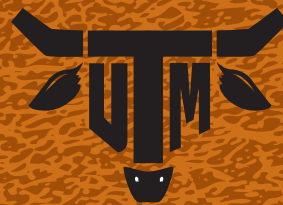


# UT Martin Rodeo News

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE AT MARTIN

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## Can't Top This!

The most asked question after the Saturday Night Championship Short-Go was, “How can we ever top this year’s rodeo for the 50th next year?” It will be a tall order to top the success of the 49th annual UT Martin College Rodeo! Enthusiastic record breaking crowds again, the men’s team won their home rodeo while the women’s team placed second, and voted Ozark Region’s “Rodeo of the Year” for the 12th straight time. What an amazing weekend!

A few highlights of the rodeo were the breakaway trio of Alexandria Hancock, Shara Adcock and Kenzley Wilson being the top 3 ropers in the average. Quick runs by the team ropers with Quentin Sawyer & Patrick Houchins winning the average, Tucker Kail & Colt Mathews placing 3rd and Ross Mitchell & partner ending up 5th. Domination by the barrel racers with over half of the top 10 in the short go being cowgirls from UTM, led by Nealey Dalton winning the average riding a healthy Miss Mango. Ryan McDaniel winning a round in the bull riding.

Coach Luthi was overwhelmed with how the rodeo turned out. “Our 49th Annual Rodeo was amazing! I want to thank all the people that helped to put it on; from our rodeo booster club, our athletic department, the Ag Pavilion staff, sponsors and everyone who volunteered to help. I really didn’t think we would top last year’s rodeo but we did.” He continued, “God is so good. We want to thank everyone that has a part in making the UT Martin College Rodeo so special.”



*Top: Alexandria Hancock ropes quickly to win the average in the breakaway roping; middle: Colt Mathews ropes two feet; bottom: Dominique Barlow racing to the goat at the UTM Rodeo—Photos courtesy of UT Martin University Relations*



*Middle left: Great spur ride by Houston Herbert in front of a packed house; bottom: Quentin Sawyer and Patrick Houchins making a winning run in the team roping. – Photos courtesy of UT Martin University Relations*

## Season Recap

The Skyhawk Rodeo Team completed the season with the men's team finishing 4th in the Ozark Regional Standings and the women's team placing 3rd. It was pretty much a year of highs and lows. Said Coach Luthi, "We had some highlights and some really good things happen for us this year. Overall, however, we just didn't have enough people performing at a high level on a consistent basis. We do have a lot of returnees and with a few quality recruits we will strive to be more consistent in the 2017 – 2018 season."



*Top: Macy Randolph making a fast run in the barrel racing. –Photo courtesy of UT Martin University Relations*



*Top: Ben Walker and Douglas Rich at the 2016 CNFR –Photo courtesy of Hubbell Photography*

## COLLEGE FINALS

This year the UT Martin Rodeo Team qualified 7 cowboys and cowgirls to compete at the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyoming. It begins on June 11th with Bulls, Broncs and Breakaway and continues until June 17th. The CNFR is the “best of the best” in college rodeo. It is where the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association crowns individual event champions in saddle bronc riding, bare back riding, bull riding, tie-down roping, steer wrestling, team roping, barrel racing, breakaway roping, and goat tying. National team championships are also awarded to both men’s and women’s teams. Over 400 cowboys and cowgirls from over 100 universities and colleges compete in Casper each year. Contestants compete all year in one of the NIRA’s 11 regions for a chance to rope or ride at the CNFR.

The team will be made up of a lot of new faces with only Nealey Dalton and Douglas Rich having competed previously at the CNFR. Also qualifying are Houston Herbert, Ryan McDaniel, Ross Mitchell, Madison Crow and Kenzley Wilson. According to Coach Luthi, “We are very thankful to have a good group going to the College Finals this year. The CNFR is a great rodeo but we’ll have to remember it is just like any other rodeo. We will still have to focus on doing the best we can with the stock and positions that we draw. Hopefully people will know we were there when it’s all over”

The top three students in each event, and top two men’s and women’s teams from the NIRA’s 11 regions will qualify for the CNFR.



