



National Champs!



National Champs on the bucking chutes at the CNFR!

The UT Martin Rodeo team won the 2014 National Men's Team Title at the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyoming this June. It is the first time a team from east of the Mississippi had ever won a team title in the history of college rodeo. All of our team members are from east of the Mississippi River too. Coach Luthi remembers telling his athletes, "You have every bit the talent teams out west have, so let's go have fun and see what we can accomplish". Every team member scored points at the finals, a feat that might not have happened before. Each point was important, because without each of the points the team would not of won the title.

They went in with a determined attitude and a lot of confidence and it was apparent from the get go. Tyler Waltz set the tone by winning the first round of the bareback riding with an 82 point ride on Harry Vold's great bucking horse, "Wrangler Valley". Colt Kitaif followed with a 78.5 ride on "Billy the Kid" to finish 3rd in the round. The next day in slack Clark Adcock had a blazing 8.3 run in the tie down roping to claim first place. The rest of the team competed well and were all solid in the average. It was a super start and

Men's Team Makes History

UTM was winning the nation after the first round was complete and they never relinquished the top spot.

In the second round Tyler rode "Bad Karma" for 78 points. He split 3rd in the round and led the average. Tanner Phipps continued riding great in the bareback riding with an outstanding ride on "Jason's Pride" for a score of 77 points and placed 5th in the round. John Alley and Clark Adcock made a fantastic run on a tough steer in 6.3 seconds to finish 5th in the round. Clark continued his strong finals with an 8.8 run in the calf roping. That had him splitting 8th in the round and leading the average.

The third round of the bareback riding got really tough. Tyler was 76, Colt 75.5 and Tanner 74.5 for top rides but just missed placing. The UTM cowboys had some adversity when John and Clark's team roping steer unexpectedly stopped in its tracks and they received a no time. However, Will Lummus rose to the occasion and placed in both the calf roping and steer wrestling. He was 9.5 in the calf roping and 4.8 in the steer wrestling. UT Martin still had a small lead after 3 rounds and had qualified 3 cowboys into the Championship Short-go Round in 4 events: Tyler Waltz first in the bareback riding average, Clark Adcock

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fourth in the tie down roping and Will Lummus in the sixth spot in both the tie down roping and the steer wrestling average.

Tyler drew Vold's super horse, "Hypnotic" for the short go. It didn't have its best trip but Tyler did his part and scored 75.5 points to put him 3rd in the average and nation. Will was up next in the tie down roping. He figure 8 the tail on his calf but made a determined 10.8 run and he finished 4th in the average and nation. It was Clark's turn and he blazed to an 8.8 run. That placed him 2nd in the round, the average, and the nation. Clark tied 3 out of 4 calves in 8 seconds! That left Will to compete in the steer wrestling. He had drawn a good steer, but it crossed up the hazer and Will couldn't get him caught and received a no time.

By this time UT Martin had built up a sizeable lead and had to wait to the very end of the bull riding to see if it held up. It did and the team made history and brought home the first National Team Title to UT Martin.

Coach Luthi's reaction was, "I feel so very blessed! I'm so proud of these guys for competing so

hard, preparing well, handling the pressure, and accomplishing the goal they set out to achieve. I feel so honored to bring this title back to Martin, Tennessee. There has been so much support over the years from so many people. I know there are a lot of people who had a big part in helping make this happen".

Clark finished third in the nation in the men's All-Around competition and Will Lummus ended up sixth.

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2014 National Champions!

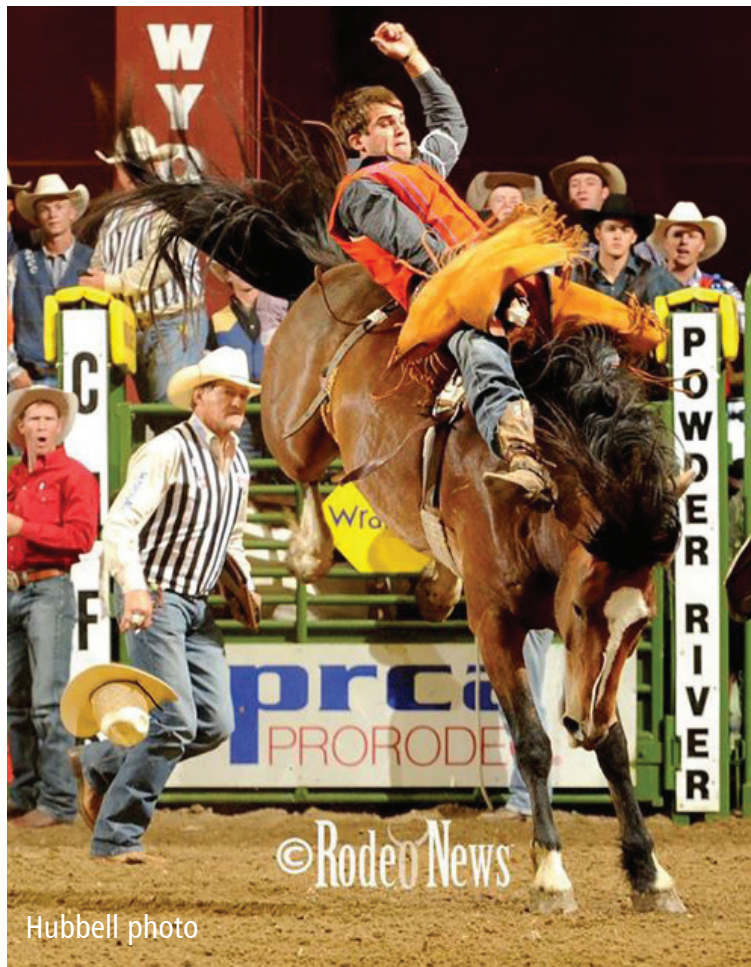
(From left to right) NIRA commissioner Roger Walters, Colt Kitaif, Clark Adcock, John Alley, Coach John Luthi, Will Lummus, Tanner Phipps, Tyler Waltz and Assistant Coach Nelson Davis.

