

# **INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL RODEO ASSOCIATION**

## **MEDIA GUIDE – GOLD BUCKLES BY THE DOZEN**

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**- The winningest IPRA cowboys and cowgirls in History -**

#### **DAN DAILEY – 29 TOTAL IPRA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Won 17 All-Around World titles (1976, 1978-82, 1984-94), the most in IPRA history... Won 11 Saddle Bronc Riding World titles (1976, 1979-82, 1989-90, 1992-95), most in IPRA history... also won the 1981 IPRA Steer Wrestling World Championship. He was named the IPRA Rookie of the Year in 1974 and won a total of 24 regional titles. Dan won 12 IFR All-Around titles and won the average at IFRs 7, 8, 22, and 24 in the Saddle Bronc Riding... also, won the Steer Wrestling average at IFR 13. He had the highest score in the Saddle Bronc riding at the IFR six times. He has qualified a total of 58 times to the IFR in a combination of five events including Bareback Riding, Saddle Bronc Riding, Bull Riding, Team Roping and Steer Wrestling. Dan Dailey is believed to be the only cowboy in history to cross the million-dollar mark in career earnings at IPRA rodeos.... simply the best cowboy ever.

#### **JUSTIN THIGPEN – 25 TOTAL IPRA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Justin Thigpen has qualified for over 16 IFRs in the Steer Wrestling, Team Roping and Tie Down events. He was the 2009-2014 and 2016-2018, 2021, and 2023 World Champion Tie Down Roper; as well as the 2011-2013, 2015, 2018, 2021-2023 World Champion Steer Wrestler, 2015-2018, 2023 All Around World Champion and 2016 Heading World Champion.

#### **SHAWN MINOR – 23 TOTAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Shawn Minor purchased his first IPRA card in 2003 and was named the 2003 Rookie of the Year in Bareback Riding, Saddle Bronc Riding and was also the All-Around Rookie that same year. He has qualified for the IFR a total of 12 consecutive years in both the Bareback Riding and Saddle Bronc Riding events. He has a total of 23 World Championships to his name including: nine All-Around World titles, four Saddle Bronc Riding World titles, and eight Bareback Riding World Championships. He has won numerous All-Around IFR titles.

#### **BEN JORDAN – 11 TOTAL IPRA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Won six Bareback Bronc Riding World Championships (1961-65, 1968) ... won three All-Around World titles (1961-63).... Won two Bull Riding World Championships (1961-62) ... only cowboy to ever win five consecutive IPRA Bareback Riding World titles... qualified for the first three IFRs in the Bareback Riding... After his riding career was finished, he worked the IFR as a pickup man six times. His son Benny Jordan followed in his father's footsteps by winning two Bareback Riding World Championships in 1979 and 1981. Benny then went on to work the IFR as a pickup man a record 21 times.

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### **JACK WISEMAN – 11 TOTAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Jack won four Steer Wrestling World Championships (1978-80, 1982). He won four Bull Riding World Championships (1969, 1971-73) and was the IPRA All-Around cowboy in 1969, 1971-72. Jack qualified and competed in 25 of the first 26 IFRs, missing only IFR 23 with a broken pelvis. His lists of IFR accomplishments include: All-Around Champion at IFR 2 and 4, Bull Riding Average Champion at IFR 4, Steer Wrestling Average Champion at IFR 6 and 20 and had the fastest time in Steer Wrestling at IFRs 4, 8 and 10. He was the IPRA president from 1996-98. For years after, you would still find Jack at the IFR hazing for his sons Colby Stufflebean who was the 2006 IPRA Steer Wrestling World Champion and Jordan Wiseman who was the 2007 IPRA Steer Wrestling World Champion. He passed away in 2015.

### **DALE YERIGAN – 11 STEER WRESTLING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The standard by which all Steer Wrestlers are measured... Dale has won 11 Steer Wrestling World Championships, most in IPRA history, and he holds the record for the longest streak of world titles in any event, winning nine straight Bull-Dogging World Titles (1991-99) .... Also won the world in 1985-86 and has qualified for the IFR a total of 17 times. He has won the most IFR Steer Wrestling Average Titles with three (IFRs 17-18, 22). He also won \$30,776.55 in 1999 to become the first IPRA Steer Wrestler to break the \$30,000 mark in one season, and had the fastest times at IFRs 25, 27, 28 and 33. Dale is the current IPRA General Manager.

