



Invitational Ranch Rodeo Recap

Congratulations to Broken Spear Ranch from Model, Colorado, on their win at the 2023 Invitational Ranch Rodeo. In front of a record crowd, the first-time competitors at the National Western Stock Show were one of two teams representing Colorado. As the champion team, they received an invite to next year's NWSS Invitational Ranch Rodeo. Five states were represented including Kansas, Texas, Nebraska, New Mexico, and Colorado. Eight prestigious teams from historic ranches in the region are invited to compete in four events and a shot at over \$26,000 in prize money. The events are Cut & Brand, Team Sorting, Double Mugging and Wild Cow Milking.



In the Cut & Brand, Wilson Cattle Co. won in 53.72 seconds and came close to beating the arena record of 53.40 seconds that was set by Crutch Ranch in 2020. Jolly Ranch and S&L Cattle won the Team Sorting event with a time of 42.88 seconds. Broken Spear Ranch won the Double Mugging and the Wild Cow Milking with respective times of 46.03 seconds and 46.56 seconds. While many of these times are impressive, the arena records for each event remain intact.

Judges Luke Ewing and Luke Meier officiated a tough event with competitive teams, all split by mere points heading into the final event. Rodey Wilson with Wilson Cattle Co was awarded Top Hand and his horse "Metallic Outlaw" earned Top Horse. Jolly Ranch and S&L Cattle won the Excellence in Animal Care award, which gives recognition to the Ranch Rodeo team who is mindful of the care and handling of the stock in the Invitational Ranch Rodeo and displays proper and respectable animal husbandry practices while being cognizant of the competitive atmosphere.

To learn more about the Invitational Ranch Rodeo, please visit <https://nationalwestern.com/horse-shows/>

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