# UTM QUALIFIERS

**NEALEY DALTON**  
Barrel racing

**MADISON CROW**  
Barrel racing

**KENZELY WILSON**  
Breakaway roping

**DOUGLAS RICH**  
Team roping (Heeler)

**ROSS MITCHELL**  
Team roping (Header)

**RYAN MCDANIEL**  
Bull riding

**HOUSTON HERBERT**  
Bareback riding



*Top-left: CNFR Team-Coath Luthi, Madison Crow, Ryan McDaniel, Houston Herbert, Nealey Dalton, Kenzley Wilson, Ross Mitchell, Coach Walker, and Douglas Rich (not pictured)*

*Top-right: Nealey Dalton riding Miss Mango to win the barrel racing average; middle: Madison Crow turning a quick barrel at the UTM Rodeo; bottom: Ryan McDaniel winning the round at the UT Martin home rodeo –Photos courtesy of UT Martin University Relations*

# OZARK REGION

## TOP 25

### Team

Women – 3<sup>rd</sup>

Men – 4<sup>th</sup>

### Bareback Riding

Houston Herbert – 2<sup>nd</sup>

### Saddle Bronc

Hunter Styles – 6<sup>th</sup>

### Bull Riding

Ryan McDaniel – 2<sup>nd</sup>

### Steer Wrestling

Robbie Van Holten – 10<sup>th</sup>

Colt Matthews – 11<sup>th</sup>

Craig Parks – 15<sup>th</sup>

Ethan Foster – 17<sup>th</sup>

Tucker Kail – 18<sup>th</sup>

Hunter Styles – 19<sup>th</sup>

### Team Roping–Heading

Ross Mitchell – 3<sup>rd</sup>

Quentin Sawyer – 8<sup>th</sup>

Tucker Kail – 9<sup>th</sup>

Hunter Styles – 16<sup>th</sup>

Savannah Warner – 19<sup>th</sup>

Robbie Van Holten – 21<sup>st</sup>

Spencer Meyer – 26<sup>th</sup>

### Team Roping–Heeler

Douglas Rich – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Patrick Houchins – 8<sup>th</sup>

Colt Mathews – 12<sup>th</sup>

Clay Tilley – 18<sup>th</sup>

Hunter Styles – 24<sup>th</sup>

### Breakaway Roping

Alexandria Hancock – 8<sup>th</sup>

Shara Adcock – 9<sup>th</sup>

Kenzley Wilson – 11<sup>th</sup>

Savannah Warner – 16<sup>th</sup>

Alexandria Lyle – 22<sup>nd</sup>

### Women's All-Around

Kenzley Wilson – 4<sup>th</sup>

### Goat Tying

Kayla Lombardo – 15<sup>th</sup>

Hannah Mosley – 18<sup>th</sup>

Molly Hill – 20<sup>th</sup>

Kylie Brueggeman – 21<sup>st</sup>

### Tie Down Roping

Quentin Sawyer – 18<sup>th</sup>

### Barrel Racing

Nealey Dalton – split 3<sup>rd</sup>

Madison Crow – split 3<sup>rd</sup>

Ashley Brooks – 5<sup>th</sup>

Kenzley Wilson – 8<sup>th</sup>

Macy Randolph – 10<sup>th</sup>

Summer Conley – 11<sup>th</sup>

Megan Crow – 12<sup>th</sup>

Reagan Adkins – 13<sup>th</sup>

Kylie Brueggeman – 16<sup>th</sup>

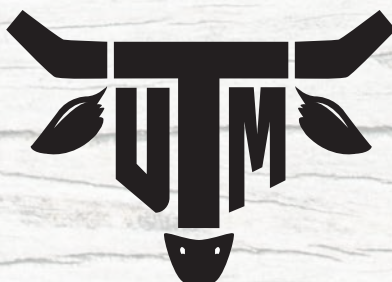
Casey Allen – 19<sup>th</sup>

Raegan Taylor – 20<sup>th</sup>

Dominique Barlow – 21<sup>st</sup>

Brandi Pittman – 22<sup>nd</sup>

Makayla Harrison – 22<sup>nd</sup>



# Get Ready!

## 50th UTM Rodeo

### April 12, 13, & 14, 2018

Mark your calendars!  
We have big plans in the works!