### **RONNIE WILLIAMS – 8 BAREBACK RIDING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Most prolific Bareback Rider in IPRA history. Ronnie won eight Bareback Riding World titles in his career (1970-72, 1976-78, 1980 and 1983), the most ever. He was the IPRA Rookie of the Year in 1969 and won the Bareback Riding Average title at IFR 8 and 14. He qualified for and competed in 13 of the first 14 IFRs, missing only IFR 5 with a broken arm. He was also a Steer Wrestler and finished in the top five of the All-Around World standings 6 times.

### **GENE MAYNARD – 8 SADDLE BRONC RIDING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Gene won eight Saddle Bronc Riding World Championships (1967-68, 1970-75). He is the only cowboy to win six consecutive IPRA Saddle Bronc Riding World titles and finished among the top five IPRA Saddle Bronc Riders for 14 straight years (1967-80). Also, won four straight Saddle Bronc Riding Average titles at IFRs 1-4 and also won the average at IFR 9 and 10. Gene has had the highest scored Saddle Bronc Ride 5 times, including an 89-point ride at IFR 10.

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### **RED DOFFIN – 7 TOTAL IPRA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Red won five Steer Wrestling World Championships (1967, 1969, 1975-77) and also won the 1963 IPRA Bull Riding World Championship as well as the All-Around world title in 1967. He qualified for the IFR 16 times, finishing among the top five IPRA Bull Riders four times (1963-66) and the top five IPRA Steer Wrestlers 18 times. Among his accomplishments, Red won the Steer Wrestling Average at IFR 11 and reeled off the fastest time at IFRs 2, 11, 12 and 19. Red hosts the Annual Red Doffin Old Timers Reunion at the IFR.

### **TOM WALKER – 7 TIE-DOWN ROPING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

One of the most prolific Tie-Down Ropers in the history of the IPRA, Tom has won seven Tie-Down Roping World titles (1972, 1977-78, 1980, 1982, 1984 and 1991). His IFR accomplishments include: Average winner at IFR 9, recorded the fastest time at IFR 11, qualified for the IFR a total of 18 times and has finished among the top five Tie-Down Ropers 12 times. Tom is the only contestant to ever compete at four different venues of the IFR including: Tulsa, OK Albuquerque, NM The Myriad in Oklahoma City, and the State Fair Arena in Oklahoma City.

### **WALT WHITE – 7 TIE-DOWN ROPING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Walt White is known as one of the best Tie-Down Ropers in IPRA history. He has qualified for the IFR 14 times and won 7 Tie-Down Roping World titles in 1992-93, 1995, 1997-2000. His IFR accomplishments include: IFR 23 Tie-Down Roping Average winner and he broke the record for the fastest run in IFR history at IFR 33 by roping his calf in 7.5 a record that still stands today. His father Randy and brother Wade are also IPRA Tie-Down Ropers. His brother Wade was the 2003 Tie-Down Roping World Champion, and his father won the average at IFRs 6 and 8.

### **STEPHEN BRITNELL- 7 TOTAL IPRA WORLD TITLES**

Britnell has made the IFR a total of 16 times and has won 7 world titles in the team roping in 2000, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2016, 2017, and 2023.

### **GLEN BIRD – 6 TOTAL IPRA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

One of the best Bull Riders ever in the history of the sport, Glen won four Bull Riding World titles in 1966-68 and 1970. He is the first cowboy to win three consecutive bull Riding World Championships and has also won two All-Around World Championships in 1968 and 1970. Glen qualified for the first three IFRs and finished among the top 5 IPRA Bull Riders six times.

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### **BETTY ROPER – 6 BARREL RACING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Betty Roper is the winningest cowgirl in IPRA history with six world titles. (1972, 1996, 1998-2001) She is the first cowgirl to win four IPRA Barrel Racing World Championships and has qualified for the IFR a record 16 times. (IFR' 1-7, 27-35) Betty broke the record in 1996 for earning \$45,238.29, the most money in a single season in the Barrel Racing event, a record that was only broken in 2016 by Kindyl Scruggs. Betty won the average at IFR 5 and 31. She is still an IPRA barrel racer and enjoys traveling with her granddaughter.

