

Luis could lasso a cow

Luis could lasso a cow, which I'd never seen before. And he...we had a heifer once down in the back pasture. There were six of us that couldn't get that animal in the corral. We couldn't get her. She'd run you over. She'd go in the middle of the pond and stand there. And she knew you couldn't get her in the middle of the pond. So I said, Well, there's no other way. I'm gonna have to take Luis down there and see what Luis would do. So he took Luis and Jonas down, and Luis said "You drive the Gator." He saw what happened. She ran him over once. Well, that, to Luis, you'd never lose. Luis don't lose. Luis don't lose at baseball, Luis don't lose with the cows. So we went down. Sure enough, grab the Gator. He went and got his 50 foot of rope. Went down there and he started making one of them big loops. And all I kept thinking, Oh boy, this ought to be just a classic. I got no, he wanted a horse, but I told him this was 23 horses and this was 23 more horses and 23 less bales of hay I had to throw a day. So we were using the Gator. So we went out there and sure enough, lo and behold, he's warping that rope up there. He hits that heifer right around the neck. First shot. We were doing five, six, eight miles an hour on that Gator. Well, he's got 50 feet of rope. Well, that heifer, she's running pretty good for full tilt. And Luis, he's got little short, little legs. So here I am, I'm running behind him, but I'm not keeping up. Okay, so Luis' letting out a little more rope. He's only got maybe ten or 15 feet left, but he's still running down over the hill, headed over the prickler bushes and everything else under that sun out there. Well, he got the good idea. That heifer ran towards a pretty good tree. Luis ran to the opposite side of that tree. And when she ran by that tree, he was going the other way. That heifer went around because the rope kind of pulled her, so she went to start to do like a half moon. Well, that heifer's now running straight at him. He ducks, runs underneath the rope, keeps right on running in the other direction. Well, he run around a couple of times and I can hear him yelping and whistling and everything else. But sometimes you don't really know if that's good or bad with Luis, because he is a yelper and a whistler. But by the time I caught up to him and he's standing there with a big grin on his face. And he's got that—"tractor." That's all he could say, "you tractor." So I knew just what he meant. That was "go get the tractor." So I did. Sure enough, went and got the tractor with the trailer, pulled the trailer up there. And my father and everybody else couldn't believe it. Couldn't believe their eyes. He's prouder than a peacock sitting there. He's got that heifer tied to a tree who's fighting that thing for all it's worth. And he's got it tied there. So we loaded that heifer on it. He thought that was...I think my father gave him 50 bucks right there. 50 bucks cash. You know, that heifer could have potentially killed somebody, as mean as she was. I mean, she backed gates and jumped right over five or six strands of barbed wire fence and...Oh, but yeah. Luis took care of that.g