



## Fall 2012 Season Recap

The UT Martin men's team started the season with a bang and continued the fireworks throughout the fall semester. They won the first four rodeos and placed second at the fifth to dominate the regional team points and maintain a stronghold on first place. The women's team had a slower start after replacing some very talented seniors. They stepped it up mid way through the fall and are sitting 5th in the region and ready for a strong spring.

The teams wouldn't be having such success without the dedication and achievements of some super cowboys and cowgirls. Listed below are the individual results and standings in the Ozark Region after the fall rodeos.



<i>Bareback Riding</i>	Tyler Waltz - 2nd
<i>Saddle Bronc Riding</i>	Ty Hughston - 1st Jacob Dagenhart - 2nd
<i>Bull Riding</i>	Matt Smith - 1st
<i>Tie Down Roping</i>	Ben Walker - 4th Jordan Thrasher - 7th Lane Mitchell - 14th
<i>Steer Wrestling</i>	Jordan Thrasher - 2nd Robert Joyce - 4th Will Lummus - 7th John Alley - split 9th Lane Mitchell - 14th
<i>Team Roping Header</i>	John Alley - 1st Ben Walker - 2nd Will Lummus - 11th
<i>Team Roping Heeler</i>	Clark Adcock - 1st
<i>Barrel Racing</i>	Lauren Wagner - 3rd Meredith McDonnell - 6th Nealey Dalton - 11th
<i>Breakaway Roping</i>	Natalie Fletcher-split 5th Lauren Wagner-split 11th
<i>Men's All-Around</i>	Ben Walker - 1st

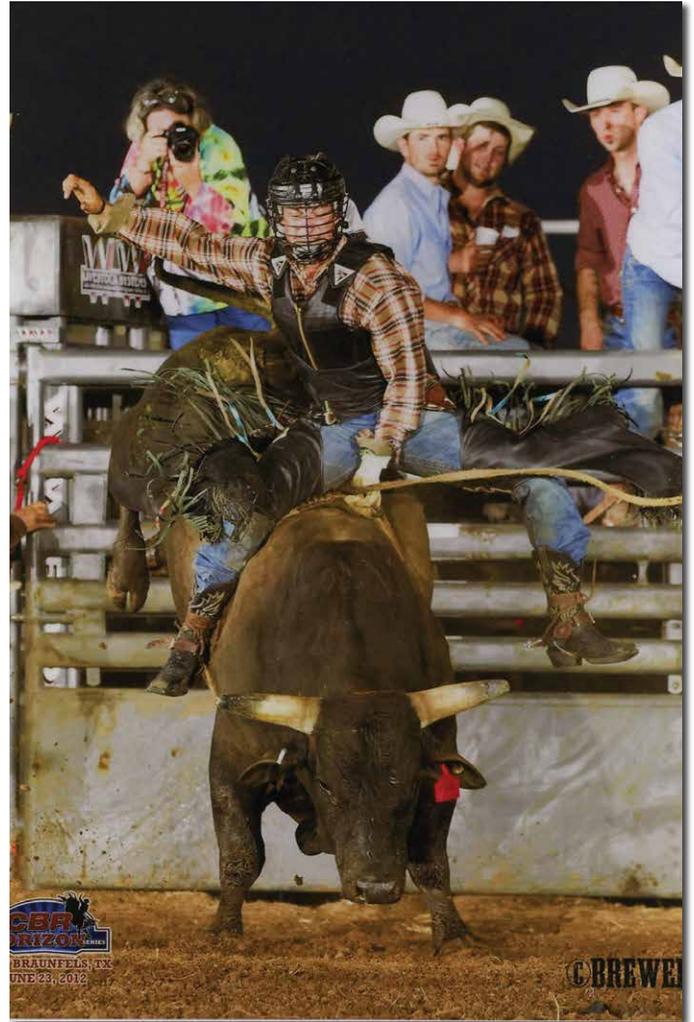
*Ty Hughston, 1st in Saddle Bronc Riding, 2012*





***Ben Walker, 1st in the Men's All-Around, 2012***

Coach Luthi is excited about the effort and leadership of this year's team and remarks, "I felt that everybody gave their best and competed well. Like any season some were hoping for a better first half and some had a very good start to the year. The key is that I felt everyone worked hard to try to make the most of their opportunities. We still have a lot of rodeo ahead of us. We are thankful to have a great group. One of our goals is to take one rodeo at a time and work to make the best runs and rides we can with what we have drawn. We have to continue to do our part. We do that, good Lord willing, we will have a great rest of the 2012 – 2013 season."



