



College National Finals Rodeo



Ben Walker & Clark Adcock, 2012 Fifth in the Nation



Heather Moore, 2012 Sixth in the Nation



Jordan Thrasher, 2012 Eighth in the Nation

In June the men and women representing the UT Martin rodeo team traveled to Casper, Wyoming for the College National Finals Rodeo. The weeklong event was filled with highs and lows, but ended with the cowboys and cowgirls of UTM making a strong showing. According to Coach Luthi, “Out of the ten team members we took to the College Finals, we had four finish in the top ten in the nation. That says a great deal about our team.”

“We didn’t get much done in the first three rounds”, Luthi acknowledged, “but we had a great short go.” Some of the highlights from the championship short go include Jordan Thrasher roping in 10.6 and finishing 8th in the nation in the tie down roping. Ben Walker and Clark Adcock roping in a blazing 6.0 to place second in the short go and finish 5th nationally. Heather Moore on her great horse Hero was third in the barrel racing short go and finished 6th in the nation. Heather competed at the CNFR all four of her years while at UTM and her short go time of 14.02 was her best run.

Other CNFR qualifiers were Ty Hughston in saddle bronc riding, Clay Mitchell and John Alley in the team roping. Chelsie McDade competed in the goat tying and Katie Brown and Dacia Horne qualified in the barrel race.

Alumni Spotlight

We are honored to feature Josh Moon in this edition of the Alumni Spotlight. Josh was a member of the UTM rodeo team from 1998 until he graduated in 2002. He was a true student-athlete and all-around cowboy, winning the Ozark Region All Around title in 2001 along with placing 2nd in the region in the bareback riding. Bareback riding was his specialty, and he regularly finished at the top of the regional standings in this event. He also competed in the saddle bronc riding, bull riding, steer wrestling and team roping. Josh qualified for the College National Finals Rodeo twice. From 1998 – 2005 he was a PRCA Bareback rider.

Coach Luthi remembers that “Josh Moon was great to have on our team. He was not only a talented cowboy, but a leader in the arena and outside the arena too. I am sure not surprised with the success he is having in the business world either. I always expected big things to happen for Josh.”

Currently Josh is president and CEO of P.F. Moon and Company General Contractors. He explains they specialize in the design and construction of water systems for cities and towns throughout the Southeast. He is married to Amanda Moon and they have three boys, Bryson (7), Luke (4), and Henry (2 months). Josh is also active in his church in West Point, GA and volunteers in the Youth Ministry.

When asked about his thoughts on his time at UTM and college rodeo, Josh reflects, “What I think is so special about UTM and my college rodeo experience is that the lessons were bigger than the arena. The values that Coach Luthi tried to nurture in each of us are just as valuable and important in business and our personal lives as they were to our rodeo career. Coach taught us to strive for constant improvement, that a team is stronger than the sum of its parts, to set goals and map out a plan to reach those goals, and to live life with a positive attitude. This is a roadmap for success in any area of our lives and these are the values that our team strives for at our company.”





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Recently, they have donated their wire to the rodeo team to make additional turnouts at the Rodeo Barn

and Practice Arena for team member's horses. The donated fence wire, combined with money raised by team members from contribution letters, has allowed the building of four additional runs located just south of the stall barn and west of the calf pen.

Red Brand first partnered with former UTM rodeo cowboy Ty Atchison, who they sponsor at professional rodeos. You can see videos of Ty at www.redbrand.com.



OZARK REGION RODEO SCHEDULE • 2012-2013

(All dates are Thursday, Friday & Saturday)

September 20, 21, 22	Missouri Valley College (Marshall, MO)
October 4, 5, 6	Murray State University (Murray, KY)
October 11, 12, 13.....	University of West Alabama (Livingston, AL)
October 25, 26, 27.....	Southern Arkansas University (Magnolia, AR)
November 15, 16, 17	Troy University (Troy, AL)
February	Cossatot Community College (Texarkana, AR)
March.....	University of Arkansas - Monticello (Monticello, AR)
April 4, 5, 6	Northwest Mississippi Community College (Senatobia, MS)
April 11, 12, 13.....	UT Martin (Martin, TN)
Possible 10th rodeo in the Spring	

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I REMEMBER DOC

David Vowell
September 13, 1990

I remember Sunday School at the Methodist Church and Doc throwing chalk making the class fun.

I remember some kids raffling off a pony.

I remember going to Cantwell's place for buck-outs.

I remember Doc being all shook up when Mac and Warren tied me on the big white bull "Hacksaw" and I got hung up.

I remember learning about attitude and never to give up on a dream or on a desire.

I remember what it took to get us into the NIRA

I remember going to the college finals in Bozeman on the first rodeo team from UTM. (1974)

I remember the first UTM Rodeo Party. Linville and I ramrodded it and paid for the band until 3am and how we got Frank Vincent out of bed at 2am.

I remember Chris Melton and Bill Hoy and eating beans at Linville's house.

I remember Doc keeping Caudle, Kilzer, Barber and me as straight as possible.

I remember my big black hat and sitting on the back row of class with my feet propped up and daring Doc to teach me.

I remember hearing a rumor that Doc skinny dipped in a stream at Yellowstone Park.

I remember that 212 was the best class of my college career.

I remember graduating from college mostly because of Doc and the Rodeo Team.

I remember rodeos in the rain and talking about a covered pen.

I remember when a covered arena was a dream beyond belief.

I remember dreaming about having a rodeo on campus.

I remember coon hunting with Doc last week and you know, he's still the same old Doc I have always known.

I remember Ms Alberta and wonder has she has put up with all of us.

What I remember the most is that Doc has always cared and has always cared and has always had time for his kids even when he was busy.

There are other dreams out in the future that will require as much, if not more, work than has been put forth so far.

Thanks, Doc for everything.

UT MARTIN **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

	<u>Entry Fee</u>	<u>Added Money*</u>	
		<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
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:

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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.

Remember this handout....



WINNERS ARE PEOPLE LIKE YOU

Winners take chances. Like everyone else, they fear failing, But they refuse to let fear control them.

Winners are flexible. They realize there is more than one way and are willing to try others.

Winners know they are not perfect. They respect their weaknesses while making the most of their strengths.

Winners fall, but they don't stay down. They stubbornly refuse to let a fall keep them from climbing.

Winners don't blame fate for their failures, nor luck for their successes.

Winners accept responsibility for their lives.

Winners are positive thinkers who see good in all things.

From the ordinary, they make the extraordinary.

Winners believe in the path they have chosen.

Even when it is hard, Even when others can't see where they are going.

Winners are patient. They know a goal is only as worthy as the effort that's required to achieve it.

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