

## ALL COWBOY & ARENA CHAMPIONS

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(OD Anderson's Brother)



I began my rodeoing in the summer of 1963. My two bothers had been riding bulls and brones for about three years before challenging me to try riding. I practiced on a bucking barrell for two weeks, after doing that I thought a bull would be easier to ride, found out I was wrong.

OD my, older brother, entered me in my first rodeo in Mexia, Texas. I had no spurs, rope or even a cowboy hat; borrowed all three. I rode the bull they said for 7.9 seconds - came up short.

Entered my second rodeo 2 weeks later. It was the last open rodeo of the season. I got lucky, rode him, and won first - won \$67.00. Still had to borrow everything although I had bought a hat.

OD had gone with me to help, after getting home from a rodeo. He informed me it was customary if borrowing rope & spurs if I won to split the winnings with the person who you borrowed from. Netted \$34.00 More than I had before that and was just happy I won.

I injured my knee after that and moved to Arizona in 1964. Me and my brother made some open rodeos there and in New Mexico then moved back to Texas in 1965. I rode bulls for 3 more years, injured knee again, and got married - quit rodeoing in 1968.

