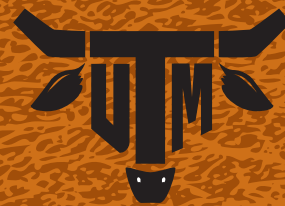


UT Martin Rodeo News

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE AT MARTIN

September, 2011



**2011 College National Finals
Men's and Women's Teams**



CNFR

From the first rodeo of the season the UTM cowgirls dominated the competition on the way to a first place Ozark Region title and a berth at the College National Finals Rodeo, held in Casper, Wyoming. The young men's team, made up primarily of underclassmen, fought to a second place regional standing to also qualify for the CNFR for the 38th consecutive year.

One of the highlights from this year's college finals, was freshman, Tyler Waltz, earning a spot in the championship short go in the bareback riding. After 3 rounds he was 5th in the average and drew the rank horse, Medicine Creek in the finals. "Tyler went for first, like he always does", praised Coach Luthi. Even though he got thrown off in the short go, he still had a great year and finished 11th in the nation.

Heather Moore, a junior from New Johnsonville, TN, had a blazing start to her week. She ran a 14.58 in the first round to place 7th and followed that with a faster 14.42 in the second round for a 2nd place finish. Unfortunately, her horse, Hero, suffered a leg injury and she didn't qualify for the championship round. "We all gained from our experience at the CNFR," UT Martin head coach John Luthi said. "Good Lord willing, we will get to go back next year."

Team ropers John Alley and Clay Mitchell had a strong first round with a time of 6.9 and a 3rd place finish. They ended up one out from qualifying for the short go.

Chelsie McDade won the regional all-around title and qualified for the CNFR in two events. Her fastest time in the breakaway roping was a 3.2 in the third round to split 10th. Her best goat tying run was a 7.1 in the second round.

Abby McDuff also qualified in the breakaway roping and goat tying. Her best run was in the second round of the goats with a 7.9.

Jordan Thrasher was 14th in the first round of the steer wrestling with a 5.6 time. In the second round of the tie down roping, Ben Walker posted a time of 10.0 to split 9th place.

Alumni Spotlight

Our alumni spotlight is Kathy Curry McCloy. She was a member of the rodeo team from 1996 – 2000. Her main event was barrel racing, although she was known to break away rope on several occasions. She is married to Otey McCloy and they have three rambunctious boys. Somehow she still has time to be the college rodeo secretary for the Ozark Region and has been selected "Rodeo Secretary of the Year" by the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association. She also is the secretary at some professional rodeos and has been chosen to work at the NFR. Kathy has also begun her own business, Kathy McCloy Photography.

Coach Luthi remembers, "Kathy as a hard worker who was always willing to help out in any way she could. She was one of only a handful of cowgirls to help carry panels to set up for a jackpot and she also took on the sometimes difficult job of the regional barrel racing director." He still uses her detailed drawing to set up the panels, gates, roping and bucking chutes in the Ag Pavilion for the college rodeo each spring.

Here's what Kathy remembers about her time at UT Martin, "There aren't many things I'd change about my four years at UTM. The friends I met there continue to be some of my very best friends today. James and Barbara Davis, along with the Dowdys made Martin feel like home for me. When Coach Luthi came my sophomore year he provided the structure and positive influence in my life that kept me on track. I have a great respect for him and all he's done for college rodeo".



Tales from the Arena

By **Dave Pruitt** (former UTM rodeo cowboy)

Way, way back in the day, before my day even; ok this sounds like “Once upon a time” doesn’t it. Ok, basically the same thing... Several of the Rodeo Team Members had taken a First Aid Class and were really hoping to get to try it out. And being that they were all on the Rodeo Team odds were, that they’d get their wish pretty dang soon.

So, it finally happened in the bull riding (imagine that) one of the guys was turfed with a force that was felt plum up into the stands. The crowd was mortified, since the cowboy was just laying there unmoving. The bull was lead out of the arena as the “rescuers” were reaching their downed friend. Good news was that his eyes was open, bad news was that he wasn’t responding to verbal questions and was turning a conspicuous shade of blue, well purple, ok blue. They really couldn’t make up their minds what the exact color was and so a fist fight almost ensued over that. But calm prevailed; well at least they didn’t throw any punches while they were in the arena. I’m sure Doc Robby was grateful for that.

