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South Australia Wins the National Bronco Branding Titles



Swanvale team in action Lester Caine (Qld)

Fine and sunny was the weather report, just what the Oodnadatta Bronco Branding Committee ordered when South Australia hosted the National Championships in Oodnadatta on July 8. The competitors rocked up, checked out the size of the calves amongst the poll Hereford herd supplied by the Clarke family of Allandale Station for the big event. Twenty-five teams were nominated for the Southern Cross Machinery Singles, eighteen representing South Australia and seven representing

Queensland, including a female team from each state. Judges were Gordon Lillecrapp (Todmorden Station), Donald Byrnes (Adelaide) and Grant McSporron (Anna Creek Station), with timekeepers Wendy Buck (Oodnadatta) and Kelly Evans (Balaklava). Commentators Andrew Clarke (Allandale Station) and Ken Griffith (Queensland) kept the crowd informed throughout the day. The Oodnadatta racetrack was buzzing with over four hundred spectators, merchandise stalls from the R.F.D.S.,

Bundaberg Rum, Coober Pedy Wear-House and the Oodnadatta School. R.I.C.E. entertained the toddlers and pre-schoolers, the Transcontinental Hotel and Oodnadatta Progress served food and refreshments all day and the bar was kept busy. After a very entertaining first heat in the singles, the top five teams in the final round were the Macumba, the Croweaters, the Oodnadatta, Swanvale (Queensland) and the Tracker 1.

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Winners of the 2000 Singles Championship were the Macumba team with a time of 7.00 minutes. Catcher Eddy Nunn of Macumba Station had ground crew Derek Rowe, Tom Curnow, both of Coober Pedy and Warren Teague of Peake Station (1998 Singles Champion was the Stonehenge team Queensland). Second place was the Oodnadatta team with 7.06 minutes. Catcher Tony Williams with ground crew Shane and Tim Williams all of Mount Barry Station and Phantom of Hamilton Station. The Croweaters were placed third with a time of 7.25 minutes. Catcher David Hunter came from Leigh Creek, his ground crew were Colin Greenfield of Billa Kilina Station, Clayton Schmidt of Mount Barry Station and Jack Maloney. The calcutta, very popular with the crowd, was held on the T and R Pastoral Doubles. Fourteen teams nominated for this event and the top five went into the final round. The Doubles Champion for the second consecutive time was the Oodnadatta team with catchers Tony Williams and David Hunter and their ground crew Shane and Tim Williams and Phantom with a time of 7.01 minutes. Second place Eddy Nunn/Paul Williams team and their ground crew Cactus, Leon Williams and Craig Boland with 8.18 minutes. Third place was the Trackers team, with 8.40 minutes. Catchers Shane and James Oldfield from the Birdsville Track and ground crew G. Sheehan, B. Ruttleledge and M. Clarke.

After all the Bronco Branding completed there was a calf scruffing event. First was Derek Rowe, Normie Sims, Hayden Butts. Second place Colin Greenfield, Stretch and Brett Gilbertson and third place Tony, Shane and Tim Williams.



*1st Place Singles Champions - Macumba Team
L-R Tom Curnow, Derek Rowe, Warren Teague and Eddie Nunn*



*2nd Place Singles Champions - Oodnadatta Team
L-R Tony Williams, Shane Williams, Tim Williams and Phantom*



*3rd Place Singles Champions - Croweaters
L-R Clayton Schmidt, Colin Greenfield and David Hunter*

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Finally the steer ride with excitement, thrills and spills from the competitors with a couple of clowns added inside the arena gave the spectators some entertainment. Matthew Braithwaite of Mount Dare won the steer ride with a score 71 points; equal second was Jack Maloney and Ian Morris with 67 points. The Brahman steers were supplied by the Lillecrapp Family of Todmorden Station.

The B.B.Q. Spit tea during the evening (cooked by Frank Novosel and friends), the presentation of the trophies, raffles, then the auction topped off the day. Music and refreshments were provided until late and a good day enjoyed by all.

Even though the Queensland teams didn't take home a ribbon, they certainly represented their state and South Australia appreciated their support at the 2000 National Finals. Many thanks from the Oodnadatta Bronco Branding Committee to all our generous sponsors, supporters and many helpers to make such a successful event.

Patsie Williams (Treasurer)

P.S. Raffle Results

Tool Set – Patsie Williams

Floor Rug – Jenny Martin

Swag – Geof Ellis

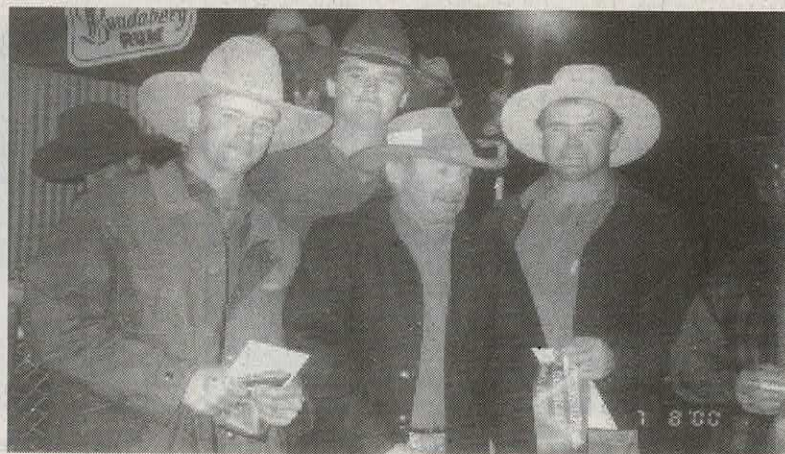
Pottery – Louise Williams



1st Place Doubles Champions - Oodnadatta Team L-R Tim Williams, Shane Williams, Tony Williams, Phantom and David Hunter



2nd Place Doubles Champions - L-R Paul Williams, Mark Williams, Leon Williams, Craig Boland and Eddie Nunn



3rd Place Doubles Champions - Trackers Team L-R Gerard Sheehan, Matthew Clarke, Shane Oldfield and James Oldfield