***Matt Smith, 1st in Bull Riding, 2012***



***Clark Adcock, 1st in Team Roping Heeler, 2012***

### **News Worthy Note**

*The UTM men's team is currently winning the nation in points and John Alley and Clark Adcock are winning the nation in the team roping heading and heeling.*

# Alumni Spotlight

Today the alumni spotlight is on former UTM cowgirl Jolyn (Lowry) Wells from Summerville, Georgia. She was on the rodeo team from 1995 – 1999 and graduated with a BS in Human Environmental Science. Jolyn was an All-Around student-athlete and competed in the breakaway roping, goat tying, barrel racing and team roping. She qualified four times to compete at the College National Finals Rodeo. She also was the Regional Student Director for two years.

Since leaving UT Martin, Jolyn has continued to be involved in the sport of rodeo. She was the head rodeo coach at the University of Arkansas at Monticello from 2001 – 2010. She was the Ozark Region's Coach of the year in 2008 after leading her women's team to a first place finish in the regional standings. Currently, she is still competing in rodeos and is 11th in the IPRA breakaway roping world standings. She also works as a kindergarten Parapro. Jolyn has 2 wonderful children; Rylee aged 7 and Kyler who is two.

When asked about her experience at UT Martin, Jolyn had this to say, "One of the best things about UTM Rodeo is the awesome Booster Club. The Booster Club not only helps raise money but they take the students in year after year and make them feel at home. I made lifelong friends during my four years in Martin. And that is something you can never replace." She goes on to comment, "Coach Luthi wants his team members to succeed in life not just in the rodeo arena and that is very evident in the time and effort he puts into coaching. UTM is very fortunate to have him."

Coach Luthi in return remembers Jolyn and her years at UTM with great respect saying, "Jolyn was truly an asset to our program in and out of the arena. She was someone you could

always depend on for team leadership and count on to help out wherever she could. She was a determined competitor and hard worker in the practice pen."



# National Finals Rodeo



*My favorite rodeo is the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo, because "it has great stock, great crowds and great hospitality"*

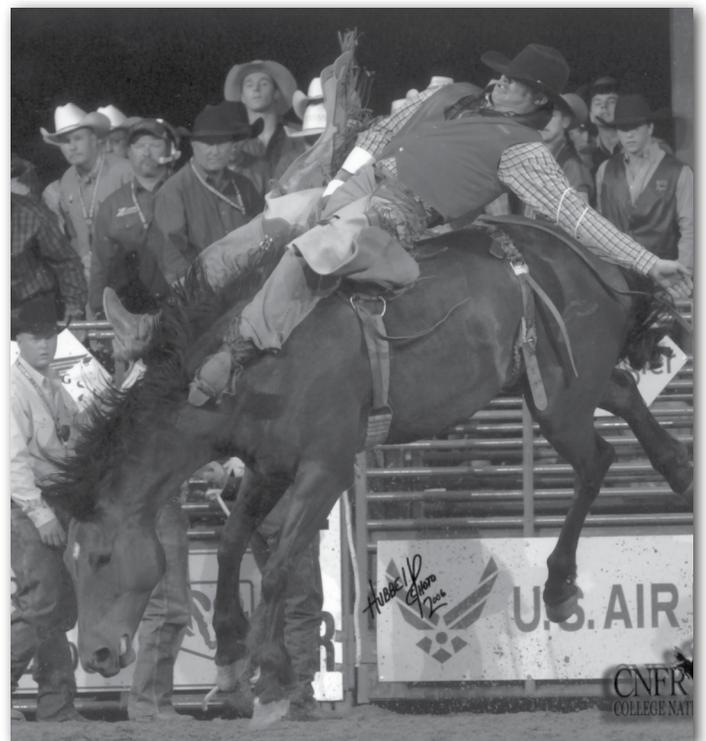
*-Matt Bright*

We would like to congratulate former UT Martin rodeo cowboy Matt Bright for qualifying for the bareback riding at the National Finals Rodeo. This will be the third year in a row the Tennessee native has competed at the NFR in Las Vegas, Nevada. He enters the competition in 12th position and has PRCA career earnings of \$320,371.00.

