



## **DEKLAN GARLAND**

### **2022 WORLD CHAMPION BULL RIDER**

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**HOMETOWN: DUNCAN, OK**

**AGE: 23**

“I couldn’t have asked for a better IFR,” said Deklan. “When I come into any finals in 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> position, I usually ride pretty well. If I’m leading coming in, I tend to be a little lackadaisical. I try harder and try to make a statement when I’m lower in the standings.”

“My favorite bull of the IFR was Stagecoach Slinger from Oubre Rodeo Company. At my first IFR, I won a round on one of Bubba’s bulls and he’s still wearing the buckle. When I saw I had his bull, I slapped him on the leg and said, “let’s get you a new buckle” and we did!”

“I’ve been riding bulls professionally now for 5 years. I have to say my dad, John Garland, has had the biggest influence on my career. I’ve received lots of coaching from pro bull riders through the years, but my dad is the one that is always there standing beside me even when I’m riding like crap. He used to ride bulls and saddle bronc horses in Australia before he started training cutting horses and moved to the United States in 1999. He’s the one who taught me to be a champion.”

“The Lazy E is like my home; I’ve won 6 world titles there and 2 reserves during my career. I’m looking forward to coming back for IFR54.