



CHEYENNE FRONTIER DAYS

MONDAY, JULY 21, 2025





NO.	CONTESTANT	BULL	SCORE
41	. Coy Pollmeier	. Blackstone	
5	. Colton Byram	. Hunter	
31	. Mason Spain	. Pickle	
30	. Ethan Paul Skogquist	.T Bone	
2	. Trey Benton III	. Mellow Yellow	
28	. Clayton Sellars	. Windy	
20	. Cody McElroy	. Summertime Blues	
22	. Mason Moody	. James Bond	
14	. Bryce Jensen	.Bomber	
12	. Cooper James	. Black Gold	
15	. Rawley Johnson	. Landman	
32	. Jordan Wacey Spears	. Happy Hour	
	. Wade Tuni		
	. Luke Mast		
	. Jesse Petri		
	. Ernie Courson Jr		
	. Riley Harold Shippy		
	. JR Stratford		
	. Tristan Mize		
	. Hayden T Welsh		
	. Scott James Wells		
	. Dustin Donovan Boquet		
	. Jace Trosclair		
	. Qynn Andersen		
	. Creek Walker Young	-	
	. Trevor Reiste		
	. Tristen Hutchings	_	
	. Hayes Thayne Weight	•	
	. Scottie Knapp		
	. Trey Kimzey		
	. Wacey Justin Schalla		
	. Ky John Hamilton		
	. Colorado Kid Mackey		
	. TJ Gray		
	. Roscoe Jarboe		
	. Colten Fritzlan		
	Stetson Wright		
	. Ramon De Souza		
	. Hudson Bolton		
20	. Maverick Potter	. FIIAIILUIII	

This two-night event will showcase the PRCA's top bull riders face off against some of the most powerful bulls on the rodeo circuit, offering fans a display of cowboy competition and athletic skill.

Xtreme Bulls competitors include top bull riders from the PRCA | Bill Fick Ford World Standings as well as contestants who advance through Xtreme Bulls qualifying events. Contestants will compete in the first round, with the top performers advancing to the final round.

The money won at the CFD PRCA Xtreme Bulls tour counts toward the PRCA | Bill Fick Ford World Standings for bull riding, which determines qualifiers for the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo presented by Teton Ridge.

THE ORIGINS: THE HISTORY OF BULL RIDING AT CHEYENNE FRONTIER DAYS

The roar of the crowd. The crash of hooves. The moment a cowboy takes the ride of his life. At Cheyenne Frontier Days™, bull riding isn't just an event—it's a legacy built on grit, risk, and undeniable Western tradition.

But the sport's roots stretch far deeper than the red dirt of Frontier Park. The origins of bull riding trace back to 16th-century Mexico, where large haciendas hosted charreadas—competitions showcasing the skill of vaqueros in roping, riding, and even bull fighting. One daring event, known as jaripeo, involved riding a bull until its death—a harrowing feat of endurance that reflected both bravery and brutality. Over time, these contests softened; riders began staying on smaller bulls or large calves only until the animal tired. The tradition caught hold in Spanish California and Texas, eventually crossing the border into American rodeo culture.

The first recorded bull riding contest in the United States took place in 1852 at the Lone Star State Fair in Corpus Christi. While it was a jaripeo contest, it marked a historic moment: the first official charreada in American history.

Steer riding made its Western debut in 1889 during the Prescott Frontier Days Rodeo in Arizona, thanks to a young cowboy named Jeff Young. Meant as comic relief, it quickly became a crowd favorite and found its way into Wild West shows across the country.

Cheyenne Frontier Days™ didn't feature the sport

until 1905. That September, Sam Scoville and Frank Wiegmann faced off in what would become the event's first unofficial steer-riding challenge. With no ropes and no formal rules, the men were judged on their ability to ride "slick and clean." A Cheyenne newspaper raved about Scoville's ride, calling it "the finest exhibition of bovine riding ever seen at the grounds."

Still, it wasn't until 1922 that CFD adopted steer riding more formally. Riders didn't pay entry fees, instead earning five dollars per ride. The 1925 show introduced Brahma steers to the arena—strange-looking cattle kept at the Bresnahan Ranch that fascinated passing motorists and left lasting impressions on cowboys and spectators alike.

