



December 2017



Fall Recap

Midway through the rodeo season the UT Martin men's team is currently sitting in 3rd place and the women's team is 4th in the Ozark Region. The top 2 teams in each of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association's 11 regions qualify for the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyoming next June.

Coach Luthi's take on the first semester is mixed. According to Luthi, "This fall we have had a few individuals that have competed very well. We are thankful for that. Those small number of individuals have carried both teams and have kept us in the hunt to take both teams to the CNFR. But I feel both our men's and women's teams are capable of having a much better spring. I definitely feel our best is yet to come!"

Save the Date! 2018 UTWI RODEO 50th Anniversary April 12-14!

Ozark Region Top 15

Bareback Riding

- 2. Jonny Walker 550 points
- 4. Houston Herbert 340 pts

Bull Riding

5. Ryan McDaniel 110 pts

Tie Down Roping

- 3. Chase Thrasher 285 pts
- 7. Colt Matthews 180 pts
- 8. Hunter Styles 150 pts

Steer Wrestling

- 6. Robbie Van Holten 215 pts
- 11. Colt Matthews 115 pts
- 13. Hunter Styles 88.3 pts

Team Roping – Header

- 5. Ross Mitchell 235 pts
- 8. Clay Tilley 130 pts
- 13. Robbie Van Holten 75 pts

Team Roping - Heeler

- 4. Patrick Houchins 240 pts
- 8. Will McCraw 130 pts
- 12. Hunter Styles 75 pts

Barrel Racing

- 2. Ashley Brooks 490 pts
- 5. Casey Allen 310 pts
- 6. Kenzley Wilson 190 pts
- 12. Summer Conley 60 pts
- 15 Raegan Taylor 30 pts

Men's Teams

- 1. Missouri Valley College 3,533
- 2. Southern Arkansas University 1,945
- 3. University of Tennessee at Martin 1,708
- 4. East Mississippi Comm College 1,630
- 5. Pearl River 1,290

Women's Teams

- 1. Missouri Valley College 1,995
- 2. Univ of Arkansas at Monticello 1,275
- 3. University of West Alabama 1,180
- 4. University of Tennessee at Martin 1,110
- 5. Southern Arkansas University

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TT MARTIN RODEO TEAM 2017



Shara Adcock Smithville, TN Junior



Reagan Adkins Somerville, TN Sophomore



Casey Allen Vandergrift, PA Sophomore



Ashley Brooks South Fulton, TN Senior



Savannah Cobb Bethel Springs, TN Freshman



Wyatt Cole Owenton, KY Freshman



Summer Conley Jackson, GA Sophomore



McKenna Cox McKenzie, TN Senior



Fallon Fogarty Oakland, TN Sophomore



Bailey Forester Gallatin, TN Senior



Ethan Foster Williamsport, TN Junior



Tiffany Franklin Martin, TN Sophomore



Teyah Giannetta Jefferson, GA Freshman



Houston Herbert College Grove, TN Senior



Molly Hill Carbondale, IL Junior



Patrick Houchins Frankford, MO Senior



Holly Kalua Cleveland, TN Senior



Kayla Lombardo Marshville, NC Senior



Alexandra, Lyle Dickson, TN Junior



Erin Mahoney Mohrsville, PA Sophomore



Colt Matthews Homeland, FL Junior



Will McCraw East Bend, NC Freshman



Ryan McDaniel Yuma, TN Junior



Spencer Meyer La Motte, IA Sophomore



Ross Mitchell Bolivar, TN Sophomore



Kameron Moore Fort Lee, VA Freshman



Hannah Mosley Cedar Hill, TN Senior



Logan Neal Spring Hill, TN Freshman



Craig Parks Culleoka, TN Sophomore



Morgan Patton Duck River, TN Freshman



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Karlee Pelton Wright City, MO Junior



Brandi Pittman Bogalusa, LA Senior



Macy Randolph Jefferson City, MO Junior



Quentin Sawyer Whitewater, MO Junior



Kelsey Schweikert Odessa, MO Junior



Jack Smithson Springfield, TN Freshman



Michaela St. John South Fulton, TN Freshman



Savannah Stanley Mt. Juliet, TN Sophomore



Carson Stroup Gordonville, MO Freshman



Hunter Styles Foutain Inn, SC Sophomore



Reagan Taylor Camden, TN Junior



Simone Taylor Lexington, TN Junior



Kaitlyn Thompson Columbia, TN Freshman



Chase Thrasher Columbia, TN Freshman



Clay Tiley Tuscumbia, AL Junior



Katelyn Van Holten Chesapeake, VA Freshman



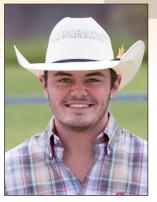
Robbie Van Holten Chesapeake, VA Junior



Jonny Walker Wildersville, TN Junior



Summer Weldon Martin, TN Sophomore



Nick West Rome, GA Sophomore



Kenzley Wilson Black Oak, AR Senior



Coach Luthi Head Coach



Nelson Davis Athletic Trainer & Strength Coach



Nealey Dalton Graduate Assistant



Cord Barricklow Lebanon, IN Graduate Assistant



















Top left: Nealey Dalton and Cord Barricklow help gather cans for the Athletic Department Can Caravan; top middle: Craig Parks and Robbie Van Holten volunteering at a Tennessee High School rodeo; top right: Brandi Pittman and Raegan Taylor helping with a Fall Fest; middle-left: Holly Kalua and McKenna Cox writing letters of encouragement to orphans throughout the world; middle: Rodeo team members joined the other UTM student-athletes to write letters to orphans sponsored by "Letters in Motion"; middle-right: Ethan Foster and Simone Taylor wave while participating in "Letters in Motion"; bottom left: Logan Neal, Morgan Patton and Ethan Foster have things under control at Santa's village; bottom middle: Shara Adcock and Alex Lyle helping at Santa's Village; bottom right: Casey Allen, Chase Thrasher and Ashley Brooks

