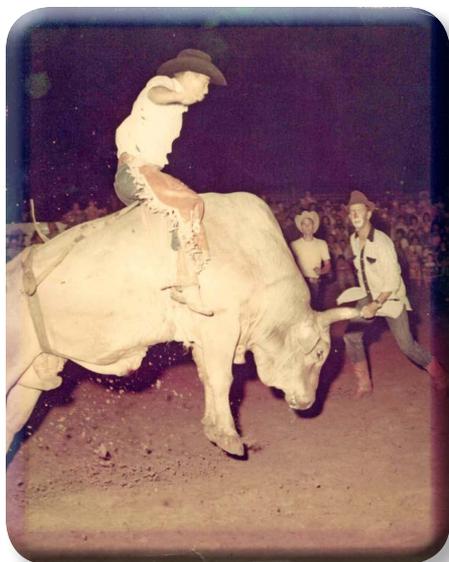# Dobbin Preece
19 Years in Rodeo

Dobbin Preece was born in Belton, Texas on June 22, 1939 to Delmar and Bernice Preece and attended high school in Barksdale, Texas. Dobbin and Bill Humphrey always wanted to be cowboys like Bill's older brother Bud Humphrey. Dobbin started riding in his first rodeo in 1956 at age 16. He had some great teachers Bud Humphrey, Bobby Joe Bartley, Bill Bridges, Eddie Boren and Cotton Proctor who took him and Bill under their wings. He rodeoed until 1974.

In 1958, Dobbin married Lois to whom he says he could not have gone on [with rodeoing] if it hadn't been for Lois because she stood behind him always. Dobbin and Lois have three sons Seth, Bobby and Shane, who all three rodeoed at first but Bobby was the only one who continued with rodeoing. Dobbin has a family who have been in the rodeo and bullriding all their lives. He got his permit for the RCA in 1960 and belonged to the CRA for 12 years. Some of his traveling buddies were: Bill and Bud Humphrey, Bobby Joe Bartley, Hoye Jones, Dan and Billy Willis, Cotton Proctor, Keith Green and Mike Wilson only to name a few. Bob Preece was a great bullrider who

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rodeoed for 13 years. Dobbin's granddaughter Pansy won the State High School Rodeo in 2002 and her younger brother Pecos rode calves for two years and now he is riding bulls and mostly steers and won second place at Ft. Worth for CBR Junior Bullriding. Dobbin's youngest grandson Pistol wants to someday be a rodeo clown or a bullfighter.

Dobbin and Bill Humphrey used to go to Belton's old arena at night without lights and load the chutes until they got tired. Triangle Bell kept all of its stock there. Dobbin recalls Johnny Mellon, owner of Triangle Bell, telling them to be careful.

Bill and Dobbin traveled all over Texas and worked 2 or 3 rodeos a week. Dobbin and Bill were like brothers -when you saw one, you saw the other.

The last rodeo he went to was Fairfield in 1974. "I won the bullriding and little did I know, that would be the last bull I would ever get on."Pecos