

# Clowning around ain't no bull for Quail Dobbs

DENVER, Colo. — You can bet no bull rider will ever tell Quail Dobbs to quit clowning around, for if Dobbs did it might mean that cowboy's life.

Sporting baggy pants and painted smile, Dobbs risks his life to save the lives of hundreds of Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) bull riders each

year and, at the same time, entertains thousands of spectators who turn out to watch cowboys compete for top prize money and Winston

Rodeo Awards on the PRCA circuit. "Sure, we're out there to entertain people, but when you get to the bottom line our job is to keep the bulls from

hurting somebody bad," says Dobbs, who was recently selected "PRCA Rodeo Clown of the Year" during the PRCA convention here.

In the rodeo arena, Dobbs is a cross between a comic

and a matador. He works mainly during bull riding, one of rodeo's most exciting - and dangerous - events. In it, cowboys try to stay on the back of a bucking Brahma bull for eight seconds.

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It may look like Quail Dobbs (in barrel) and Skipper Voss are having a fun time, but fighting bulls in the rodeo arena is serious business. When they're not putting on an act like this, the rodeo clowns are keeping mean Brahma bulls from attacking the cowboys who ride them for top prize money and Winston Rodeo Awards on the PRCA circuit.

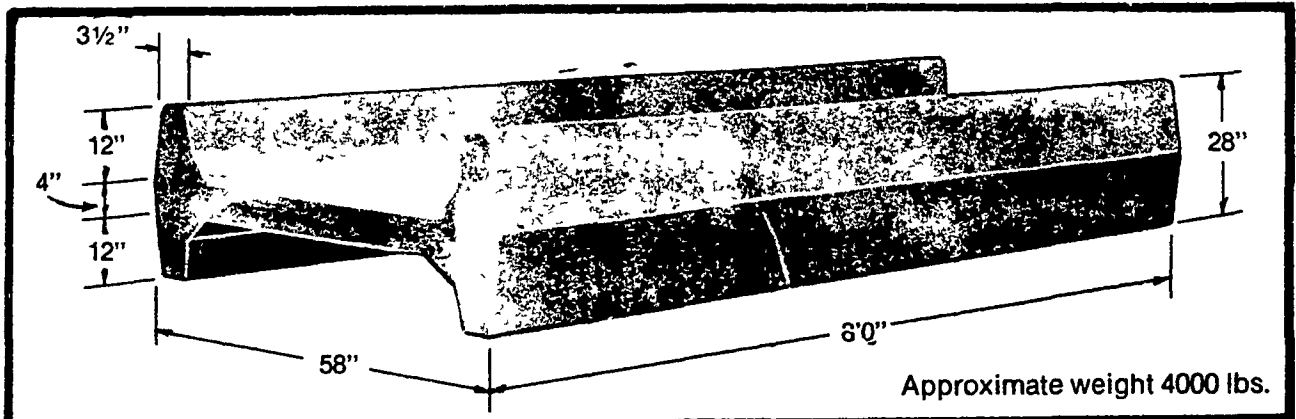


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