



The Roping Show

During the Houston Livestock Show (HLSR) and Rodeo in 2003, Ron Myler of Myler's Handmade Bits and I had the opportunity to play golf several times and after one of these outings I asked him if there was a team roping television program on television either regional or national that we don't receive in the Houston area. Ron has made bits for us for many years and I knew that he traveled all across the country to equine events and he would know if there was such a show on television. His response was no, not that he's seen but there needs to be one and maybe I should do it. Dismissing the idea, later that fall I spoke with Ron and he inquired on how the show was progressing. I told him that it was at the same stage as when he left Houston in the spring. The next time anything was said about the show was during the 2004 HLSR when Ron and I again played golf several times and he made further inquiries into the possibility of a team roping program. He encouraged me to at least talk with

some of his contacts in the roping and equine communities. The first person he put me in contact with was Bob Feist of the Roper Sports News and BFI fame. Bob is known for doing more for the advancement of team roping than any other person. He immediately embraced the idea and offered his full support. He is the announcer for our professional team roping shows. Next, Ron suggested that I call Randy Bloomer of Bloomer Trailers to see if he would be interested in allowing us to film the Wildfire Open to the World team roping in Salado, Texas. Randy agreed that professional and amateur team roping needed national exposure. Our first show was of the Wildfire Open to the World filmed in February 2005. After showing him the video of the Open to the World Randy pledged Bloomer Trailers as a show sponsor. Randy then made the suggestion that we contact Tyler Magnus and see if he was interested in providing the show with an instructional and horsemanship segment. I traveled