



Dick Hairston



Dick Hairston was born in Hearne, Texas in February 1944. Ranch raised in Robertson County, Dick's grandfather (Pop) took him to a buckout in Hearne on Sunday afternoon, where at the age of 13 Dick rode his first bull and has been "hooked" ever since. He rode AJRA, high school and open rodeos and was offered two rodeo scholarships, one to New Mexico A&M and the other Texas A&M. Being raised less than 20 miles from College Station, the choice was easy. He was the bullrider and alternate bareback rider for the 1962 team. He won the bullriding at the All Aggie Rodeo despite a

severe knee injury suffered in the first performance. Dick competed in the NIRA, RCA, IRA, MRCA, OTRA and open rodeos all over Texas and New Mexico. Dick rode his last bull at the age of 50, then turned back to ranching, first in the Florence area then moving to Salado. Rodeo "bit" him again after being asked to judge several jackpot bullridings, so he began buying a few rodeo bred calves and began a new career as a "Contractor", "Running H Bucking Bulls". Traveling mostly in Texas providing stock for the PSBR, open rodeos and an occasional TSPRA event, Dick's bulls have earned a reputation as being pretty rank but if you ride one you usually "cash



a check”. He’s almost always the first to congratulate you when you ride one, jokingly saying, “I get half of the winnings!”

Supported by his wife Marjorie and daughter Alyssa, Dick said recently that, “You can starve to death as a contractor because the stock eats first and you get the leftovers”, but once in your blood “rodeo” lasts forever.