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# City chucks take lead

CALGARY (Special)—Grande Prairie drivers are lodged in first and third places for the overall championship following three days of chuckwagon racing at the Calgary Stampede.

The Merle Anderson wagon from Carbon, Alta., driven by Ralph Vigen of Grande Prairie, recorded a time of 1:14.70 Saturday to maintain the lead among the 35 rigs. Total time for the wagon is 3:39.85.

Lyal Adam's rig from Grande Prairie, with Dave Lewis at the reins, holds third place with a total time of 3:42.30. Lewis' time Saturday was 1:14.40.

A third Grande Prairie wagon, driven by Archie Hackwell, had a time of 1:14.52 Saturday and is farther down in the total time standings.

# Sheckter rig wins chuckwagon derby

The Jack Sheckter rig of Edmonton driven by Tommy Dorchester rumbled through a mud studded course here yesterday to top the field of eight wagons in a one day stand of the annual county fair days chuckwagon races.

Dorchester competing in the fourth and final heat of the evening recorded a time of one minute, 11.4 seconds in a victory over Mearle Anderson's outfit of Carbon who ended up with the next best time of one minute, 12.4 seconds.

The Sheckter entry received the Windsor Motor's trophy following the action while driver Dorchester was presented with the Ed Norton award.

Lyle Adam's Grande Prairie wagon won the third heat with a time of one minute, 13 seconds over the defending world champion Denham Brother's entry of Wetaskewin driven by Garry Dorchester. Dave Lewis driving Adam's rig was one second ahead of his partner and his time was good enough for a third place finish.

In the second heat Ken

Tanner's outfit of Whitecourt driven by Dallas Dorchester won over city entry owned and driven by Ralph Vigen.

## CHUCKWAGON RESULTS

FIRST – The Jack Sheckter outfit of Edmonton driven by Tommy Dorchester. Time 1:11.4.

SECOND – Mearle Anderson's wagon from Carbon driven by Ralph Vigen. Time 1:12.4.

THIRD -- The Lyle Adam entry of Grande Prairie driven by Dave Lewis. Time 1:13.0.

FOURTH – Westaskewin's representative the Denham Brothers driven by Garry Dorchester. Time 1:14.0.

FIFTH – The Ken Tanner rig of Whitecourt driven by Dallas Dorchester. Time 1:14.4.

SIXTH – Grande Prairie's Ralph Vigen wagon outfit driven by Ralph Vigen. Time 1:18.5.

SEVENTH – The Ron David entry of Calgary driven by Ron David. Time 1:20.8.

EIGHTH – Archie Hackwell's wagon from Grande Prairie driven by Art Small. Time 1:20.6 plus a 5 second penalty.



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# Grande Prairie rig hangs on

## *Lyle Adam wagon continues to lead*

CALGARY

The Lyle Adam outfit of Grande Prairie continued to improve its lead in the Stampede chuckwagon standings during the seventh day of running yesterday.

The Adam rig, driven by Dave Lewis, posted only the third-fastest time of the day, but it was better than his nearest rivals.

Lewis moved his wagon around the half-mile oval in one minute, 10.86 seconds for a total time of 8:12.58. He has been the leader for the last three nights.

The Merle Anderson rig from Carbon, driven by Slim Helmle, holds the runner-up position. He toured the circuit in 1:11.19 for a total time of 8:14.95.

With only three nights of racing remaining, the only other wagon appearing in a good position was the Rose Borek outfit from Dawson Creek.

With Dallas Dorchester driving, the wagon held third place with a total time of 8:17.17.

Newall Brothers of Rockyford, are fourth, 8.5

seconds off the lead.

Top day money of \$451 went to the Stewart Ranch of Airdrie, driven by Tommy Dorchester with a time of 1:09.56. Second place for the day, worth \$409, went to the Hi-Standard Charolais rig from Wetaskiwin, driven by Bill Thompson, in 1:10.52.

For the first time since competition got under way last Thursday, there were some dramatic moments on the track.