## Professional 2012 Highlights

- Won the Horse Heaven Round-Up (Kennewick, Wash.)
- Co-champion at the Rancho Mission Viejo Rodeo (San Juan Capistrano, Calif.)
- Co-champion at the Coleman (Texas)

While at UTM, Matt had a stellar four years in which he qualified each year for the CNFR in the bareback riding. In 2007 he won the Ozark Regional bareback riding title after finishing 3rd twice and 2nd once. Matt had this to say about his experiences in Martin, "My time spent at UTM was the biggest influence on me for rodeoing fulltime. I gained the tools necessary in and out of the arena to become the person I am today." He left UTM with a degree in Agricultural Business.



# 2012 UTM RODEO TEAM



**Clark Adcock**  
Smithville, TN  
Sophomore



**Leslie Alexander**  
Loudon, TN  
Junior



**John Alley**  
Adams, TN  
Junior



**Cody Atkison**  
Hohenwald, TN  
Freshman



**Courtney Bell**  
Bethlehem, PA  
Junior



**Clay Brewer**  
Rutherford, TN  
Sophomore



**Katie Brown**  
Waverly, TN  
Sophomore



**Warren Cagle**  
Humboldt, TN  
Senior



**Cody Cooper**  
Martin, TN  
Freshman



**Christy Cunningham**  
Milan, TN  
Junior



**Jacob Dagenhart**  
Statesville, NC  
Sophomore



**Nealey Dalton**  
Adamsville, TN  
Freshman



**Austin Duckett**  
Dalton, GA  
Sophomore



**Shane Fitzgerald**  
Collierville, TN  
Sophomore



**Lucinda Fletcher**  
Knoxville, TN  
Junior



**Natalie Fletcher**  
Knoxville, TN  
Freshman



**Allen Foster**  
Columbia, TN  
Senior



**Mary Francis Gorsuch**  
Lancaster, OH  
Sophomore



**Micayla Gray**  
Jackson, MO  
Freshman



**Dacia Horne**  
Lebanon, TN  
Sophomore



**Ty Hughston**  
McBain, MI  
Senior



**Cody Inman**  
Prospect, TN  
Freshman



**Robert Joyce**  
Dyer, TN  
Junior



**Lauren Larsen**  
Pendleton, NY  
Junior



**Will Lummus**  
West Point, MS  
Junior



**Savannah Lyle**  
Dickson, TN  
Freshman



**Lovie Marable**  
Humboldt, TN  
Freshman



**Meredith McDonnell**  
McEwen, TN  
Freshman



**Jessie McMahon**  
Smyrna, TN  
Freshman



**Clay Mitchell**  
Bolivar, TN  
Junior



**Lane Mitchell**  
Bolivar, TN  
Freshman



**Sarah Montgomery**  
Petersburg, OH  
Freshman



**Caillyn Peura**  
Palmyra, TN  
Sophomore



**Heath Simpson**  
Somerville, TN  
Sophomore



**Matthew Smith**  
Kenton, TN  
Junior



**Matthew Spry**  
Alamo, TN  
Senior



**Scott Steely**  
Savannah, TN  
Senior



**Greg Sullivan**  
Primm Springs, TN  
Junior



**Tammi Swearingen**  
Horseheads, NY  
Sophomore



**Jacy Thrasher**  
Culleoka, TN  
Freshman



**Jordan Thrasher**  
Culleoka, TN  
Senior



**Lauren Wagner**  
McClure, PA  
Junior



**Ben Walker**  
Sparta, TN  
Junior



**Tyler Waltz**  
Jersey Shore, PA  
Junior

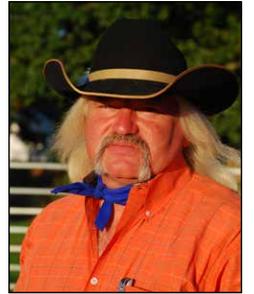


**Kelley Wigington**  
Adams, TN  
Junior

**STAFF**



**John Luthi**  
UT Martin  
Rodeo Coach



**Nelson Davis**  
Assistant Rodeo  
Coach  
Athletic Trainer

**BEST WISHES TO EVERYONE FOR THE NEW YEAR**



# Dan Post Boots Donates Once Again

Once again the Dan Post Boot Company out of Clarksville, Tennessee has donated a pair of competition boots to each member of the rodeo team and coaching staff. The team then provides feedback to the company to aid them in their research and development to produce the best boots for rodeo athletes. "It is definitely a win-win situation for all involved," says Coach Luthi. "We truly appreciate the generosity of Dan Post Boots and their continual support of our team."



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## RODEO BOOSTER CLUB

*Winter Racing Series*  
