

## Cowtown rodeo results

The steer wrestling event seemed by far to be the most difficult one Saturday night at the Cowtown Rodeo. Out of 17 steers to be thrown only 3 Cowboys managed to hold on to the horns of the animals long enough to throw them. Fred Davies was one of the lucky ones and won top money of \$179.28 in a longer than average time of 16.1 sec.

There was only .08 of a second separating first and fourth money in the girl's barrel race, with Dale Bibbo and Judy Clement pushing season's top money winner Diane Sleeter to third place for the first time this year.

Dale Bibbo ran the race in 18.15 seconds and won the event for \$131.32.

Wally Goff had to ride two Bare Back Broncs for his winnings of \$158.76. The judges awarded Wally a re-ride after his first horse decided to roll over on him and Wally marked a 61 the second time around.

John Risoli made a high mark of 69 in the bull riding event and took home \$237.16.

The cornerstone of all rodeo events, Saddle bronc riding, was won by Grant Harris with a mark of 56 for \$96.04.

Bob Roberto tied Junior Lattella's season's arena

calf roping record of 11.6 Seconds and made \$237.16. Pick-up man Hartley Hiles fell from his horse, apparently from heat exhaustion, was treated at the Salem County Memorial Hospital and released.

2,360 people came to see the 99 contestants ride, wrestle, rope and run for the \$2,478.65 in prize money.

**Steer Wrestling**  
1 - Fred Davies, Farmingdale, N.J.; 2 - Tom Halikman, Monroeville, N.J.; 3 - Andy Harris, Cowtown, N.J.; 4 - Ground Split between 14 other contestants who failed to throw their steer.

**Girl's Barrel Race**  
1 - Dale Bibbo, Spring Valley, N.Y.; 2 - Judy Clement, Thorofare, N.J.; 3 - Diane Sleeter, Laurel Springs, N.J.; 4 - Lorriane Alexander, Newton, N.J.

**Brahma Bull Riding**  
1 - John Risoli, Madison, Fla.; 2 - Andy Harris, Cowtown, N.J.; 3 - Hartley Morris Jr., Deepwater, N.J.; 4 - Jeff Cassaway, Allentown, Pa.

**Bare Back Bronc Riding**  
1 - Wally Goff, Ft. Worth, Tex.; 2 - Jack Meli, St. Cloud, Fla.; 3 - Jimmie Lee Walker, Cowtown, N.J.; 4 - Jay Stover, New Holland, Pa.

**Saddle Bronc Riding**  
1 - Grant Harris, Cowtown, N.J.; 2 - Wyatt Crotta, Bethany, Conn.; 3 - Rocky Foster, Newark, Del.; 4 - Ground Split between 3 others.

**Calf Roping**  
1 - Bob Roberto, Haskell, N.J.; 2 - Quinn D'Imperio, Cherry Hill, N.J.; 3 - Steve Stevenson, Neschanic Sta. N.J.; 4 - Bud Bramwell, Norwalk, Conn.

## Sheep fertility improved

FORT COLLINS, COLO. — A new experimental treatment could improve the fertility of sheep and other livestock given hormones to synchronize estrus, says Dr. Harold W. Hawk, a physiologist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Livestock treated with hormones to synchronize estrus, may have a low fertility rate caused by poor transport of sperm to the cervix and oviducts where fertilization of the egg takes place. Fewer sperm greatly reduces the chance of an egg being fertilized. Low fertility may also occur for this reason in livestock bred shortly after giving birth.

In experiments at the USDA's Agricultural Research Center, Beltsville, MD, ewes were injected with different levels of estradiol, a natural estrogen compound, 4 hours before mating or shortly after mating. Tests showed that 30 micrograms of estradiol per ewe increased the number of sperm transported from the

vagina to the cervix, uterus and oviducts. Experiments with up to 150 micrograms of estradiol showed no adverse effects on sperm transport, ovum fertilization or embryo survival.

"Injecting sheep with 30 micrograms of estradiol after mating increased the number of sperm found in the cervix by 3-fold and by 10-fold the number found in the uterus and oviducts," Hawk said.

"Treatment of animals with 30 micrograms of estradiol at the time of mating might be a simple, inexpensive procedure for increasing fertility in estrus-synchronized livestock," he said.

At present, treatment with estradiol is in the experimental stage and has not been approved by the Food and Drug Administration for use in increasing fertility in sheep or other livestock.

Dr. Hawk reported his research before the annual meeting of the American Society of Animal Science.

## Dairy Club formed

A local 4-H dairy club formed in the southwestern part of York county this spring has recently been named "Da Lund des Millich und Hunig" Dairy Club (Pennsylvania Dutch for The Land of Milk and Honey dairy club). Officers are as follows: Pres. - Gary Thoman; V. Pres. - Tom Perry, Sec.-Treas. - Ann Miller, News reporter - Nancy Krone.

The club recently toured the Turkey Hill dairy farm located at Conestoga, Pa. Leroy Bupp presented a demonstration on trimming feet at the July meeting held at his farm. Members will be showing their animals at the Dallastown Fair Aug. 5 - 9.

Previous meetings held include a fitting and showmanship demonstration at the Harold Feeser farm, and a meeting at the Perrydale farm.

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