

# 17th Annual Treaty Days Rodeo draws top cowboys and full of action



Ken Peppers, 1991 All-around Champion receiving the saddle from Queen Shawna Jackson. Peppers from Schurz, Nevada.



Ladies breakaway roping becoming very popular at rodeos.



Girls barrel race had some fast times.



Wild Horse Race provided plenty of excitement at the rodeo.

The 17th Annual Pi-Ume-Sha Championship rodeo drew many of the top cowboys and cowgirls from the Western U.S. and Canada for the two day show. All vying for top spot in their particular event.

After two grueling days of tough competition Ken Peppers of Schurz, Nevada, was named the All-Around Champion. He took home the trophy saddle, the buckle and other added prizes. Its always gratifying to pile up enough points to become the No. 1, cowboy at any rodeo. Ken Peppers was the top money winner in the Team Roping event and the Wild Cow Milking. Top spot was decided with just a few dollars as other cowboys came close to topping Peppers.

There were added attractions to this year's rodeo such as the Air Show. About mid-way through the rodeo, Don Mobley, a pilot out of Madras, Or. soared overhead doing some daring stunts with an airplane. This gave the rodeo fans a chance to stand up and stretch while the air show was in progress. Another event added to this years attractions was the match horse racing.

Everything was exciting as the cowboys got right down to business doing their jobs trying to get as many points as possible to be added to what they have already compiled. The contestants with the most points will have the right to

compete with other cowboys from other sections of the U.S. and Canada at the National Finals in November. There are several other sections of rodeo associations that send their top cowboys to the Nationals also. And this all happens down in Albuquerque, NM.

The girls had their day in the timed barrel race as there were entries from both far and near. It takes a lot of work to get a horse ready for this event, but it pays off in the long run. The run against time is very important and a winner can be declared by just hundredths of a second. If a barrel is knocked over there is five seconds added to the time making it tougher than it is. There were a total of 16 barrel racers entered with Marilyn Colliflower, of

Washougal, Wa. the winner with the time of 17.236, and Sammy Allen, a local girl, following with a close second and a time of 17.873.

In the rough stock events Shawn Best of Omak, Wa. had a hand in every event. He was the bare back winner, the saddle bronc winner and tied for first in the bull riding. He fell short just a few dollars of being the high money winner of the rodeo.

There were only three qualified rides in the bull riding with Shawn and his brother Dave Best tying with 62 points and Billie Berry with 61. There were four places paid in the calf roping as Ivan Bruisedhead

came out the winner with the time of 11.37 seconds. Trying to tie one of those pesky calves which was doing a lot of kicking and squirming gives all the ropers a bad time.

Cort Herrera of White Swan won the Steer Wrestling with the time of 4.73. Some of those steers seem to have rubber necks and would not fall for the cowboys and the times were hard earned. Cort Herrera also won the Wild Cow Milking with a time of 19.15. There were six places paid in the cow milking.

Leo and Emerson Ramone won the Team Roping event with the time of 6.41. There were some good times turned in for that event which is becoming the most popular event in the rodeo today. Many ex-bronc and bull riders turn to Team Roping when their riding days come to an end, as one cowboy jokingly remarked, "like cowboy welfare."

This year there was the ladies breakaway calf roping which was won by Sue Burton of John Day, Or., as she turned in a time of 4.61. This event is becoming more and more popular for the gals which gives them more than one event to work.

Leanna Tom was the winner of the Jr. Barrel Race with the time of 19.708; second was Una Johnson with 19.979; and, third went to Keta Cline with the time of 49.080.

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Bullriding event, where there were only 3 qualified rides. These tough bulls bucked a lot of cowboys off.



Bulldogging, a fast dangerous sport.