

to Llano, Texas to Tyler's ranch to talk with him and film the first section of tips. Tyler is known in the equine and roping industry not only as a champion header and heeler but maybe more as a horsemanship instructor. His main focus is that your roping ability can't advance if you don't spend time learning to ride your horse better.

My wife and I had decided when we started that we would finance the project ourselves so that if something were to go wrong and the show never got to air that we wouldn't have a bunch of sponsors feeling like they didn't get their monies worth. As a roper myself I didn't want the reputation that we had somehow taken money and didn't deliver. After we purchased the equipment, shot the first video and assembled the first shows and then we started to look around for possible sponsors. Mark Haddock, a roping partner of mine and a local distributor for "The Rope Shop" which includes Gator Ropes, Magnum Ropes and Rocky Mnt. Ropes put me in touch with Byron Duffin, general manager of The Rope Shop, about a new innovative rope that they were about release. Byron sent me some development ropes to try during the spring of '05, I won 4 buckles and a saddle with the same rope. Needless to say I was sold on the new ROPERVISION Pro Series Ropes and convinced them to come onboard with us. Steve and Allison Giesler owners of the rope shop sent Byron and Kirt Jones (2 time NFR qualifier and endorsee of RoperVision Ropes) to Houston to meet and rope with us for a few days in April '05. I have never met a better and easier bunch of people to get along with then the folks at The Rope Shop in Shelly, Idaho.

Byron Duffin then got me in contact with Jessie Salter of Roper Apparel and Footwear, she immediately put their full support behind the show. During this time I had been in constant contact with Al, Heather and Manda of RFDTV, their patience has been deeply appreciated during the start-up period. We have recently been in contact with the United States Team Roping Championships (USTRC), the largest sanctioning body in the roping industry, they have granted us the rights show their Regional Finals and the USTRC Finals in Oklahoma City where there should be in excess of 4 million dollars in prize money given away this October.

There are others that have helped me get the show rolling, David Key, a professional team roper and organizer of the Texas Invitational Team Roping, Perry and Teresa Di Loreto of Reno, NV, organizers of the richest amateur team roping



(the Reno Rodeo Invitational). Finally the person who has believed in this project from day one, my wife Jane, with out her support and companionship I would of never done the show. There are certainly areas of the show that we are striving to improve and with time and knowledge we will address any shortcomings.

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