

Pro rodeo returns to Whoop-Up Days

CPRA competitors part of Lethbridge show for first time in 12 years

The last time pro rodeo was a featured drawing card at the Lethbridge and District Exhibition Whoop-Up Days, Tom Ivan split top money in the steer wrestling event with another cowboy.

That was 1979. This year Ivan took over as chairman of the Whoop-Up Days Rodeo committee and ironically pro rodeo makes its return to Lethbridge after a 12-year hiatus.

Lethbridge District and Exhibition and the professional rodeo cowboys have mended their differences, allowing the top Canadian and American cowboys from the Canadian Professional Rodeo Association to make their return to the Lethbridge Exhibition grounds and Whoop-Up Days Rodeo.

"We'll have all the top cowboys in Canada," said Ivan, who went to the Canadian Finals Rodeo three times during his career as a bulldogger. "And we're expecting some of the top American cowboys as well."

The four-day Whoop-Up Days Pro Rodeo, running Wednesday through Saturday, will count for points on the Coors Chute-Out Rodeo series and the Skual Pro Rodeo Tour.



Ivan said it was time for rodeo to return to Lethbridge so he and the committee worked out a manageable deal with the CPRA.

"We figured with a rodeo the size of Lethbridge and a fair as big as ours, we thought it was time to upgrade to the pro level of rodeo," said Ivan. "It gives people a chance to see pro rodeo without driving to Calgary, Red Deer or Ponoka."

Ivan didn't have the names of the cowboys competing at the rodeo at press time but did say they were familiar names to rodeo and pleased to be plying their trade in Lethbridge again.

"They were glad to get Lethbridge back on the pro rodeo circuit," said Ivan.

Kesler Rodeo Stock will provide

the livestock for the rodeo and Bill Kehler, one of the top announcers in Canada, will announce the proceedings, said Ivan.

Lethbridge native Trish Kostelansky, Miss Rodeo Canada, will be on hand for the whole week of Whoop-Up Days representing the CPRA.

Rodeo clown Kelly LaCoste from

Medicine Hat will present his car act nightly and pony chuckwagons will kick the evening off at 6:30 p.m. Rodeo will follow at 8 p.m. Mutton Busting for the children will also run nightly.

Admission to the grounds and rodeo will cost \$11 for adults. It will cost \$7 over and above the \$5 entrance fee into the grounds if the

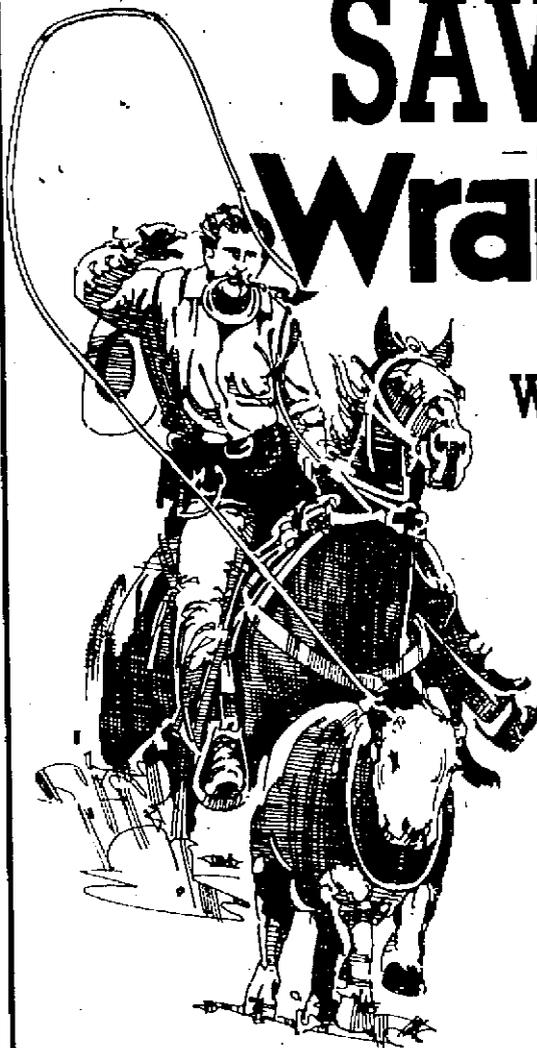
two are bought separately. Rodeo and ground admission is \$10 for seniors and \$8 for children 6 to 12. Children under five get in free.

Ivan expects 350-400 cowgirls and cowboys to take part in the steer wrestling, calf roping, bullriding, barrel racing, wild horse racing and the bareback and saddle bronc events.

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WHOOP-UP DAYS

Canadian Pro Rodeo
Denim
Jeans 24⁹⁹
Men's and Ladies'

Ladies' Durango
Ropers 69⁹⁹
Black, Grey, Burgundy
Lace Ups \$89.99

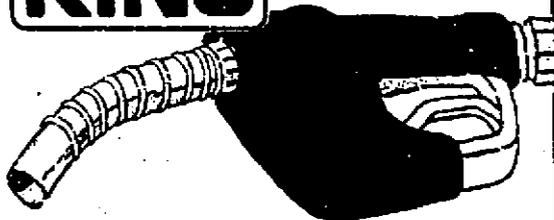
American Pro Rodeo
Jeans 29⁹⁹
Men's Grey, Black &
Denim

Ladies' American
Cowboy Cut
Jeans 29⁹⁹
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