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Clark Adcock made an outstanding 8.8 run in the tie down roping Championship Round at the CNFR.



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Tyler Waltz thrills the crowd with an 82 point ride on Haryy Vold's great bucking horse "Wrangler Valley" winning the opening round at the 2014 CNFR.



Tyler Waltz (bareback) and Clark Adcock (tie down roping) receive their rings for winning the first round at the 2014 CNFR.



Clark Adcock on stage to receive his awards for finishing 2nd in the nation in the tie down roping at 2014 CNFR.



Danelle and the National Champs!.



Coach Luthi shows off the National Championship coaches buckle at the CNFR.



Coach Luthi holds the National Champion Men's Team plaque.



Coach Nelson Davis rode his motorcycle all the way to Casper and back to Martin! (including the first 8 hours in the rain!!)



Great friends.



Katelyn Luthi is the first to see the official results and shares the moment with her Dad!



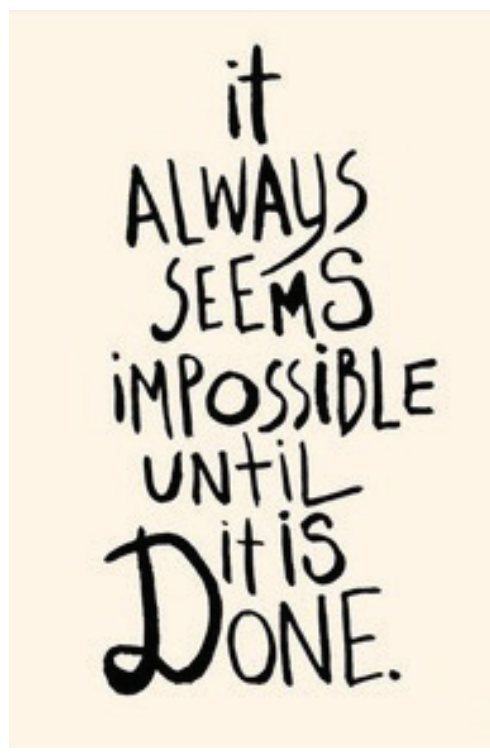
Nealey Dalton, John Alley, Tyler Waltz and Coach Luthi showing off their Dan Post Boots in the arena at the College Finals.

Official Results of the 2014 College National Finals Rodeo!

Men's Teams - Final

As of June 21, 2014 8:41 PM MDT

Rank	School Name	Points
1. UTM	University of Tennessee-Martin	755.0
2. TARLET	Tarleton State University	730.0
3. PANHDL	Panhandle State University	710.0
4. SHERID	Sheridan College	690.0
5. MTSU	Montana State University	465.0
6. SWOKSU	Southwestern Oklahoma State University	430.0
7. ODESSA	Odessa College	415.0
8. BLUE	Blue Mountain Community College	400.0
9. WHARTN	Wharton Cnty Junior Coll	375.0
10. COSSAT	Cossatot Community College	370.0
11. FEATHR	Feather River College	355.0
12. CAPSLO	Cal Poly State University - San Luis Obispo	295.0
13. CONWCC	Colorado Northwestern Com Coll	290.0
14. WTXC	Western Texas College	285.0
15. ENMU	Eastern New Mexico University	280.0





The national champs and their first place plaques.



Waiting for the official results are Coach Luthi and Tanner Phipps.



Our fans!



Tyler Waltz in opening ceremonies, being introduced as leading the average in the bareback riding coming into the championship short-go.



ESPNU will be airing a replay of the 2014 College National Finals Rodeo on August 15, at 7:00 and 8:00 eastern time. It is divided into 2 parts. The CNFR is the only rodeo ESPN broadcasts.



“Everybody who has ever worn this orange vest, or been associated with this program owns a part of this Championship!” “At one point when we were close to losing this program, several of us banned together and refused to let it die, and under those circumstances we felt like Coach Luthi was the one to lead us through, and I believe we were right.”

-Nelson Davis

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