The Al Side outfit from Grande Prairie broke its right rear wheel coming out of the infield in the third

heat, but driver Ralph Vigen moved around the track on three wheels and posted a time of 1:43.14.

In the next heat, the Doug Allen outfit of Strathmore, had its left wheel horse stumble coming out of the infield.

The horse was dragged several yards before Allen could halt the team, while the rest of the wagons rushed past. Infield hands and outriders took several minutes to remove the horse from the tangle of equipment, but it was uninjured.

# Lewis keeps **Lyle Adam** rig in driver's seat at Stampede

## CALGARY

The Stampede chuckwagon championships appear to have boiled down to a three-wagon affair after completion of the eighth day of competition yesterday.

The Lyle Adam outfit of Grande Prairie continued to set the pace with two days of racing remaining. Under the reigns of Dave Lewis, the Adam rig has completed eight trips in a total time of 9:23.54.

The Merle Anderson outfit from Carbon remained in the runner-up position although he dropped fractionally further behind. Driven by Slim Helmle, it's at 9:26.12.

The only other wagon to appear to have a chance at this stage was the Rose Borek outfit from Dawson Creek with a time of 9:27.20.

Helmle could have made up some valuable ground if a couple of his outriders had been able to keep pace. He had a superior running time of 1:09.17, but the tardy outriders cost him an additional two seconds in penalties. Lewis had another penalty-free ride in

1:10.96.

The R. J. Keen outfit of Fort Nelson, driven by Grande Prairie's Ralph Vigen, grabbed top day money of \$451 with a ride of 1:09.89 which included a one-second penalty for a late outrider. Vigen is the defending champion. Stewart Ranch of Airdrie, driven by Tom Dorchester, took runner-up day money of \$409 in 1:10.07 while the Norman Nilsen wagon of Edmonton, driven by Kelly Sutherland of Grande Prairie, won \$367 for third in 1:10.42 Rose Borek, piloted by Dallas Dorchester, had the fourth-fastest time, a 1:10.73 good for \$346.

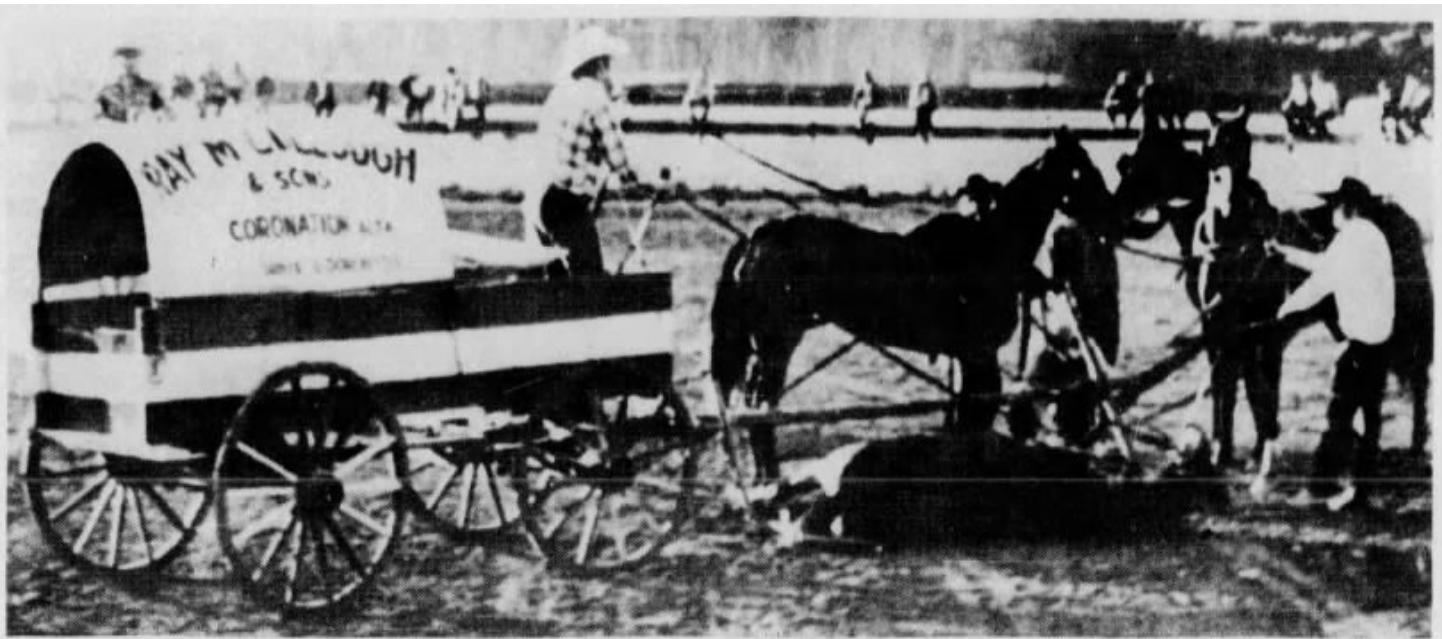
It would take a major miracle for one of the three leading wagons not to win the championship tomorrow night. Holding down fourth place in the overall standings is the Cowley and Keith rig of Calgary, driven by Tom Glass. But it's almost nine seconds off the pace and the rest of the field is strung out further behind.