UTM Ag Pavilion - Martin, TN



IBRA Approved Events:

October 19-20  
November 2-3  
January 11-12

**Friday Night:** Training Barrels 6:00-8:00 ~ Classes to follow  
**Saturday:** 2:00-4:30 ~ Classes to Follow

	Entry Fee	Added Money*	
		Friday	Saturday
Training Barrels	\$4		
Kiddie Barrels (10 & under)	\$6		
Adult 3D Barrels (19 & over)	\$18	\$100	\$200
Masters Class	\$18	\$0	\$0
Youth 3D Barrels (18 & under)	\$15	\$50	\$100
Open 4D Barrels	\$23	\$100	\$300

**Entry fees include \$3 timer fee \*\*Min. entries for added money\*\***

**Friday** ~ Youth Barrels - 15 or more; Adult & Open Barrels - 25 or more  
**Saturday** ~ Youth Barrels - 15 or more; Adult & Open Barrels - 35 or more

\*Open - 50 or more (**\$500 added for more than 100 entries**)

\*\*Master Class can rollover from Adult Barrels\*\*

- \$5 gate fee paid at entry
- Series awards will be given on points for Friday & Saturday combined
- Points to top 10 places in each division each day. Payback based on numbers of entries in the class
- Re-run for timer malfunction only \*Refunds for injury to horse or rider only - no refunds after class begins
- Stalls are \$25 (subject to change). Includes 1 bag of shavings
- Electrical hookups are \$25
- Additional shavings are \$6 - see sign-up table

**For more information please contact:**

**Katie Brooks (270) 627-1031 or  
Breezy Smith (330) 933-6381**

Negative coggins required for all horses; State of TN requires health papers on all out of state horses

The show producers, IRBA or UTM Ag Pavilion will not be responsible for accidents, injuries, or theft. Ride at your own risk. Under TN law an equine professional is not liable for injury/death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risk of equine activities pursuant to the TN Code Annotated Title 4-4, Chapter 20, part 1.

# Rodeo Calendars On Sale Now



The annual UTM Rodeo Team Calendars are on sale now – just in time for Christmas! They include individual pictures of each team member, action shots, and team picture. The cost is \$10.00 per calendar and can be purchased from any team member. You can also request them by calling the rodeo office at 731-881-7426 or emailing [dluthi@utm.edu](mailto:dluthi@utm.edu).

## Save the date – UTM Rodeo

This spring the UTM college rodeo will be April 11, 12, and 13. It will be the 45th annual rodeo and it has come a long way since the outdoor rodeos of the past. The Rodeo Booster Club will be planning some special events, so mark your calendar and save the dates! More details to come in the March newsletter.



## Remember this handout....



### "MY FRIEND"

My friend I stand in judgment now,  
And feel that you're to blame somehow.  
On earth I walked with you by day,  
And you never did point the way.

You knew the Lord in truth and glory,  
But you never did tell the story.  
My knowledge then was very dim,  
You could have led me safe to Him.

Though we lived together here on earth,  
You never told me of the second birth.  
And now I stand this day condemned,  
Because you failed to mention Him.

You taught me many things, that's true,  
I called you "friend" and trusted you.  
But I learned now that it's too late,  
And you could have kept me from this fate.

We walked by day and talked by night,  
And yet you showed me not the light.  
You let me live and love and die -  
You knew I'd never live on high.

Yes, I called you "friend" in life,  
And trusted you through joy and strife.  
And yet on coming to this dreadful end,  
I cannot, now, call you "my friend."

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