

DNCFR divvies up \$300,000

Dan Hubbell photo

Circuit cowboys rope and ride for national titles

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POCATELLO, Idaho — Cowboys who don't usually "flip their lids" did during the Wrangler Round finals of the \$300,000 1993 Dodge National Circuit Finals Rodeo.

Tim Segelke and Ty Murray, two of professional rodeo's most unassuming — and opposite — characters raised their Resistols to the rafters of Holt Arena in celebration of a 4.1-second steer wrestling run and an 84-point bronc ride, respectively.

Segelke and Murray have little more than their DNCFR titles and a habit of winning in common. Segelke's a timed-event cowboy who usually sticks pretty close to home in Snyder, Colo. Murray, the reigning world champion all-around cowboy, is a roughstock rider who flies over his house in Stephenville, Texas, more than he sleeps there.

The format of the DNCFR takes a field of 24 contestants in each event — two from each circuit — and narrows it to the top eight finishers from the average paid on the first two rounds. Those eight compete in the Wrangler Round semifinals, where the roster tightens to four in each event. The Wrangler Round finals is a sudden-death ride-off for the DNCFR championships.

Segelke and Murray were both smiling when the curtain fell on closing night of the March 17-20 DNCFR.

"Having a chance to be a national champion is a big incentive for circuit cowboys," Segelke said. "Dodge's support of this rodeo helps the circuit cowboys and those who win all the time. A lot of time the circuit cowboys don't get the credit they deserve. I like the format. The last run's where all the chips are down — you go home either the champ or the chump."

Segelke, who traveled hard enough to let his talent talk his way to the 1990 National Finals Rodeo, said his \$7,915 DNCFR win ranked right up there with winning the 1985 National High School Rodeo Association Finals.

"I'm going to buy Vickie (his wife) and Hayden (the couple's 7-month-old daughter) some presents," he said. "I might even think about going to a few more rodeos this year."

Murray, the rodeo's \$9,743 all-around champ, won \$8,542 of it in the saddle bronc riding event.



Tim Segelke of Snyder, Colo., cruised through four rounds of DNCFR competition and never let up until he

had the steer wrestling championship in hand. The Mountain States Circuit bulldogger earned \$7,915.

He clinched the DNCFR championship aboard a spinning Skoal's Beverly Hills of the Western Rodeos Inc. string.

"I'd seen the horse once before at the (Original Coors Rodeo) Showdown, and Cody (Lambert) reminded me tonight that when I watched him buck there I said I'd like to get on him," Murray said. "Then I said, 'Oh yeah.' I prefer a spinning horse as long as he keeps kicking. The horses that kick and spin are my favorites. They're harder to ride when they're spinning so there's more of a challenge to it. It looks like a neat bronc ride — it

ain't the same old deal.

"When I was a little boy I asked my dad what it felt like to ride a spinning bull. He said, 'Just like one that goes straight, but it's in a circle.'"

A kid named Dan was the "Lone Wolfe" to ride his bull in the Wrangler Round finals. Wolfe mastered the Buddy Pinz bull Copenhagen Megabucks for 85 points and the DNCFR title. Cody Custer — the only bull rider to ride three of four bulls at DNCFR '93 — and Megabucks topped the event at

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AUSTIN, TEXAS

Austin is one bold step for Bolding

AUSTIN, Texas — Kendall Bolding is ready to take a bold step.

The 34-year-old steer wrestler from Yukon, Okla., buoyed by his victory at the Austin Travis County Livestock Show and Rodeo, March 19-28, is about to make a bid to qualify for his first National Finals Rodeo.

"You look at the top guys in the bulldogging standings," Bolding said. "And you'll see that they aren't all spring chickens. I'm not over the hill yet."

Bolding bought his first PRCA card in 1981, but he has never gone full time before.

"I've been running cattle down here with my father,

Gerald," Bolding said. "It's been hard to get away.

"But I figure it's time. I've got a good setup with Mike Sanders entering for me and I've got a great ride."

He's talking about Catfish, Alfalfa Feddersen's 22-year-old bulldogging horse.

"He's working as well as any horse out there right now," Bolding said. "He deserves a lot of the credit for how things worked out at Austin."

Bolding grounded two steers in 8.0 seconds. He won the second round with a 3.9-second run and finished second in the first go with a 4.1-second time. He was

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NACOGDOCHES, TEXAS

Guay learns way to winner's circle

NACOGDOCHES, Texas — Teacher Chris Guay learned a lot at the Nacogdoches County Championship Rodeo, March 24-27.

Guay, 30, of Stephenville, Texas, scored 79 points on All-Star Rodeo Co.'s Copenhagen Superstar and won the bareback riding title

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"I won the college bull riding championship in 1991," said Wolfe of Laramie, Wyo. "To me, this is the next stepping stone. The next step is that gold buckle, but it's going to have to come from the big ones 'cause I burn out real fast on the road."

