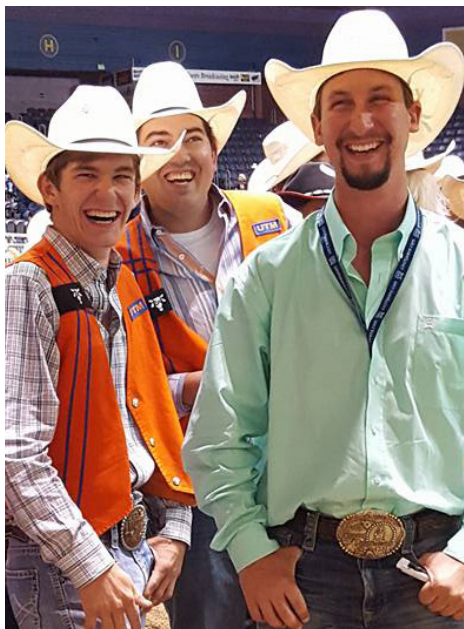




College National Finals

The UT Martin Rodeo Team headed west to Casper, Wyoming for another trip to the College National Finals Rodeo this past June. It was a more inexperienced group than previous Skyhawk teams, “But did have lots of talent,” according to Coach Luthi.

On the women’s side, Nealey Dalton and Madison Crow qualified in the barrel racing and Kenzley Wilson in the breakaway roping. Nealey was making her 4th appearance at the CNFR on her great horse “Miss Mango”. The duo placed deep in the first two rounds (6th in first go and 2nd in the second go) but hit a barrel in the third round to keep them out of the short go. In her first trip to Casper, Kenzley came out on fire and won the first round of the breakaway roping with a blazing 2.3 run. This helped propelled the women’s team to second in the national standings after the first couple rounds. However with tough luck in the third round, no one qualified for the short go on Saturday night. They did finish as the 10th ranked women’s team in the nation for 2017.



CNFR Fun: Ross, Douglas and Ben

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Douglas Rich, Ben Walker, Ross Mitchell, and Coach Luthi all smiles after CNFR short go



CNFR check in: Nealey, Ben, Coach Luthi, Madison, Kenzley, Ryan and Houston



Top 10 Women’s team: Nealey Dalton, Madison Crow, Kenzley Wilson



Awards Night: Coach Luthi with Casey Allen’s “Nothing But Try” Award, Kenzley Wilson with her ring for winning the 1st go of the breakaway roping, Ben Walker & Nealey Dalton holding UTM’s “Rodeo of the Year” plaque

College National Finals

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Douglas Rich and Ross Mitchell both earned spots at the CNFR in the team roping. Houston Herbert and Ryan McDaniel qualified in the bareback riding and bull riding. Douglas was the lone competitor on the men's side with CNFR experience and he did not disappoint. Heeling for Marcus Theriot of East Mississippi, they won the second go round with a 5.4 time. Freshman Ross Mitchell, heading for Ethan Wheeler of EMCC, had a tremendous Finals. In his first trip to Casper he placed in the first round, won the short go with a 5.5 and finished the year 2nd in the nation. As a team the men finished the year 14th in the nation.



Ross Mitchell (heading) winning the CNFR team roping short go and finishing 2nd in the nation



Douglas Rich catching 2 feet to win the second go of the team roping at the College Finals with a 5.4



Nealey Dalton riding "Miss Mango" placed 6th and 2nd in the first two rounds at the 2017 CNFR



2017 College Finals Team: (front row) Coach Luthi, Nealey Dalton, Madison Crow, and Athletic Trainer, Nelson Davis, (back row) Douglas Rich, Ryan McDaniel, Ben Walker, Ross Mitchell, Houston Herbert



Kenzley Wilson winning the first go of the breakaway roping at the College Finals.

All photos courtesy of Hubbell Photography

“SKYHAWKS ON THE RISE” KICK-OFF DINNER

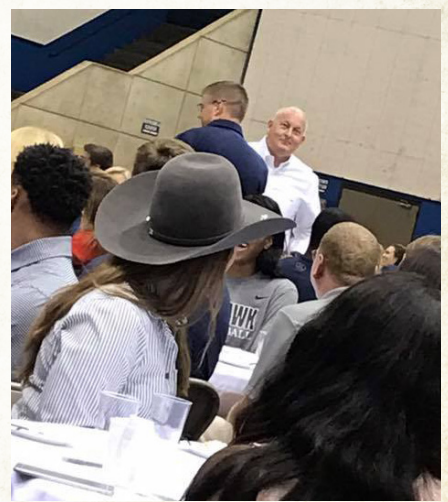
The annual Athletics Kickoff Dinner is a great evening where UTM student-athletes eat dinner with local community members and supporters of Skyhawk Athletics. It's a fun night and this year again featured “speed dating” as athletes from different teams were assigned to tables with fans of the program who hosted a table. They had a chance to interact with them and their families, as well as athletes from other sports on campus. After 10 minutes the athletes moved to a new table assignment and got to meet a new host and new group of student-athletes. They switched again a third time after supper. This format has been a hit and a super opportunity to learn more than just a few stats about different Skyhawk players.



Quentin Sawyer getting some lemonade at the Kick off Dinner



UTM cowboy Nick West



Chancellor Keith Carver at the Skyhawks Kick Off Dinner



2017 UT Martin Rodeo Team!

Athlete Orientation

Each year the Sunday before classes start, all the Skyhawks student-athletes have physicals in the afternoon and gather in the evening for a meal and words from the UT Martin Athletic Director and athletic staff. For the first time ever there were over 400 student-athletes on campus.

This year new AD, Kurt McGuffin, introduced the first annual Skyhawks “Pie Eating Contest”. Thank you Danelle for baking all the pies!



