ANGOLA PRISON RODEO

Notoriety and cash prizes draw inmates into the action at one of the nation's last prison rodeos.

A bull knocks inmate Milburn Bates out of a chair while playing Convict Poker during Sunday's Angola Prison Rodeo. Bates was the last of four inmates to remain sitting at the poker table in the presence of a large bull.

Angola inmate James Blackburn struggles to hold onto his rigging while competing in the bare-back riding competition during the Angola Rodeo Sunday afternoon.

ABOVE: Angola inmate Johnny Brooks gets a chance to talk to his wife at Sunday's rodeo.
RIGHT: A guard keeps watch over inmates who did not participate in the rodeo, but were in attendance as spectators as they file out to return to their cells Sunday afternoon.

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