

# Women in Team Roping

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You know, we've seen ladies in her pro rodeos like Cheyenne and Salinas. We, you know, we all enter the world series and the U S TRC ropings. And there's no stopping you. There are, you know, controversy see about if women can compete against the guys or if we have the same strength that's as the guy. But I think we do have to work on things as women to get to that level the guys are at, but we have a lady that has proven that.

And that's Whitney DeSalvo, who at the age of 25, which was effective on July 13th and 2020 was the first female to be numbered at an eight Roper. That is insane. So you guys follow DeSalvo. She works hard every day to get to where she is. So in the long scheme of things, there are no limits. I know a lot of women out there just rope for a hobby.

Uh, so it's kinda hard to balance your practices and get to that next level. Like I said no limits. And that's what Lacey and Nora talk about on this episode. So enjoy this episode and if you want to join the conversation, go ahead and use #ropelikeagirl on social media platforms. And let's get this conversation rolling.

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this is Chelsea Shaffer, and this is season four of the score. You all have listened to this podcast, three quarters of a million times, and we are here in season four to bring you even more of what you love.

Hi, I'm Lacey with roping.com. And today I'm here with Nora Huntley and we're going to kind of talk to you a little bit about women in team roping in, you know, just the, um, just the

sheer amount of opportunities that we have as women today and team roping. Yeah, I'm really excited to be a part of roping.com to be one of the women guest coach.

On the, on the website. One thing that I'm really proud of is just women in roping and rodeo in general. Um, the talent has increased significantly since when I first started roping. Now, you know, there are, there are hundreds of women competing, um, for, for hundreds of thousands of dollars. And I just can't credit the producers enough for giving women that opportunity to compete for.

Incredible amounts of money. Yeah. Yeah. It used to be back before my time. Um, you know, women that were pretty, it was pretty rare to see a woman at a team roping and, um, and the ones who were there were really, really Wolfie. They could get it done for sure. And that was about the only reason they got to compete much is because they were so Wolfy.

Um, but now ropers women ropers, especially of all, all age and abilities are able to go out there and compete and not just compete at a little local level, but compete at national levels where they're able to win. You know that they can make a career out of roping if they wanted to, if they tried really hard and, and really put their minds to it and dedicated, dedicated themselves to it.

One of the things that I really want to touch on about women in team roping is the fact that, you know, we do compete against the men and there's been a lot of discussion out there of whether or not, you know, the women can be as fast as the men or, um, you know, whether they can win as much as the men do.

And the thing is, is with, with roping. The world series, you know, we do have that ability to win as much. Um, I do have some points to make about women team ropers versus men team ropers. And some women may disagree with me and others may not. There's women out there like Jackie Crawford and, and, you know, Molly Powell and a bunch of others who are really, really talented ropers.

And there's been some discussion not long ago. That was pretty controversial discussion on the, on the social media about whether or not women could be as fast as. And, um, for me, I think, you know, obviously my ability level is not quite as high as others, but not to discredit myself in any way, shape or form.

I just don't have the time or dedicate enough time or anything like that to my practice for me to go out and be that competitive. However, um, I do know that the women are getting faster and faster. It's a lot of strength though. I think the strength is the main thing. Being able to throw your rope. And as far as some of those men do that kind of keeps us a little bit back from where they are.

How do you feel about that? Sure. You know, I'm, I'm five foot tall and so, um, I definitely lacked some of the strength, but. As a kid growing up, I was taught and a really strong beliefs. This system was instilled in me on setting no limits for myself. And, um, so, so yes, I agree that there are probably some physical limitations, but boy, our sport has really evolved.

I mean, there's a Jimmy, Joe, and there's Larry B and there's a net and Whitney and there's so many women out there that are roping, um, it really high level. Hi handicap numbers, and I'm just, I'm proud of them. I respect them wholeheartedly, uh, for their dedication, uh, for their advancement of the sport, for them being terrific role models to our youth and to women in general, just to, uh, to give back.

The courage, um, and the backing to go in, or because I think it's wonderful. And especially with the handicap system where, you know, theoretically and in a perfect world, we're all given a number where we can compete, um, at a level where it's, you know, it's pretty fair and, and I'm excited. And as a mother, as a stay at home mom and a part-time career person, you know, I can still, um, you know, make it.

Make a good living with my career, with my education in the roping world, helping people with their mental game, with their mental toughness, with their self-esteem, with their self-concept and to encourage women, not to put any limitations on themselves that we have some terrific role models and examples out there of women who are most definitely, um, Just reaching goals beyond my wildest expectations.

Yeah. We are, you know, as women today, we're very capable of, um, going out there and winning. And like I said, and like you said, with the, with the handicap systems and everything else, it's, they've, they've really given us an opportunity. To go out and win a lot of money and be competitive. And it does take dedication and it takes a lot of time and you have to want it.

You have to want it. I think that's a big part of it. Yeah, I think so too. You have to want it and you have to determine how much time you're going to spend, but that there's no limits. Yeah. And those goals for sure. And yeah, no limits. I know we grew up with similar dads, uh, that were very. Um, oh, what's the word I'm looking for?

They were just very encouraging and, but tough. They were tough, you know, and it was, if you want it, you have to go and you have to work hard for it, but you can do it and you can rope just as good as anybody else. So if you put your mind to it, absolutely. So we're going to go ahead and close with that.

Thank you. And if you're a women feel empowered, go out there and rope as many stairs as you can, and don't let anything hold you back. Thank you guys for listening to this great episode with Lacey and Nora. I know I got a whole lot out of it and I hope you guys did too. Remember get an all access membership to re-upping dot com using the score 15 that's T H E S C O R E one five at checkout for 15% off your membership today. .