

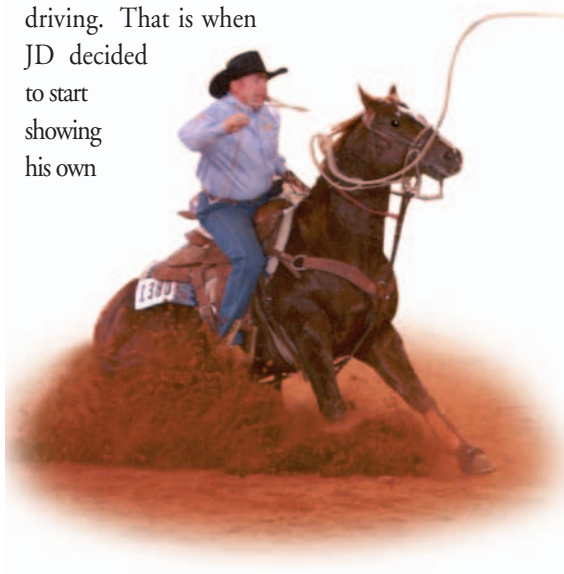
The Horseman's Edge

"The Horseman's Edge" is in its first year of airing on RFD-TV. It is hosted by one of the most recognized trainer in the performance horse industry, JD Yates. JD Yates has an unlimited number of awards and titles, including 26 AQHA World Championships with two Super Horse Titles, 22 time National Finals Rodeo qualifier, 8 time Mountain states PRCA team roper and 5 time Mountain states PRCA All-around champion. JD has owned, trained and showed multiple champions including the junior All Round horse and the senior all around horse.

JD Yates started his horse training experience on the rodeo trail. JD roped heels behind his dad, Dick Yates at the age of 14. They spent many hours on the road, traveling to rodeos and jackpots. The days were long, keeping horses tuned and ready to haul, plus JD had to fit in time for school. He is one of the youngest cowboys to qualify for the National Finals Rodeo, at the age of 15. JD qualified eleven separate times for the National Finals Rodeo with his dad. He furthered his education at college, competing in college rodeos and wining two college championships.

JD loves rodeos, meeting new people and seeing different country. People that know him, knows he loves to talk. After years chasing rodeos, he chose to spend more time horseback and to do that he had to spend less time

driving. That is when JD decided to start showing his own



horse in the American Quarter Horse Association. This is when he won his first world championship. His experience from roping in the rodeos, allowed him the opportunity to help several people around the shows. He really enjoyed helping his fellow cowgirl/cowboy with problems with their horse or their loop.

When at home, JD was always training on a horse for heeling or calf roping. His father, Dick, would be training the heading horses. It gradually evolved into a major business, as outside people would ask the duo to train their horses. They built a show barn for the customer's horses that is heated, with lights to keep them slick and shiny for the shows. JD Yates turned his training and show ability into a business, "Hitchrack Performance Horses". This business is a true family affair. His father, Dick, which got him started with a wealth of knowledge, also shoes all the horses as well as assists in the arena. His mother, Jan, is behind the scene taking care of the business. Kelly, JD's sister, is a four-time NFR qualifier in barrel racing. JD's pride and joy, his son Trey, is practicing his roping, while being active in football, baseball and wrestling.

JD is currently training several horses, for the show arena and the rodeo trail. He loves performance horses and the competition. There have been several articles written about

JD and his views on training, saddles, bits, horses and cattle. He has released two instructional DVDs "Starting the Heading Horse, with JD Yates" and "Starting the Heeling Horse with JD Yates".

