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Indeed, Holden created the sculpture in the studio on his ranch outside the town of Kremlin, OK, starting with a plasticine "pinch model" just a few inches long "to kind of work it out in the round" before enlarging it to a maquette and then scaling it up from there. "Edna Mae is a ranch girl and horsewoman, and she critiques me often," adds H. "It used to make me mad a little bit, but then I realized she's generally right." Collectors can judge the work's verisimilitude for themselves in a 12-inch-tall limited-edition version of **WORLD CHAMPION** or in Holden's many other western-themed works. His forthcoming monuments include a 7-foot-tall sculpture of Oklahoma City civic leader Edward L. Gaylord for the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum, and a pioneer family for H's hometown of Enid. See Holden's work at Dodson Gallery, Oklahoma City, OK; Wilcox Galleries, Jackson Hole, WY; DeMott Gallery, Vail, CO; Pitzer's Fine Arts, Wimberley, TX; and www.hholden.com. □

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