Wolfe's DNCFR story ranged from rags to riches. He actually felt like the key to his win was getting bucked off in the opening round.

"I had Lewis Feild's Vee's Own, and he's the rankiest bull I've ever been on," he said. "When you have calf ropers coming up saying how hard he bucked you know he did. It was good to have him in the first round to break the ice."

Vee's Own's prowess that night was recognized by the DNCFR judges, who unanimously marked the bull 24s (points) and 25s. Vee's Own was voted the top bull of DNCFR '93. Wolfe said he never would have stood in the DNCFR winner's circle without the guidance of his mentor, Jody Tatone.

Bareback riding winner Jeffrey Collins of Fort Scott, Kan., gave the Great Lakes Circuit something to cheer about. And he was cheering about \$11,193 when he added up his handful of checks.

"I've dreamed about this. I'm thrilled about it," Collins said. "I came here last year and choked in the top eight (semifinals). I had some making up to do. I'm sure it gets better than this, but this is as good as it gets for me."

Collins realized his dreams with an 81-point trip aboard the famous blue-roan Khadafy Skoal of the Powder River Rodeo Productions herd.

"I was a little intimidated when I first found out I had him," Collins said. "He's a lot of work. Every jump I wasn't sure I was going to be there for the next one."

When calf roper Kyle Kosoff threw his hands in the air on a 9.1-second, DNCFR-winning run, the grandstands shook.

"I think the whole town of Ogden was here," said Kosoff, who hauled home \$7,984. "Just about everyone I know is here tonight."

"I just bought a Dodge (truck) the day before I came here. I'll pick it up Monday. This'll help with that. And I was about to have to buy a new hat, but I won a (Resistol) Black Gold here. This is great."

The 1991 DNCFR team roping record owned by the Columbia River Circuit's Troy Frazier and Wade Jess is now shared three ways. Jumping in on the tie this year were the event's big-money winners (\$5,558 each), Tee Woolman and Rich Skelton, who won the semifinals in a record-tying 5.9 seconds. The third party in the split were DNCFR team roping champions Scott English and Will Schmidt, who stopped the clock that quick in the finals to edge Woolman and Skelton by a tenth of a second for the title.

"This is the biggest thing I've ever won and the most money (\$5,053 each) I've ever won at a rodeo," said Schmidt of Nerberg, Ore. "It hasn't been a great winter, so this'll keep us going awhile."

English had to rush home to Mesa, Wash., from the DNCFR because his wife, Kim, was expecting their first baby any minute.

"Will and I are trying to make the Finals so this money will help us keep trying for that," he said. "This is an

outstanding rodeo and it's great to win a national championship. I knew with Tee and Rich roping after us that we'd have to make a good run. It meant a lot to me that my parents (Rex and Nettie) were here to see this, because they've helped me toward this since I was 7."

Sharon Smith, the 1992 Resistol barrel racing rookie of the year, rode off with \$8,095 after winning the semifinal and final rounds in 15.72 and 15.79 seconds.

"Winning is a feeling that never gets old," said the 1992 NFR barrel racer from Lakeland, Fla.

DNCFR NOTES: The Turquoise Circuit took the DNCFR team trophy with a record \$49,792. The runner-up team, the Mountain States Circuit, also outdid the previous record — the Sierra Circuit's 1992 mark of \$37,564 — with \$41,458.

The 49,000 people who attended the '93 DNCFR also were record-setters.

The 1993 DNCFR was televised April 3, 9 a.m. PST on ESPN's Wrangler World of Rodeo show. The replay is slated for April 9, 12:30 a.m. PDT.

Dodge National Circuit Finals Rodeo Pocatello, Idaho, March 17-20

All-Around Cowboy: Ty Murray, \$9,743.
Bareback Riding: First Go-round: 1. Mark McKinlay, 81 points on Beard Rodeo's No Savvy Skoal, \$3,199; 2. Bruce Ford, 80, \$2,379; 3. (tie) Wayne Herman, Kirk Richard and Jeffrey Collins, 79, \$800. **Second Go-round:** 1. Shane Call, 80 points on Burns Rodeo Co.'s Byrd, \$3,199; 2. (tie) Clint Corey, Jeffrey Collins, Ty Murray and Ken Lensegr, 77, \$1,200. **Average:** 1. Jeffrey Collins, 156, \$3,199; 2. Mark McKinlay, 155, \$2,399; 3. Clint Corey, 154, \$1,599; 4. (tie) Shane Call and Bruce Ford, 152, \$400. **Semifinals:** 1. (tie) Rocky Steagall, 78 points on Beard's Gold Rush and Jeffrey Collins, 78 points on Beard's MacIntyre, \$2,799; 3. (tie) Mark McKinlay and Clint Corey, 77, \$1,200. **Finals:** 1. Jeffrey Collins, 81 points on Powder River Rodeo Productions' Khadafy Skoal, \$3,199; 2. Mark McKinlay, 79, \$2,399; 3. (tie) Rocky Steagall and Clint Corey, 76, \$1,200.