### **CORD McCOY – 5 TOTAL IPRA WORLD TITLES**

Cord McCoy is a legend in his time. At only 17, Cord became an IPRA card holder and active competitor, qualifying for the IFR that same year. He and his brother Jet have been a huge part of the IPRA for the past decade. Cord has won a total of five World titles including: All-Around World Champion in 2002-03, Bull Riding World Champion in 2002 and the Saddle Bronc Riding World Champion in 2002-03. Cord broke the record in 2002 for the most money won in a single rodeo season by winning \$111,587.19, a record that no one has even been close to breaking. He also holds the record for the most money won in the Bull Riding event in a single season with \$52,749.01 in earnings. Cord qualified for the IFR a total of seven times and won the average in the Saddle Bronc Riding at IFRs 31-33.

### **JET McCOY – 5 TOTAL IPRA WORLD TITLES**

Jet is one of the most well-known cowboys in IPRA history. He qualified for the past 12 years and first joined the IPRA in 1997 at the age of 18. That year Jet was named the IPRA Rookie of the Year All-Around cowboy as well as Saddle Bronc Riding Rookie. He has won a total of five IPRA World Championships including: All-Around Cowboy in 1999-2001 and Saddle Bronc Riding World Champion in 1998-99. On top of all his accomplishments, Jet has also won the IFR Average eight times in the Saddle Bronc and the All-Around as well as had the highest marked rides at IFRs 29, 30, 34, 37 and 38.

### **MIKE OUTHIER – 4 TOTAL IPRA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Mike won three All-Around world titles (1995-97) and 1 Saddle Bronc Riding World Title (1997). (He won his first All-Around World Champion title at the age of 18 in his first year in the IPRA as was also named Rookie of the Year in 1995.) He set the record in 1997 for earning \$46,195.48 in the Saddle Bronc Riding event, the most in a single rodeo season. His IFR accomplishments include: Saddle Bronc Riding Average winner at IFRs 27 and 28 as well as the All-Around champion at IFR 26 and 27. He is the only cowboy to win the average in the Bareback Riding and the Saddle Bronc Riding at the same finals (IFR 27).

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### **DENNIS MORRIS – 4 BULL RIDING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Dennis won World Championship titles in 1990, 1992-94, a total of four. He is the record holder for the highest scored ride in IFR history, tied with Bobby Gillis and Tyson Hughes with a 90-point ride. Dennis won the average at IFR 24, has finished among the top five bull riders six times and was a pickup man at IFR 39.

### **MESA LEAVITT- 4 BARREL RACING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

At only 14 years old, Mesa Leavitt was well on her way to becoming the winningest cowgirl in the history of the IPRA. She has won four consecutive Barrel Racing World Championships and has also won three Average titles out of her four IFR qualifications. Leavitt is the youngest cowgirl to ever win four consecutive World Championship titles.

### **JOSH CRAGAR - 4 BAREBACK RIDING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Cragar has won the Bareback Riding World Title in 2010-2011, 2017, and 2020.

### **COREY BAILEY - 4 BULL RIDING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Bailey has won the Bull Riding World Title in 2016-2019.

### **BRIAN MASSEY- 3 BAREBACK RIDING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Massey won the world title in the bareback riding in 1997-1999

### **SEAN PRATER - 3 SADDLE BRONC RIDING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Prater won the Saddle Bronc Riding World Championship in 2008, 2012 and 2014.

### **TERRY CROW – 3 TEAM ROPING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Terry has appeared at 29 IFRs in the Team Roping and Tie-Down Roping events. He has won a total of 3 Team Roping World Championships and currently holds the record for the most money won in the Team Roping event, a record set in 2002 with \$39,401.36 in season earnings. He has qualified for the IFR in the Team Roping 29 times and the Tie-Down Roping 5 times. He has recorded the fastest time in the team roping at IFRs 5, 31 and 32. His brother Steve Crow was the 2-time World Champion Tie-Down Roper in 1985 and 1987. Terry is still an active competitor at IPRA rodeos all over the country.

### **DEKLAN GARLAND – 3 BULL RIDING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Deklan started his 3 consecutive year winning streak in 2020. He then took home the gold buckles in 2021 and 2022.

### **KODY RINEHART – 3 SADDLE BRONC WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Kody is another one that took home his first of 3 consecutive world titles in 2020. Following that year he went on to win the world title in saddle bronc in 2021 and 2022.