## OUTFIT

1. **Lyle Adam, Grande Prairie**
2. Merle Anderson, Carbon
3. Rose Borek, Dawson Creek
4. Cowley and Keith, Calgary
5. Les Cahan, Toronto
6. Stewart Ranch, Airdrie
7. Ken Borek, Dawson Creek
8. Ray Boris, Chilliwack
9. Lloyd Nelson, High River
10. Hi-Standard Charolais, Wetaskiwin

## Driver

Driver	Time
Dave Lewis	9:23.54
Slim Helmle	9:26.12
Dallas Dorchester	9:27.90
Tom Glass	9:32.46
Orville Strandquest	9:32.71
Tom Dorchester	9:33.84
Tom Dorchester	9:35.79
Ralph Buzzard	9:36.32
Lloyd Nelson	9:37.47
Bill Thompson	9:37.84.



Collision forced Ray McCullough rig horse to the ground.

# Lewis, Vigen lead chucks

By JOE DARY  
of our staff

Horses becoming tangled in the harness, colliding with an opposite team and then pouring on the coals to finish in fast time provided the thrills and spills during the first running of the chuckwagon races at the County Fair last night.

The first indicator of things to come occurred in the first heat when a horse in the Ray McCullough outfit from Coronation became tangled in the rigging, forcing the horse to fall in front of the wagon.

Garry Dorchester, driving the McCullough rig, was unable to get the team moving and was given no time.

But the most spectacular crash of the evening occurred in the fourth heat

when the lead horses in the Double E Ranch entry from Crooked Creek ran into the Fort Nelson Marine rig.

Ron Bolin, driving the Double E entry, finished the heat in 2:24.5, not counting a five-second penalty for interference and two-second penalty for using a helper.

Ron Morton, piloting the Fort Nelson Marine outfit, finished in 1:17.9.

In either incident, there were no injuries.

The fastest time of the night of 1:05.2 was reached on separate occasions by Dave Lewis in the Lyle Adam rig of Grande Prairie and Raiph Vigen in the R.J. Keen outfit of Fort Nelson.

Lewis hit the magic mark in the third heat while Vigen did it in the fifth heat.

In third place is Ralph Vigen in the Al Side rig of

Grande Prairie with a time of 1:05.7.

Results of the heats are as follows:

**First heat** — 1. Al Side, driver Ralph Vigen, 1:05.7; 2. Streeper Transport, driver Ron Morton, Fort Nelson, 1:08.5; 3. Ray McCullough, driver Garry Dorchester, Coronation, no time.

