



## TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2025





NO.	CONTESTANT	BULL	SCORE
32	. Jordan Wacey Spears	. Born To Sin	
34	. Jace Trosclair	. Surprise Package	
5	. Colton Byram	. Whatever	
35	. Wade Tuni	. Safety Meeting	
	. Ethan Paul Skogquist		
	. Jesse Petri		
	. Cody McElroy		
	. Trevor Reiste		
	. Hayes Thayne Weight		
	. Scottie Knapp		
	. Scott James Wells		
	. Qynn Andersen	_	
	. Mason Spain		
	. Roscoe Jarboe		
	. Colten Fritzlan		
	Luke Mast	_	
	Ernie Courson Jr		
	. Maverick Potter		
	. Bryce Jensen		
	. Cooper James		
	. Rawley Johnson		
	Coy Pollmeier		
	. Ky John Hamilton		
	TJ Gray		
	Ramon De Souza		
	Riley Harold Shippy		
	. JR Stratford		
	. Hudson Bolton		
	. Mason Moody		
	. Dustin Donovan Boquet		
	. Wacey Justin Schalla		
	. Colorado Kid Mackey		
	. Trey Benton III		
	. Clayton Sellars		
	. Creek Walker Young		
	Stetson Wright		
	. Tristen Hutchings		
	. Hayden T Welsh		
	Trey Kimzey		

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.



# JIM SHOULDERS CONQUERED BULLS, THEN CHAMPIONED THE SPORT.

Jim Shoulders' formidable presence at Cheyenne Frontier Days™ is highlighted by his bull riding honors in 1955 and 1958. He also claimed CFD bareback riding titles in 1963 and 1964, and earned multiple All-Around Champion titles, giving him the unparalleled distinction of winning the most buckles at Cheyenne. Beyond CFD, Shoulders won more World Championships in three events than any other cowboy in the PRCA. After his stellar competitive career, he continued to elevate rodeo's profile through stock contracting and appearances in national media like the "Miller Lite All-Stars."



## LARRY MAHAN RODE BULLS, AND THEN HE BUILT AN EMPIRE.

Larry Mahan won the bull riding title at Cheyenne Frontier Days™ in 1970 and the saddle bronc title in 1968, showcasing his exceptional versatility at CFD. He revolutionized the sport by transforming it into a successful business, a concept he also brought to major rodeos. Mahan earned the All-Around Champion Cowboy title for five consecutive years, an unprecedented feat in rodeo history. He pioneered the era of the modern rodeo star, even being one of the first cowboys to fly his own plane.



# LANE FROST RODE BULLS, AND THEN BECAME A LEGEND.

Lane Frost delivered an 86-point bull ride at Cheyenne Frontier Days™ in 1989, his best ride of the year, propelling him to the Sunday Finals. He scored 85 points on "Taking Care of Business" in the muddy CFD finals, earning nearly \$4,000. Tragically, after his 8-second ride, he was fatally struck by the bull's horn on the arena floor. Lane's career was highlighted by his 1987 PRCA Champion Bull Rider of the World title, making him an icon of the sport.

## 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.

#### CHUTE 9



#### MORNING STAR INDIAN VILLAGE



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