



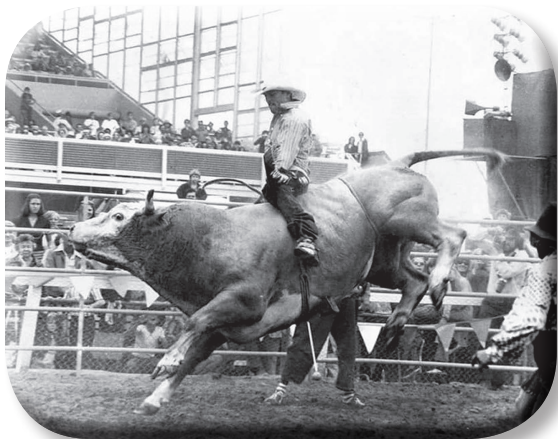
ALL COWBOY & ARENA CHAMPIONS

HALL OF FAME



Rick McCoy

Bull Rider



I was born in Springhill, Louisiana in April 1952 and two years later I moved with my family to south Texas. We resided in the Houston area where I attended high school, at C.E. King from 1966 to 1970. While in school, I was active in the Future Farmers of America

(FFA) student organization. In 1970, I was elected to the office of treasurer for the Texas FFA. While in school I also participated in youth rodeos as a bull rider. That's when I began my lifelong love for the rodeo.

After graduation I enlisted in the Marine Corp and served until, I received an honorable discharge in 1974. From February 1974 to August 1974, I participated in rodeos at the Camp Pendelton Marine Corp base. On July 4, 1974, I rode in the Southern California Expo in Delmar, California. On the following Monday, I was featured on the frontpage of the San Diego newspaper riding a bull named Pedro. In 1977 I traveled to Denver Colorado, and received my RCA permit, which I was able to fill within two months. I held this card for two years and competed in RCA rodeos all around the United States.

Some of my most memorable competitions and bull riding



championships were in Holley, Minnesota and St. Onge, South Dakota. I received a 4th place in Roseburg, Oregon. In 1979, I was the bull riding champion at the Hockley Fair and Rodeo in Hockley, Texas. Later that same year, the RCA was sold to the PRCA. In early 1980, I received a letter from the PRCA to compete in their rodeos. At this time, I had just gotten married and was planning to start my family, so I decided to leave the world of professional rodeoing.

I have three sons and numerous grandchildren, all of whom I am extremely proud.

I am also proud of my rodeo career. The greatest thing about Rodeoing (aside from the thrill of sitting on top of a big bull) was meeting the people involved in the sport. I met men like Larry Mahan, Skipper Voss, Ben Johnson, Jim Shoulders, Harry Vold, Doug Brown, Misner and Sons, the Sankey family, Myrtis Dightman, and many other great cowboys.

I was born a cowboy; I lived the cowboy life, and I don't have any regrets or complaints.