**Second heat** — 1. Norman Nilsen of Edmonton, driver Kelly Sutherland, 1:06.5; 2. Roland Pahal of Wetaskiwin, driver Smoky Wilson, 1:09.8.

**Third heat** — 1. Lyle Adam of Grande Prairie, driver Dave Lewis, 1:05.2; 2. Sinclair Bros. of Grande Prairie, driver Tom Sinclair, 1:06.5; 3. Vern Muth, of Thorsby, Alta., driver John Crawford, 1:09.4

**Fourth heat** — 1. Fort Nelson Marine, driver Ron Morton, 1:17.9; 2. Double E

Ranch of Crooked Creek, driver Ron Bolin, 2:31.5

**Fifth Heat** — 1. R. J. Keen of Fort Nelson, driver Ralph Vigen, 1:05.2; 2. Archie Hackwell, driver Kelly Sutherland, 1:06.3; 3. Vigen Bros., driver Ron Vigen, 1:06.8.

**Pony chariots:**

**First Heat** — 1. Double N Transport, driver Pete Gaboury, 15.4 seconds; 2. Northern Toyota and Trailer, 16.0 seconds.

**Second heat** — 1. El Rancho Trailers, driver Fred Oltman, 17.1; 2. Shannon and Sons, Sexsmith, driver Heine Kirstein, 19.4.

**Third heat** — 1. Lyle's Carpentry, 15.9; 2. Ben Lightfoot, 15.8.

Both the pony chariots and chuckwagon races resume at 7 p.m. today.

# Chucks power

By **BILL SCOTT**  
of our staff

CALGARY — Grande Prairie "chucks power" came to the fore over the weekend as the best drivers in the world, all from the city, lined up for shots at the 1975 Calgary Stampede rangeland derby title.

Three of the Peace Country's best — all former world champions — are running two, three, four after four days of racing at the Stampede.

Defending Stampede and world champ Kelly Sutherland in the Norman Nilsen, Edmonton, rig is running a close second to Jack Curzon of Calgary, driven by Doug Nelson of High River.

Sutherland, well off the pace after the first day's run Thursday, clocked a track record 1:17.7 Friday to climb to fourth spot. The Nilsen rig climbed to first Saturday before slipping a fraction off the leader's pace yesterday.

The Nilsen rig has an aggregate 5:16.57, 28-100ths of a second back of Curzon.

## VIGEN THIRD

Ralph Vigen, also of Grande Prairie, in the Al Side Northern Metallic rig from the city, is third, about 1½ seconds back of Sutherland. Vigen had jumped to the lead Friday from 10th spot with a 1:17.8 clocking.

Dave Lewis of the city, the 1973 world

champion, holds down fourth spot in the Lyle Adam, Grande Prairie, rig, 40-100ths of a second back of Vigen. The Vern Muth outfit from Thorsby, the first-day leader, is fifth.

Sutherland, this time in the Archie Hackwell, Grande Prairie, wagon had moved that rig into second spot Friday but dropped down to third place Saturday. No time was available for the Hackwell wagon yesterday, but it's probably not far off the first five positions.

A Friday accident wiped out 1973 Stampede champion Merle Anderson of Carbon, driven by Slim Helmle of Esterhazy. His lead horse stepped into the Vigen-driven R.J. Keen, Fort Nelson, rig's stove rack and the team went down. One of the Helmle horses had to be destroyed.

Sutherland's track record is 9-100ths of a second faster than the old record, set last year by Tommy Dorchester.

The Nilsen rig took top day money Friday and Saturday. The Side rig won second-place day money Friday and Sunday. The Adam wagon took second money Saturday and third yesterday.

The standings:

Rig	Driver	Time
1. Jack Curzon	Doug Nelson	5:16.29
2. Norman Nilsen	Kelly Sutherland	5:16.57
3. Al Side	Ralph Vigen	5:17.98
4. Lyle Adam	Dave Lewis	5:18.38
5. Vern Muth	John Crawford	5:18.47