150 cowboys, cowgirls expected for UM rodeo

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MISSOULA--

More than 150 cowboys and cowgirls from 18 colleges and universities in the northwest are scheduled to participate in the 15th Annual Intercollegiate Rodeo at the University of Montana Thursday, Friday and Saturday (April 9-11).

The rodeo begins at 7 p.m. all three nights in the UM Field House.

Barbara East, Boulder, Colo., secretary of the UM Rodeo Club, said six events are scheduled for cowboys during the rodeo, which is sanctioned by the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA). The events include bull riding, bareback and saddle bronc riding, calf and ribbon roping and steer wrestling.

Cowgirls' events will include barrel racing, breakaway roping and goat tying.

Announcer this year will be Bill Holt of Lolo, a veteran of many rodeo stints.

Stock contractor is Reg Kessler, Miller Creek Road, Missoula, whose rodeo stock has been featured in national rodeo finals several times.

Miss East, who specializes in goat tying, ranks first in that event after two rodeos, the fall rodeo in Missoula and the rodeo last weekend in Lewiston, Idaho.

Cowboys from the University of Montana slated to participate in this weekend's rodeo will include Craig Grub, Medical Lake, Wash.; Wayne Buckingham, White Sulphur Springs; Ed Kyler, Boulder, Mont.; Jack Sept, Forsyth; John Allen, Augusta, and Lloyd Laughery, Melstone.

Another UM cowboy, Doug Knight, Charlo, will be unable to participate in this week's rodeo in Missoula because he broke a leg after making a winning ride in the first go at Lewiston last weekend. Knight presently ranks first in bareback riding and second in the bull riding in the Northwest Region of the NIRA.

The three cowgirls representing UM will be selected from among four coeds-Miss East; Kay Fowle, White Sulphur Springs; Mary Kitchingman, Great Falls, and Lynette Bugli, Stevensville.

The UM Rodeo Queen Contest will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday (April 8) at the John D. Sol Ranch, eight miles west of Missoula on Mullan Road. So far, eight UM coeds are listed as more
contestants for queen honors.

A rodeo parade is slated for 2 p.m. Thursday. The parade will start at the Field House, go downtown and circle back to the Field House.

A rodeo banquet is slated for Wednesday evening at the Holiday Inn, Missoula. The banquet will be for queen contestants and their guests.

The name of the rodeo queen will be announced Thursday night at the UM Field House during the Rodeo Grand Entry shortly after 7 p.m.