

was introduced to dally team roping.

"When I team roped back in my youth, we used to tie on hard and fast," he explains. "We used to rope really big steers—they'd be 700-800-pound steers—and the team roping horses were big horses. You'd tie your rope off at both ends, stretch the cow out, and the header would jump off his horse and run down, tie a rope around the hind legs in a square knot, then they dropped the flag. That was the old time team roping in Texas."

But Bill picked up dallying quickly, and that, as they say, was that. He doesn't get to rope as often as he'd like, but he stay active with his horses and on the road when he can. He ropes in the 4s as part of the World Series of Team Roping and the United States Team Roping Championships. He ropes as a header with all around cowboy Willy Gasperson and Darren Burns.

But just as he couldn't stay away from his first love of roping, Bill couldn't stay away from his second love, horse racing, either. "I thought I had walked away from it, but I got the fever again and I got back into racing," he says.



So Bill purchased an old Thoroughbred farm just outside of Lexington, and with his business partner Kenny Troutt, named it WinStar Farm. One of the horses that came with the property was Grade II winner Distorted Humor, who turned out to be a lucky break for the new farm. "He really wasn't, by rights, a top stallion," says Bill. "But he came with the farm and, as fate would have it, he became one of the best stallions in the world."

above: Bill team roping in Las Vegas, Nev., at the WSTR Finale 8 - JenningsRodeoPhotography.com

A Different Type of Horsepower

For 10 years Bill was a partner in WinStar Farm, helping to saddle up winners of some of the most prestigious Thoroughbred races in the world, such as 2009 Dubai World Cup winner Well

Buddy Hawkins, 2010 IPRA Heeling Rookie of the Year and 2013 NFR Qualifier

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