right) will make their summer rodeo circuit riding a trophy saddle and wearing a silver buckles as a new generation of cowboy learns the ropes.



Photos by Cynthia Stowell

