

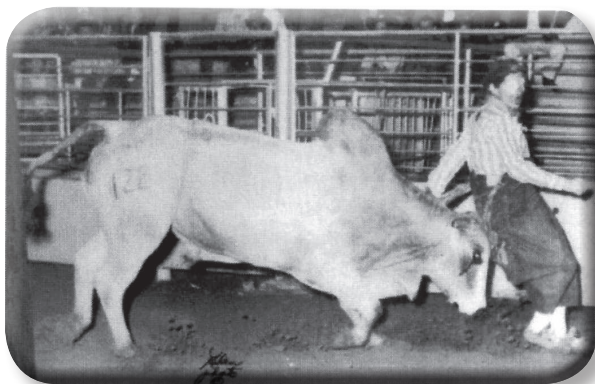


ALL COWBOY & ARENA CHAMPIONS

HALL OF FAME



John Routh



John started his career in 1956 at an amateur rodeo in Mexia, Texas. The clown that was supposed to work had broken his leg and John was asked to step in and help the bullriders. Afterwards John asked Roland Reid for a

job, and although hesitant, Roland hired John. According to John, he was hired only because Roland couldn't find anyone else.

That fall John enrolled in college at East Texas State Teachers College. John was more interested in rodeo than the books. John worked some college rodeos and amateur rodeos until he joined the R.C.A. (Rodeo Cowboy Association) in 1962.

John worked his first year as a rodeo clown in Andilusa, Alabama. His second year he went to Canada and worked for Harry Vold and Reg Kessler. The next year he worked for Tommy Steiner, Neal Gay and Jim Shoulders. John worked with Kajun Kidd at all the Steiners rodeos and most of Jim Shoulders rodeos and continued to work with Kajun for the rest of his career.