Ashley Brooks and Casey Allen show off the new Skyhawk Athletics t-shirts



Getting their t-shirts: Holly Kalua, Macy Randolph, and Brandi Pittman

Athlete Orientation



Cord Barricklow in the first annual Skyhawks pie eating contest



Coach Luthi cheering during the pie eating contest



Skyhawks "Simon Says"



*Two out of three in the "Simon Says" finalist:
McKenna Cox and Casey Allen*



Upcoming season

This marks the 21st year that Coach John Luthi has been at the helm of the UT Martin rodeo team. The Skyhawks enter the year with a lot of experience and depth on the women's team, but will be counting on some new faces to team up with some talented returnees on the men's side. Coach Luthi feels good about the group and thinks both teams will be capable of competing well this year. Coach Luthi said, "Good Lord willing, we will be able to come together as a team, support one another and continue to make the most of the abilities God has blessed us with."

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2017 - 2018

Pearl River Community College
(Hattiesburg, Mississippi)

September 14, 15, 16
Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Missouri Valley College
(Marshall, Missouri)

September 21, 22, 23
Thursday, Friday, Saturday

University of West Alabama
(Livingston, Alabama)

September 28, 29, 30
Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Murray State University
(Murray, Kentucky)

October 12, 13, 14
Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Southern Arkansas University
(Magnolia, Arkansas)

November 2, 3, 4
Thursday, Friday, Saturday

East Mississippi Community College
(Meridian, Mississippi)

February TBA
Thursday, Friday, Saturday

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

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UT MARTIN RODEO BOOSTER CLUB

2017-18 WINTER BARREL RACING SERIES

UTM AG PAVILION ~ MARTIN, TN



September 15-16

October 20-21

November 3-4

January 5-6

****TN IBRA APPROVED FOR ALL 4 WEEKENDS*BBR Approval PENDING****

Friday Night: Training Barrels 6:00-8:00 ~ Classes to follow

Saturday: Training Barrels 1:30-4:30 ~ Classes to follow

	<u>Entry Fee</u>	<u>Added Money *</u>	
		<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
Training Barrels	\$5		
Kiddie Barrels(10&Under)	\$6		
Open 4D Barrels	\$25	\$100	\$300
Youth 3D Barrels (18&Under)	\$20	\$50	\$100
Masters Class (40&OVER)	\$15	\$0	\$0
Adult 3D Barrels(19-39)	\$20	\$50	\$100

Entry fees include \$3 timer fee

****Min. entries for added money****

Friday ~ Youth & Adult Barrels – 25 or more ; Open Barrels – 50 or more

Saturday ~ Youth Barrels – 25 or more ; Adult Barrels – 25 or more

***Open – 50 or more (\$500 added for more than 100 entries)**

****OPEN Barrels can Roll Over to Youth, Masters, & Adult Classes****

- **\$5 gate fee paid at entry**
- Series awards will be give 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/per night. Includes 1 bag of shavings- one horse per stall ; Electric RV hook-ups are \$25
- No overnight tie outs

For More Information Please Contact: Katie White (270) 627-1031 or Jamie White (901) 378-7470

Negative coggins required for all horses; State of TN requires health papers on all out of state horses

The Show producers, IBRA 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 I.

Equine Center Improvements

Some much needed upgrades to the Wooten Equine Center rodeo practice facility took place over the summer. Rodeo booster club member Steve Taylor spearheaded a crew to weld pipes for a new fence around parts of the practice arena. He was helped by Marty Overton, Alex McAlexander, Brian Fuqua and Ben Buckingham, who all devoted quite a few hours to improve the facilities for the team.

Coach Luthi said, "It's really nice to have the new fence. I sure appreciate Steve Taylor for organizing things and for the entire crew working long hours to complete it. It never would have happened without their hard work and commitment!"



Lots of work to make improvements to the Equine Center practice pen



Steve Taylor and Coach Luthi



Steve Taylor and Brian Fuqua



Crew working hard on upgrades to arena fence

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

Fellowship of Christian Athletes and UT Martin Athletics combine to host the annual FCA and UTM Sports Extravaganza. “This is a really fun event” said Coach Luthi. “I love the opportunity to give back to the community since they support our rodeo so much each spring.”

Rodeo team members set up the “Mighty Bucky” for kids to learn to ride bucking stock. There were also ample opportunities to rope the calf dummy and learn some roping skills.



Rodeo team members Cord Barricklow, Robbie Van Holten, Macy Randolph, Coach Luthi and Ethan Foster



Coach Luthi works with a younger roper



Robbie Van Holten teaches roping

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UT Martin cowgirl, Reagan Adkins, modeling for Dan Post Boots

Soybean Parade



*Rodeo team in downtown Martin
(Historic Martin Photo)*



*Amazing aerial shot from
Weldon Drone Photography*



*Shara Adcock, Alexandria Lyle
and Holly Kalua*



*Thank you Nealey Dalton for
climbing up on a trailer for this
shot!*



*Patrick Houchins, Ashley Brooks,
Ross Mitchell, Clay Tilley and
Chase Thrasher*



*Macy Randolph,
Savannah Stanley,
Holly Kalua, Chase
Thrasher, and
Ethan Foster*



*McKenna Cox,
Michaela St. Johns
and Summer Weldon*



*2017 Soybean Parade:
Robbie and Katelyn
Van Holten*



*Rodeo team rides down
Lindell Street
(Historic Martin Photo)*



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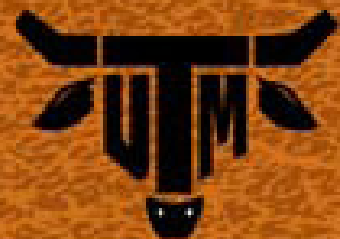


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