Saddle Bronc Riding: First Go-round: 1. Billy Etbauer, 79 points on Korkow Rodeo's Skoal's Painted Desert, \$3,106; 2. Ed Lockwood, 75, \$2,330; 3. Richard Oehmigen, 74, \$1,553; 4. Chance Dixon, 73, \$777. **Second Go-round:** 1. Steve Dollarhide, 81 points on Sankey Rodeo Co.'s Betty Jane, \$3,106; 2. Ty Murray, 79, \$2,330; 3. Bud Longbrake, 77, \$1,553; 4. Butch Small, 75, \$777. **Average:** 1. Steve Dollarhide, 150, \$3,106; 2. Bud Longbrake, 147, \$2,330; 3. Billy Etbauer, 146, \$1,553; 4. Ed Lockwood, 145, \$777. **Semifinals:** 1. Ty Murray, 71 points on Lewis Feild's Diamond G Rodeo's Captain Lewie, \$3,106; 2. Mel Coleman, 70, \$2,330; 3. Billy Etbauer, 68, \$1,553; 4. Bud



Ty Murray of Stephenville, Texas, won the Wrangler Round finals with this whirlwind ride aboard Western Rodeos Inc.'s Skoal's Beverly Hills. Murray spun with the big buck-er for 84 points. "I prefer a spinning horse as long as he keeps kicking," Murray said.

Longbrake, 64, \$777. **Finals:** 1. Ty Murray, 84 points on Western Rodeos Inc.'s Skoal's Beverly Hills, \$3,106; 2. Billy Etbauer, 80, \$2,330; 3. Mel Coleman, 77, \$1,553; 4. Bud Longbrake, 69, \$777.

Bull Riding: First Go-round: 1. Gene Palmer, 83 points on Sutton Rodeos Inc.'s Wipe Out Skoal, \$3,391; 2. Mark Cain, 82, \$2,543; 3. (tie) Ted Nuce and Cody Custer, 81, \$1,272. **Second Go-round:** 1. Dan Wolfe, 84 points on Western's Skoal's Psycho, \$3,391; 2. Ted Nuce, 83, \$2,543; 3. Sterling Lamb, 80, \$1,696; 4. (tie) J.C. Sanders and Greg Oules, 79, \$424. **Average:** 1. Ted Nuce, 164, \$3,391; 2. Cody Custer, 158, \$2,543; 3. Dan Wolfe, 84 points on one bull, \$1,696; 4. Gene Palmer, 83, \$848. **Semifinals:** 1. Cody Custer, 90 points on Midwest Rodeo Co.'s Crash Landing Skoal, \$3,391; 2. Ted Nuce, 0, \$2,543; 3. Dan Wolfe, 0, \$1,696; 4. Gene Palmer, 0, \$848. **Finals:** 1. Dan Wolfe, 85 points on Pinz Rodeo's Copenhagen Megabucks, \$3,391; 2. Cody Custer, 0, \$2,543; 3. Ted Nuce, 0, \$1,696; 4. Gene Palmer, 0, \$848. (Ties broken based on previous rounds.)

Calf Roping: First Go-round: 1. Tim Hansen, 8.9, \$3,194; 2. Brent Lewis, 9.2, \$2,395; 3. Joe Beaver, 9.5, \$1,597; 4. Ray Brown, 9.9, \$798. **Second Go-round:** 1. Brad Goodrich, 8.9, \$3,194; 2. Kyle Kosoff, 9.1, \$2,395; 3. D.R. Daniel, 9.6, \$1,597; 4. Kurt Goulding, 10.4, \$798. **Average:** 1. Brent Lewis, 20.0, \$3,194; 2. Joe Beaver, 20.1, \$2,395; 3. K.C. Jones, 21.6, \$1,597; 4. Kyle Kosoff, 22.1, \$798. **Semifinals:** 1. Kurt Goulding, 8.4,

\$3,194; 2. Joe Beaver, 9.0, \$2,395; 3. Kyle Kosoff, 9.2, \$1,597; 4. (tie) Mike Arnold and Bill Huber, 9.7, \$399. **Finals:** 1. Kyle Kosoff, 8.1, \$3,194; 2. Mike Arnold, 9.6, \$2,395; 3. Joe Beaver, 10.4, \$1,597; 4. Kurt Goulding, no time, \$798.