UTM Rodeo Booster 's

Heels & Spurs Gala

A night of dancing with great food, drink & company to celebrate 50 YEARS of UTM RODEO

Saturday, the Tenth of February Two Thousand and Eighteen at 6 o'clock in the evening

> Bucks Celebration Center 213 W Stateline rd South Fulton, TN 38257

\$50 per person \$500 for a table(table sits 10) Tickets can be purchased by contacting 270-627-1031 or email tkb234@gmail.com Tickets will not be available at the door



Alumni Spotlight ** Tanner Phipps **

This quarters Alumni Spotlight is Tanner Phipps. From Dalton, Georgia, Tanner was an all-around cowboy competing in bareback riding, team roping and steer wrestling. He was a member of the 2014 Men's National Championship Team, competing at the College National Finals Rodeo after qualifying by placing third in the Ozark Regional Standings in the bareback riding. At the CNFR he placed 5th in the second round with a 77 point ride.

Tanner qualified for the CNFR all 3 years he was at UT Martin and he also was reserve champion twice in the Ozark Region's bareback riding. He graduated from UTM with an Undergraduate and Master's degree in Ag Business.

In 2017 Tanner won the PRCA "Rookie of the Year" in the bareback riding. Coach Luth said, "We are all very proud of Tanner for winning the "Rookie of the Year". He set a goal to win the rookie title, worked very hard and kept pushing all year and hit his target."

TANNER PHIPPS

AGE: 25

EVENT: Bareback riding **HOMETOWN:** Dalton, Ga. **EARNINGS:** \$57,739

What does this award mean to you?

I planned on trying to go for it when I got out of school and had some great things happen. I worked hard for it and I achieved it.

What's the most important lesson you learned

during your rookie year?

Plan a little better. I didn't have anyone to help me enter. I pretty well did everything myself all year long. At first, I was rodeoing to make money and didn't know how well the year would go for me. But in June I learned a lot of stuff about the count and what rodeos would count and which ones wouldn't — so I ran out of rodeos pretty early. ... I want to do things differently next year so I'm not in that position.

How does winning this award impact your future ProRodeo plans? It'll be the same either way. I'll go hard the next few years and make the Finals, at least for the next five years. Winning Rookie of the Year doesn't change it much, it's just something I wanted to achieve along the way and I'm glad I did it.

Sports News article on Tanner



THANKS DAN POST BOOTS

The Dan Post Boot Company has donated over \$100,000 of boots to the UT Martin Rodeo Team over the past 7 years.











Top left: Cord Barricklow and Greg Hensley of DPB show off a pair of the men's boots; middle: Summer Weldon talks with Greg Hensley about the comfort of the new Dan Post Boots; top right: Greg Hensley of Dan Post Boots; bottom left: Kayla Lombardo, Hannah Mosley and Katelyn Van Holten with their new Dan Post Boots; bottom right: UTM Skyhawk Rodeo Team



NIRA SCHOLAR AMERICANS

The National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association has begun to honor the outstanding scholar athletes involved in college rodeo throughout the country with the Scholar American Award. To qaulify a student-athlete must have a 3.5 GPA and score points at a college rodeo. Seven members of last year's team achieved that distinction: Casey Allen, Madison Crow, Megan Crow, Ethan Foster, Brandi Pittman, Reagan Taylor and Kenzley Wilson. Congratulations!



OZARK REGION SCHEDULE 2018

East Mississippi Community College (Meridian, Mississippi)

Thursday, Friday, Saturday

February TBA

University of Arkansas- Monticello (Monticello, Arkansas)

March TBA
Thursday, Friday, Saturday

University of Tennessee at Martin (Martin, Tennessee)

April 12, 13, 14
Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Northwest Mississippi Comm. College (Senatobia, Mississippi)

April 19, 20, 21 Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Keep up with UT Martin Rodeo results on www.utmsports.com



REMEMBER THIS HANDOUT?

"WINNING II"

"Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the great make you feel that you, too, can become great." Mark Twain

If you have a few positive folks around to encourage you and support you, it's a blessing. It's also very rare. Others can't imagine you doing anything great because they can't imagine themselves doing anything that assumes risk, requires sacrifice and commitment, and consumes their attention.

THE LOSERS DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO EXPLAIN WHY YOU DID IT AND THEY COULDN'T. SURROUND YOURSELF WITH WINNERS. INVEST YOUR TIME WITH PEOPLE THAT PUSH THE ENVELOPE, THAT REACH FOR THE STARS. ONLY ALLOW THOSE THAT HAVE GREAT DREAMS AND PURSUITS THEMSELVES TO HAVE INPUT WITH YOU. WHAT YOU'LL PRODUCE. YOU GET TO CHOOSE!

PREPARATION

"What you allow into your mind, determines what you produce!!"

"CONDITIONING"

Proper preparation solves 80 percent of life's problems. We tell our students that there are four basics that determine your success or failure in rodeo. They are Good Attitude, Good Information, Good Equipment, and Good Conditioning.

If you know everything there is to know about your event and use the best equipment money can buy you'll still come up short if you don't have the physical tools to get the job done. I find that it's not the lack of ability or potential but the unwillingness to get in shape that keeps most guys from moving into the winners circle. Everyone wants to win, few are willing to make the investment it takes. The choice is yours.





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