

Tribal Rodeo Is Horse Play

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Warner and professional rodeo clown Ike Prior had a continuous battle of wits.

Then it was game time.

"It's time for our grand entry," said Warner, referring to a term better known to cowboys as "The Stampede."

Despite an injury to Mia Corwin, who ended up winning the event, the stampede was a good way to launch the 10th Annual Spirit Mountain Rodeo held in Grand Ronde.

At *Smoke Signal's* press time, Corwin was housed in the Intensive Care Unit at Emanuel Hospital in Portland.

A Flag Drill was then performed by the Original Rodeo Bandits Drill Team from Molalla.

The members of the Spirit Mountain Rodeo Board were recognized and applauded as they made a lap around the arena.

The rodeo was then officially started with Bareback Riding. In this event, cowboys jump on the back of a bucking bronco and try to

ride it for eight seconds. The rodeo featured all of the usual events as detailed in the results list.

"The rodeo was quite successful," said Harold Lyon, Tribal Elder and Chairman of the Spirit Mountain Rodeo Board. "Attendance was not what we hoped for but we were competing with several other functions. There was a nominations meeting, a memorial and I think the weather had something to do with it also," he said.

A rodeo in Tillamook, on the same weekend as Spirit Mountain Rodeo, leaves the cowboys having to travel back and forth. They go to the Tillamook rodeo in the morning and come to Grand Ronde in the evening.

Lyon has been on the rodeo board for four years and has been riding horses for 65 years. He will carry the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde flag at this year's St. Paul Rodeo on July 1-4.

"I would like to express my appreciation to the people of the board that made the rodeo such a success," said Lyon. "I would also like to thank Tribal Council for their support."



Roped — Will Stenberg of Molalla (left) and Myles Stenberg of Estacada join together for the Team Roping event at the Spirit Mountain Rodeo on Sunday, June 26.



Lets Ride — Charlie Barker of Culver tries to hang on to this bull for eight seconds. Cody Campbell of Summerville went on to win this event with a score of 78 points.

List of 2005 Spirit Mountain Rodeo Winners

- ▶ Bareback Riding: Kelly Hewitt
- ▶ Saddle Bronc: Ty Wilkins
- ▶ Bull Riding: Cody Campbell
- ▶ Steer Wrestling: Andy Easterly
- ▶ Team Roping: Will Schmidt and Brett Hale
- ▶ Breakaway Roping: Trisha Legg
- ▶ Barrel Racing: Brenda Mays



Stacked Up — Grand Ronde bull rider Brandon Stackhouse, 18, showed his bull riding skills in front of a crowd of about 150 people. Although Stackhouse didn't place in the event, he did successfully ride his bull for eight seconds. Cody Campbell won the Bull Riding contest.

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