## \*\*\* FOLLOW THE TEAM! \*\*\*

With the College National Finals rodeo quickly approaching, we have several options for you to follow the action as they compete for team and individual awards at the College Finals in Casper, Wyoming, beginning June 11.

Don't miss out on what's happening with the Skyhawk Rodeo team throughout the year or at the CNFR!



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# Rodeo of the Year



UT Martin has been chosen the Ozark Region's 2017 "Rodeo of the Year". The team has won it for the 12th consecutive time. We have won it every year it has been awarded!



*Top: Wonderful support from the community always draw huge crowds; middle: The 4H Team always add pageantry to the opening ceremonies; bottom-left: It always helps to have great bucking stock from Universal Rodeo.*

*Bottom-right: It takes a lot of preparation to produce a great rodeo. Brian White, Garret Yerrigan, Casey Allen, Katie White, and Tucker Kail promote the home rodeo at Thunderbolt Broadcasting. Photos courtesy of UT Martin University Relations.*

# Rodeo Week

## EQyss Grooming Products Crawfish Supper



*Micayla Gray Griffin & Savannah Warner with plates piled high.*



*Annual Booster Club Crawfish Supper at the American Legion.*



*Bob Robinson & Tyler Waltz at the Annual Crawfish Supper.*



*Clay Tilley & Nick West enjoying some crawfish.*



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# Rodeo Week



*The Rodeo Booster Club's Free BBQ and Auction sponsored by Edward Jones.*



*Above: The "Brown Clown" and his buddies.*

## Edward Jones Investments BBQ & Auction



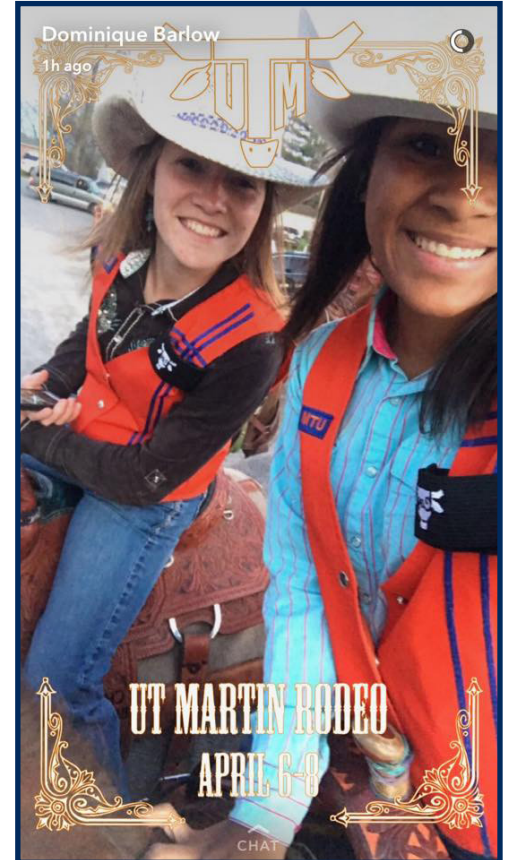
*Above: Mike Higgs congratulates Jackie Pierce & Winnie Taylor for winning "Chuckwagon Award."*



*Miss Barbara helps serve the BBQ.*

# Rodeo Week

## The UT Martin Snapchat Filter was a hit!



# Rodeo Week



*Middle-left: Molly Hill roping her calf in front of the home crowd; bottom-left: Hunter Styles heeling. Photos courtesy of UT Martin University Relations.*

*Middle-right: Hannah Mosley during the 49th UTM Rodeo; bottom-right: Colt Matthews & Tucker Kail prepare to team rope.*

# Rodeo Week



*Craig Parks riding in as the team is introduced.*



*Left: Speaking at local schools: Nealey, Dominique, McKenna, Kylie, & Simone.*



*Right: Promoting the rodeo at area schools. Photos courtesy of UT Martin University Relations.*

