

A Rodeo in Norwich

The Wild West came to Norfolk on 7th August 1943, when the American airmen organised a Rodeo at Carrow Road, the home of Norwich City Football Club.

Among the highlights of an action packed programme that included steer riding, bucking horses and bare-back relays were attempts to milk and wild cow, a 'catch the greased pig' competition, and a yodelling solo by Sgt Gene Radcliffe, better known as 'Montana Slim'.



The event was the highlight of Norfolk and Norwich Charities Week. The Eastern Daily Press reported:

'Galloping, leaping, lassoing their way about, and accompanied by the weird yodellings of *'Ragtime Annie'* and *'Cowboy Sweetheart'*, aided by a Hill Billy Band, these American soldier-cowboys performed many feats of reckless but expert horsemanship.'