Even famed rodeo cowgirl Mabel Strickland took her turn at steer riding in 1929. That same year, calf riding debuted for boys under 16, giving the next generation of cowboys a chance to warm up the arena.

Then came 1936—a defining year. Bull riding officially became a sanctioned event at Cheyenne Frontier Days™. The newly established Cowboy Turtles Association had standardized the rules, and the competition was fierce. Riders now had a shot at a \$300 purse plus entry fees. The payout was split: 60% divided over two days, the remainder for the final championship.

The inaugural lineup featured names like Junior Calwell, Al Wilkinson, Shorty Hill, and Jimmy

Wallace. Day one of competition was unforgettable. Only five of the 11 riders managed to stay on for the full 10 seconds. Dan Fernamburg gave the crowd a heart-stopping moment when he was tossed skyward and then trampled. One bull even chased a photographer around the arena before pausing—mid-charge—for a close-up.

Despite being injured, Fernamburg returned for the next ride. Winners from that first day included Wilkinson in first, followed by Ken Hargis, Calwell and Wallace.

Day two brought another crowd of 18,000. Again, only five riders held on. One of the most dramatic moments came when Art Casteel escaped his bull by vaulting over a barbed wire fence. Jimmy Wallace wasn't as lucky. After falling forward, his bull struck him with a horn "as big as a telephone pole" and then trampled him. Reporters found him in the hospital tent, bruised but alive. "Why didn't that damn steer kill me instead of this?" he muttered—though he still collected \$1.50 for his effort.

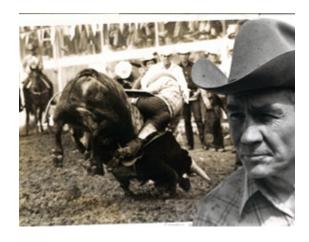
When the dust settled, Shorty Hill of Farmington, New Mexico, claimed the title of CFD's first official bull riding champion.

From its Mexican origins to its modern-day glory, bull riding at Cheyenne Frontier Days™ has always been about more than eight seconds. It's about courage, spectacle, and the kind of Western spirit that can't be tamed.



TUFF HEDEMAN OUTLASTED BULLS, AND THEN HE KEPT WINNING.

Tuff Hedeman dominated bull riding at Cheyenne Frontier Days™, claiming championships in 1995 and 1996. He also secured the All-Around Championship buckle at CFD in 1988, demonstrating his diverse talents. Beyond Cheyenne, Tuff won the PRCA World Champion Bull Rider Championship three times (1986, 1989, 1991). He also earned the Professional Bull Riders World Championship in 1995, cementing his status as a legendary bull rider.



FRECKLES BROWN MASTERED BULLS, AND THEN TAMED TORNADO.

Warren "Freckles" Brown earned Bull Riding Championships at Cheyenne Frontier Days™ in both 1957 and 1960. He made history at CFD in 1967 by being the first cowboy to successfully ride the infamous bull Tornado, after it had bucked off 220 others. For many years, Freckles was a beloved figure at Cheyenne, where he advised young riders and helped behind the chutes. In 1962, his exceptional skill led him to be named National All-Around Cowboy.



TY MURRAY CONQUERED BULLS, THEN HELPED DEVELOP THE SPORT.

Ty Murray's mastery of rough stock led to his All-Around Cowboy title at Cheyenne Frontier Days™ in 1990 at just 19 years old, and a CFD Saddle Bronc Championship in 1993. He returned to Cheyenne in 1998 to pursue his goal of winning his seventh NFR All-Around title, a testament to his resilience after injuries. Beyond CFD, Ty is renowned for winning seven NFR All-Around titles, making him one of rodeo's most decorated champions. After retiring, he co-founded the Professional Bull Riders (PBR) tour, significantly impacting the sport's growth.

COVING IN 2026!

As we celebrate today, we're also building for tomorrow. We are very excited for **two new** additions to Frontier Park in 2026 that will elevate your Cheyenne Frontier Days experience.

First, our expanded Chute 9 will not only improve conditions for our contestants and livestock, but also offer guests an upgraded, premium experience to enjoy both the rodeo and nightshow.

Tickets on sale in 2026!

And just nearby, you might notice a little dust as we build the allnew Morning Star Indian Village, a one-of-a-kind cultural space set to debut next year. This vibrant addition will honor and share the rich heritage of the Plains Indian tribes through living history, performance, and tradition.

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