



# ALL COWBOY & ARENA CHAMPIONS

## HALL OF FAME

## Bill Teague



Rodeo has been a very important part of my entire life. I gave up my senior year of participating in high school athletics to pursue my rodeo dreams. Back then the UIL did not allow you to accept money or prizes, this classified you as a professional. I was given a choice from my school to either give up my roping or to discontinue my sports. I have never regretted my decision that I made to not play any more sports in school.

I followed the customary route of most rodeo enthusiasts; high school rodeos, local jackpots and college rodeos. After winning the PRCA roping at Big Springs my senior year I entered a high school rodeo there later that year. They demanded all types of authorization before they would let me perform.

While attending college at Hardin-Simmons in Abilene, Texas I was a member of the Champion NIRA Rodeo Team in 1953, and won the Team Roping Championship in 1954. I served two years as president of the NIRA before graduating in 1955.

In September 1955 I began another career, teaching business subjects in Crane High School; mainly to support my wife Patsy and my first child we were expecting. I chose teaching for three reasons, June, July & August. These were the months that I could compete in the summer rodeos.

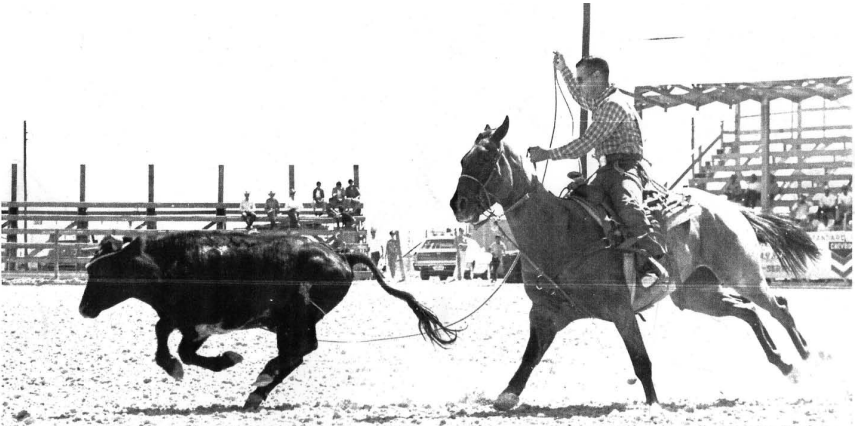
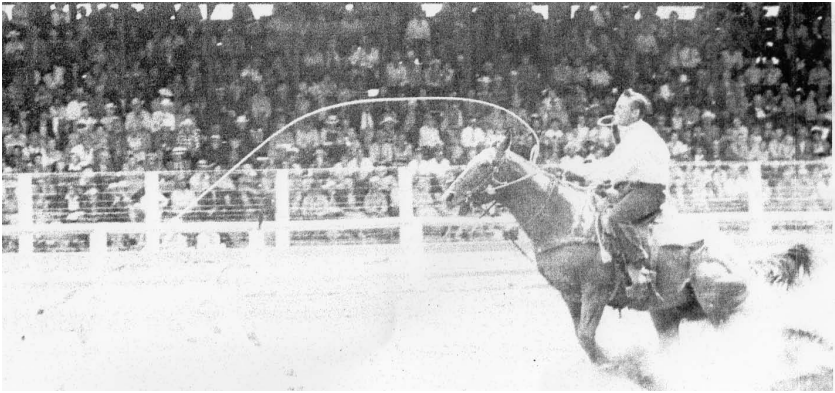
During my rodeo career I had a choice, either win or go home. I usually won enough to stay on the road through the summer months. Some of my highlights of Rodeos were: Finishing Eighth in the Calf Roping championship in 1958; Winning the Cheyenne Steer Rodeoing event in 1967



and competing in two National Finals steer roping contexts, one in Pecos, Texas and another in McAllister, Oklahoma. I won Colorado Springs calf roping three times; the following twice — Pecos, San Angelo, Big Springs, Deadwood, SD and Sidney, IA.


Some other rodeos that I won are: Monahans, Tx, Midland, Tx, Billings, Mt., Casper, Wy, Pueblo, Co, Abilene, KS and Baird, Tx.

While competing in the Cheyenne rodeo in 1972 I injured my knee. I had an operation to repair it but it was never the same. I could not compete at my best so I retired from calf roping. However, team roping was available to me. I competed in amateur rodeos and jackpot team roping until I retired in 2014. I was fortunate enough to win a 1992 Dodge Pick-up, two horse trailers, a few saddles, some buckles and enough money to finance my addiction.



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*Pecos, Tex.* 



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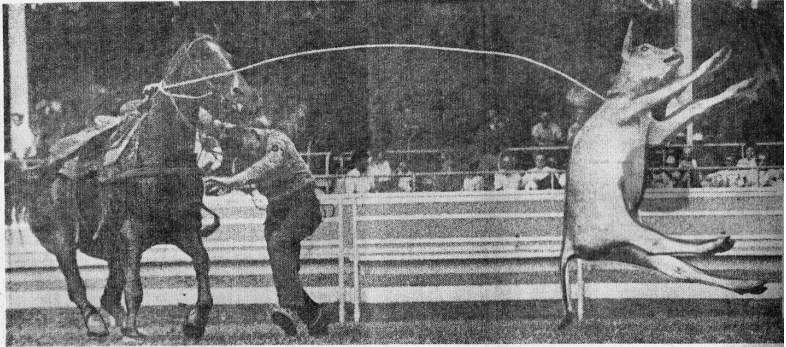


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PECOS, TEX.

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The physical torments of man and beast locked in duel are captured in this spectacular action photo at the opening of the annual Fikes Peak or Bust Rodeo in Colorado Springs Wednesday. The hardy calf, which appears ready to call it a season here, gave waddle Bill Teague of Cane, Tex., a spirited battle in the seconds that followed. Teague completed the tying process in 13.3 seconds—

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NIRA Champion Rodeo Team - 1953



Bob Crankwell      Joe Chase      Dick Barnett      Bill Teague      Gene Frazier      Tommie Minkler