# --Tribute to Coy--



*Friend and teammate, Robbie Van Holten, leads a riderless horse in honor of Coy.*



*Teammates wear a patch in memory of Coy. Photos courtesy of UT Martin University Relations.*

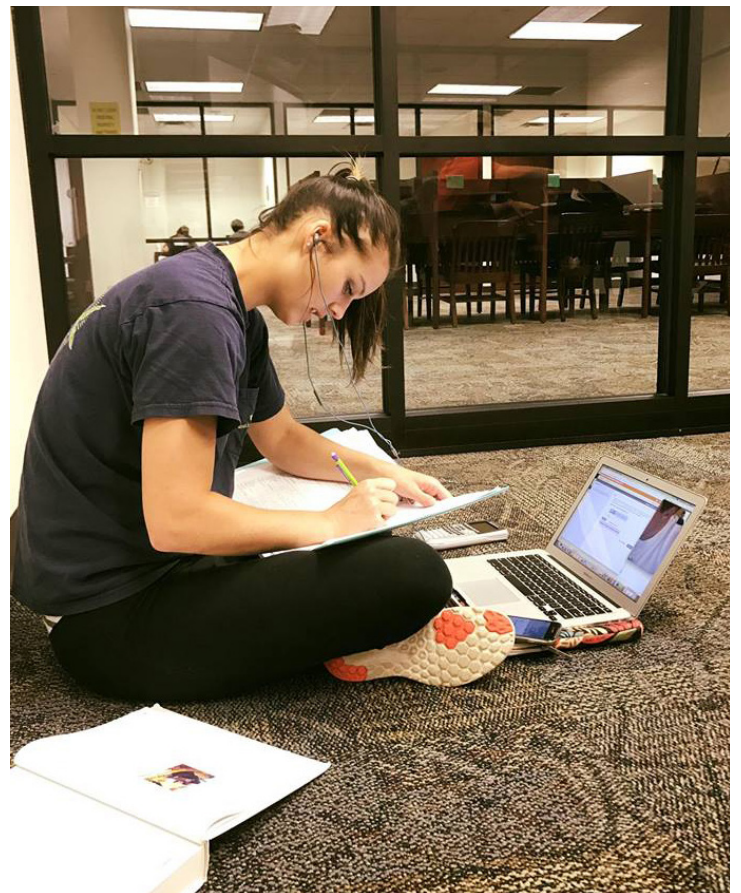


*Coach Luthi awards Coy's sister and parents UTM Rodeo jackets.*

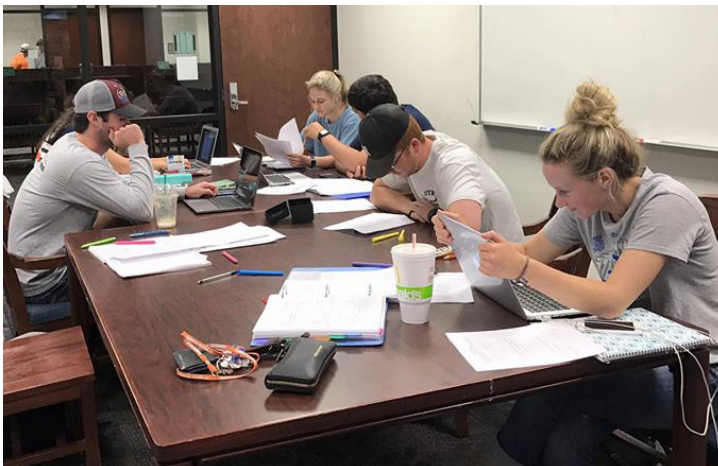
# True Student-Athletes



*Senior Banquet.*



*Middle-left: Nick West & Spencer Meyer working to be champions in the classroom; bottom-left: Studying in the library the day after driving all night from the rodeo; right: Holly Kalua working hard.*



REMEMBER THIS HANDOUT?

## ATTITUDE BY CHARLES SWINDOLL

“The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. *Attitude, to me, is more important than facts.* It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company...a church...a home. The remarkable thing is we have a chance every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past...we cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude...*I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it.* And so it is with you...we are in charge of our attitudes.”





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