



Jackie Flowers Hayden

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Jackie always had a love for horses, even though she didn't own one, and for that matter she didn't even have a place to keep one even if she did have one.

For fun on Sunday afternoons Jackie would attend the "Buck Outs" in San Antonio, Texas which were held by Jess

Ackers. One day, due to a dare, Jackie rode a donkey at the buck out and enjoyed it. Jackie never was one to turn down a good dare. Soon after that Jackie was turned on to bullriding by her cowboy friend Jody Seevers, who later became her brother-in-law, and between the donkey, Jody and bulls, Jackie's rodeo career began.

Jackie's first entry in a rodeo was at Bodie's Arena in Seguin, Texas in 1945 where she rode for mount money in the bullriding and from then on she was entering in rodeos everywhere. Some of the rodeos that she contested in were Ft. Stockton, Corpus Christi, Jacksboro, Childress, Belton as well as many others in Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas.



Jackie rode both bulls and bareback broncs, she even rode a few saddle broncs, but later said that she learned right quick that saddle bronc riding takes real skill so she had better keep to bulls and barebacks. Her favorite event was bullriding and her most favorite rodeo was in Jacksboro, Texas at Jackie Worthington's (a six year all around champion) ranch. It was at this rodeo that Jackie won four first places. She was first in the bareback broncs each consecutive night and first in the average.

Although Jackie was plagued by many injuries her drive to be a top rodeo contestant was still alive even after breaking her back in 1950. After breaking her back, Jackie rode for another two years with a brace finishing her career at a rodeo in Dallas in 1952.

In 1948, Jackie joined the Cowgirl Rodeo Association and she can always be found visiting friends, which she enjoys doing, and she is never too busy to take time to reach out to help others.