Fred Whitfield

Tie-down Roper

Growing up in Cypress, Texas, Whitfield joined the PRCA in 1990. The same year he qualified for his first National Finals Rodeo and won Resistol Rookie of the Year award.

In 1991, he broke the NFR average record roping 10 head in 91.70 seconds en route to his first world championship in tie-down roping. Six years later in 1997, he again broke his own NFR average record roping 10 head in 84 seconds, which stood for 23 consecutive years through 2013, and is considered one of the greatest performances in the history of the NFR.

In 1999, Whitfield won rodeo's most prestigious award, the All-Around World Title along with the tie-down roping title. He became the first African-American to win the all-around title in the history of the PRCA. He also finished the season winning the Texas Circuit All-Around and tie-down roping title.

Other Awards:

- Inducted into the Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame 2003
- Inducted into the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame in Colorado Springs, Colo. 2004
- Inducted into the Cheyenne Frontier Days Hall of Fame 2005
- Honored into the National Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City, Okla. 2005
- Inducted into the National Cowboys of Color Museum and Hall of Fame in Ft Wort 2013

•And many other Professional Rodeo Hall of Fame's around the country.

•Inducted as an honoree in the Texas Rodeo Cowboy Reunion

Whitfield has won every major professional rodeo including the Calgary Stampede 4 times, the Cheyenne Frontier Days 4 times, and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo 2 times. The list goes on ... Whitfield roped professionally at his last rodeo in 2019 at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo before retiring. Today he is working in sales for Moffitt Services. He spends much of his free time training horses, does private roping lessons most weekends and has roping clinics all around the country.

Whitfield married his wife Cassie in 2000, and has two daughters; Savannah 25, a graduate from Dallas Baptist University and recently married to Bryse Salik in 2025 and Sydney 22, is attending Florida A&M where she is playing DI Volleyball and studying for her masters in Sports Management.

In 2013 Fred released his autobiography book, "Gold Buckles Don't Lie" and is still available today to order online.

- 1990 Resistol Rookie of the Year
- 1990 & 1991 Blast from The Past Champion, Bryan, Texas
- 1991 World Champion Tie-down Roper
- 1993 and 1995 Eldorado Champion
- 1994 Bluebonnet Palace Champion Selma, Texas
- 1994 3rd Paso Robles PBR
- June 1994 2nd Livermore California
- July 1994 5th Cheyenne
- October 1994 3rd Seguin, Texas
- 1994 PBR 1st Preliminary Round, Rancho Murrieta
- 1994 PBR 6th Las Vegas, Nevada
- February 1995 5th Victoria, Texas
- February 1995 6th Baton Rouge, Lousiana
- March 1995 2nd Bay City, Texas
- 1995 World Champion Tie-down Roper
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- 1999 World Champion Tie-down Roper
- 1999 World Champion All-Around Cowboy
- 2000 World Champion Tie-down Roper
- 2002 World Champion Tie-down Roper
- 2005 World Champion Tie-down Roper