Now, one of the things these fine young men were taught in first aid class was NOT to move an accident victim until it was determined that there was no chance of spinal injury. SO, one way to determine this, as they learned in class, was to pinch the legs starting low and working upwards. So one duty conscience individual was busy pinching the downed cowboy’s leg and getting no response, he kept moving upwards and started really bearing down hard with the pinching in hopes of a positive reaction.

In the meantime, the air, that had been knocked clean out of the bull rider who had hit the ground like a sack of “taters”, started slightly returning to his lungs. He kept trying to say something and no one could make out what he was saying. Worried that this might be the last words issued from the cowboy on this mortal earth, one of his dear friends placed his ear next to the strickened bull rider’s lips.

The tender words that passed between them were; “Tell....(scratchy breath) that (another scratchy breath) sonofa..... (yet another scratchy breath) to quit pinching my leg!

You know, some people you just can’t help!

UTM Rodeo Schedule 2011 – 2012

Missouri Valley	Sept. 21 - 24
Univ of West Alabama	Oct. 13 - 15
Murray State	Oct. 27 - 29
Southern Arkansas	Nov. 3 - 5
Troy University	Nov. 17 - 19
Cossatot Comm College (Texarkana, AR)	Feb. 23 - 25
Univ of Ark at Monticello	March 29 - 31
University of Tenn - at Martin	April 12 - 14
Northwest Mississippi (Senatobi, MS)	April 19 - 21
Northwest Mississippi (Centerton, AR)	April 26 – 28

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Rodeo Booster Club Jackpot Dates

Barrel Race Dates

Oct. 21-22

Nov. 11-12

Jan. 13-14

Team Roping Date

Feb. 17-18



2012 Rodeo Calendars

The 2012 Rodeo Calendars will be on sale soon. They feature action shots of UTM cowboys and cowgirls and team pictures. There is also an individual picture of each team member with their hometown listed. The cost is \$10.00 per calendar. They can be purchased from any rodeo team member. You can reserve a copy by contacting the rodeo office at 731-881-7426 or emailing dluthi@utm.edu. Thanks for the support.

Remember this handout....

WHAT ARE YOU WORTH TO THE TEAM?

A father had three sons, and they all worked for the same man, a dealer in furs. One day the father went down to talk to the president of the company, an old boyhood friend. He went into the office and said, "Jim, my three boys all work for you and I appreciate your giving them positions. I have a question that's bothering me. You pay one of them \$200 a month, one of them \$300 a month, and one of them \$500. Why?"

The president leaned back in his chair and was silent for a few moments. Then his face brightened as he answered, "Well, maybe I can show you why right this minute. Have you got a while that you can stay here?" "I can stay all day," the father said.

He picked up the telephone and called one of the boys, the \$200 boy. He said, "I understand the Ontario has just docked at the wharf, loaded with furs. Please go down there and see what cargo she's carrying and let me know" About three minutes later the president's telephone rang and the young fellow said, "I didn't even have to go down there to get the information. I telephoned down. They have fifteen hundred seals" The president said, "Thank you"

He buzzed the next boy, the \$300 boy and said, "The Ontario has just docked. Will you please go down and see what she has on board and let me know at your earliest convenience?" About an hour later the telephone rang and he said, "I just went down and checked the Ontario. She's got fifteen hundred seals on board."

He rang the third boy, the \$500 boy. He said, "The Ontario has docked" and he told him the same story and made the same request. The boy came back four hours later and came right on into the president's office. He said, "Well, she had fifteen hundred seals on board and all are in good shape. I bought them for five dollars apiece, and filled that order we had from one of our customers. He bought all of them from us at seven dollars apiece. The Ontario also had five hundred red fox pelts. Of course, we don't handle red fox, but I knew who wanted them, so I called him long distance and made a sale. The deal will net us about \$4000. There were also thirty-nine minks on board. I went in and examined them. They are beautiful; they are the finest. Since you always like to handle the mink trade yourself, I took an option on them for an hour so I could report to you".

The president said, "Thank you," and the young man left. Jim asked the father, "Is your question answered?" "Yes," replied the father, "one of the boys didn't even obey you, the other went only halfway, but one of them gave you everything he had".

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