

**OKLAHOMA CITY, AUGUST 21, 2023** – The crowd cheers and the dust settles as the Whitmire Ranch & Sumner Cattle Company ranch team was named the back-to-back Champion at the 2023 Oklahoma Cattlemen’s Association (OCA) Ranch Rodeo.

Whitmire Ranch & Sumner Cattle Co. are located in Delaware, Oklahoma. Together they put together a six-person team to compete. This year, the 2023 team included: TJ Davis, Kevin Lawson, Kyle Rasberry, Keith Sumner, Heston Perkins and Wilder Davis.

These cowboys competed against eleven other Oklahoma ranch teams in two days of performances at the Lazy E in Guthrie, Oklahoma. The Whitmire Ranch & Sumner Cattle Co. team placed first in two events, saddle bronc riding and team penning and third in wild cow milking.

The 2023 runner up went to Quarter Circle 99 & Rafter D Ranch from Loco and consisted of these members; Whitney Hall, Kord Kelly, Cooper Crago, Jeff Dees, Jakob Dees.

This years “Top Horse” and “Top Hand” award went to Bud Walker from the Daube Cattle Co./ 3C Cattle Co.. The Top Horse award is given to the most impressive AQHA registered working cowhorse and Top Hand is given to the cowboy or cowgirl who the judges find to be an impressive “all-around” competitor.

The other participating ranches include; A Bar Ranch, Claremore; Barron-Highsmith Cattle Co./T and R Ranch, Oologah; Drummond Land & Cattle Co., Pawhuska; Stuart Ranch, Waurika; Daube Cattle Co. & 3C Cattle Co., Ardmore; 4V Cattle & Cross V, Bristow; Buford Ranches, Hominy; Gray G Bar Ranch, Shidler; Quarter Circle 99 Ranch/Rafter D Ranch, Loco; Lazy Rafter Slash Ranch, Lenapah; Trentman Ranch, Pawhuska/Stierwalt Ranch & Cattle Co., Shidler and Whitmire Ranch/Sumner Cattle Co., Delaware.

The results from all five events are listed below.

Saddle Bronc Riding:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Whitmire Ranch & Sumner Cattle Co.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Daube Cattle Co. / 3C Cattle Co.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Drummond Land and Cattle Co.

Stray Gathering:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Daube Cattle Co. / 3C Cattle Co.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Barron-Highsmith Ranch & T and R Ranches
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Quarter Circle 99 / Rafter D Ranches

Team Penning:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Whitmire Ranch & Sumner Cattle Co.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Drummond Land and Cattle Co.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Gray G Bar

Team Branding:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Quarter Circle 99 / Rafter D Ranches
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Buford Ranches
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Stuart Ranches

Wild Cow Milking:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Trentman / Stierwalt Ranches

2<sup>nd</sup> – Barron-Highsmith & T and R Ranches  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Whitmire Ranch & Sumner Cattle Co.

**Top Hand:**

1<sup>st</sup> - Bud Walker – Daube Cattle Co. / 3C Cattle CO.  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Lane Stierwalt - Trentman / Stierwalt Ranches

**Top Horse:**

1<sup>st</sup> - Bud Walker – Daube Cattle Co. / 3C Cattle Co.  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Jakob Dees – Quarter Circle 99 / Rafter D Ranches

Despite it being a fierce competition, the cowboys don't take home much more than bumps and bragging rights. The event is known as "Cowboys helping kids", the reason behind this event is to raise money for the Children's Health Foundation.

The Children's Health Foundation has been the selected charity since 1997. Since then, OCA has donated more than \$630,000 to CHF to help fund children's medical research and treatments for children here at home in Oklahoma.

During halftime, cowboy boots are passed through the crowd so that spectators can make additional contributions to the CHF. This year at the OCA Ranch Rodeo, more than \$10,000 was collected during the 'Pass the Boot' campaign. This money will be added to the donation to CHF, as well as the proceeds of the rodeo.

Since the start of the OCA Ranch Rodeo, the Oklahoma Ford Dealers have supported the Ranch Rodeo. Because of their generous support, the Ranch Rodeo continues every year and is able to continue to help out the CHF.