Steer Wrestling: First Go-round: 1. C.J. Urbanek, 5.5, \$3,333; 2. Rod Lyman, 5.9, \$2,499; 3. Scott Selland, 6.1, \$1,666; 4. Bob Ryan, 6.3, \$833. **Second Go-round:** 1. Myron Morehouse Jr., 5.3, \$3,333; 2. Bob Ryan, 5.5, \$2,499; 3. Ote Berry, 5.6, \$1,666; 4. Mark Parker, 5.7, \$833. **Average:** 1. Bob Ryan, 11.8, \$3,333; 2. Tim Segelke, 12.9, \$2,499; 3. Tom Farrelly, 14.3, \$1,666; 4. Mark Parker, 15.1, \$833. **Semifinals:** 1. Scott Selland, 4.4, \$3,333; 2. (tie) Tim Segelke and Bob Lummus, 5.5, \$2,083; 4. C.J. Urbanek, 5.6, \$833. **Finals:** 1. Tim Segelke, 4.1, \$3,333; 2. C.J. Urbanek, 4.3, \$2,499; 3. Bob Lummus, 4.5, \$1,666; 4. Scott Selland, 5.8, \$833.

Team Roping: First Go-round: 1. Kyon Sayer/Jake Barnes, 6.2, \$2,021; 2. Will Schmidt/Scott English, 7.1, \$1,516; 3. Dennis Tryan/Sam Bird, 7.3, \$1,011; 4. Danny Schicke/Derek Schicke, 8.7, \$505. **Second Go-round:** 1. Rich Skelton/Tee Woolman, 6.6, \$2,021; 2. Kory Mytty/Shane Schwenke, 7.2, \$1,516; 3. Wayne Stoltzfus/Cory Clement, 7.6, \$1,011; 4. (tie) Breck Bean/Jody Stubbs, Joe Baker/Spunk Sasser and Jim Rukavina/Rick Steed, 8.2, \$168. **Average:** 1. Joe Baker/Spunk Sasser, 18.5, \$2,021; 2. Ty Shepard/Rick Shepard, 18.6, \$1,516; 3. Kory Mytty/Shane Schwenke, 19.8, \$1,011; 4. Will Schmidt/Scott English, 19.9, \$505. **Semifinals:** Rich Skelton/Tee Woolman, 5.9, \$2,021; 2. Kory Mytty/Shane Schwenke, 6.5, \$1,516; 3. Will Schmidt/Scott English, 6.8, \$1,011; 4. Ty Shepard/Rick Shepard, 7.2, \$505. **Finals:** 1. Will Schmidt/Scott English, 5.9, \$2,021; 2. Rich Skelton/Tee Woolman, 6.0, \$1,516; 3. Ty Shepard/Rick Shepard, 7.5, \$1,011; 4. Kory Mytty/Shane Schwenke, 11.5, \$505.

Barrel Racing: First Go-round: 1. Sharon Kobold, 15.52, \$3,238. **Second Go-round:** 1. Nicol Peterson Hoffman, 15.57, \$3,238. **Average:** 1. Mardee Hollenbeck, 31.36, \$3,238. **Semifinals:** 1. Sharon Smith, 15.72, \$3,238. **Finals:** 1. Sharon Smith, 15.79, \$3,238.

Rodeo Secretaries: Rowena Nelson, Judy Ackley; **Stock Contractors:** Beard Rodeos, Brookman Rodeo Co., Burns Rodeo Co., Lewis Feild's Diamond G Rodeos, Sutton Rodeos Inc., Midwest Rodeo Co., Powder River Rodeo Productions, Korkow Rodeos, Broken Arrow Rodeos Inc., Z5 Rodeos Inc., Pinz Rodeo Co., Western Rodeos Inc., Sankey Rodeo Co., (timed-event cattle) John Marchello; **Officials:** Larry Davis, Duane Howard, Butch Kirby, Jade Robinson; **Timers:** Carol Korkow, Lillian Montano; **Announcers:** Zoop Dove, Bob Tallman; **Specialty Act:** Quail Dobbs; **Clowns/Bullfighters:** Rande Munnis, Loyd Ketchum, Rowdy Barry, Dwayne Hargo; **Flankmen:** Hank Franzen, Frank Beard, Jim Korkow, Buddy Pinz, Dan Russell, Ike Sankey, Ray Owen; **Chute Bosses:** Sonny Linger, John Marchello; **Pickup Men:** Randy Hoffman, Milt Patterson.

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Kyle Kosoff of Ogden, Utah, won four checks at the 1993 DNCFR worth \$7,984. He won the Wrangler Round finals with a slick 8.1-second run to take the DNCFR calf roping title by a second and a half. Kosoff credited his grandmother's soup with the win.