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For the Elk City Rodeo of Champions

## **RODEO GOLD**

*Utah cowboy kicks off his college freshman year with bull riding win at Elk City Rodeo*

**ELK CITY, OKLA.** – (August 31, 2025)- Wyatt Bowman is ten days into his freshman year of college, 900 miles from home.

But that didn't stop him from winning the bull riding at the 2025 Elk City (Okla.) Rodeo of Champions.

The Plain City, Utah bull rider scored 87.5 points on Gangster Walk, a bull owned by the Beutler Rodeo Co. string, to best the field and win the title.

Bowman had researched the bull, noting that Arapaho, Oklahoma bull rider Wacey Schalla, who is ranked second in the current PRCA world standings, had scored 90 points on the bull twice.

“I was pretty excited for him,” Bowman said. “I’ve been riding pretty good away from my hand, so I just knew if I stayed with the fundamentals, it would be a good ride.”

At nineteen years old, he is a freshman at Frank Phillips College in Borger, Texas, competing collegiately on a full-ride scholarship. He’s been a PRCA member since last fall, but a knee injury kept him out of competition till June of this year.

Bowman didn't get the bull riding bug till his freshman year of high school. One of his dad's friends had rodeoed in college, so the friend helped him get going.

He competed in the Idaho High School Rodeo Association for four years, but didn't come into his own till about a year ago.

“After two years, I was decent enough for high school rodeo (competition), but in the last year, I figured it out to where I feel comfortable coming to a pro rodeo,” he said.

In college, he'll work towards a welding certificate, with the goal of qualifying for the College National Finals Rodeo, held each June in Casper, Wyo. The top four competitors in each event, in each collegiate region, qualify for the College National Finals.

After his schooling, Bowman would like to rodeo full time.

Other champions at the 87<sup>th</sup> annual rodeo include bareback rider Dean Thompson, Altamont, Utah (87 points); steer wrestler Tyler Ravenscroft, Nenzel, Neb. (4.8 seconds); team ropers Curry Kirchner, Ames, Okla. and Tanner Braden, Dewey, Okla. (5.0

seconds); saddle bronc rider Jake Finlay, Goondiwindi, Queensland, Australia (84.5 points); tie-down roper Jacob Walters, Colorado City, Texas (8.6 seconds); and barrel racer Alyssa Urbanek-Wade (15.80 seconds.)

Next year's rodeo will be September 4-6, 2026.

More information can be found at [www.elkcityrodeo.com](http://www.elkcityrodeo.com).

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#### Cutline:

Wyatt Bowman, Plain City, Utah, is the 2025 Elk City Rodeo of Champions bull riding winner. A college freshman, the cowboy scored 87 points on Gangster Walk, of the Beutler and Son Rodeo Co. Photo by Terri Abrahamsen.

#### Results, Elk City Rodeo of Champions

August 29-31, 2025

All-around champion: Paul David Tierney, Oklahoma City, Okla., tie-down roping and team roping

#### Bareback Riding

1. Dean Thompson, Altamont, Utah 87 points on Quite Fancy; 2. Luke Thrash, Bastrop, La. 86; 3. Colt Eck, Redfield, Kan. 84.5; 4. Brayze Schill, West Columbia, Texas 81.5; 5. Gauge McBride, Kearney, Neb. 80.5; 6. Toby Deudney, Odessa, Texas 80; 7. Andy Gingerich, Aberdeen, S.D. 74.5; 8. Wyatt Warneke, Great Falls, Mont. 74.

#### Steer Wrestling

1. Tyler Ravenscroft, Nenzel, Neb. 4.8 seconds; 2. (tie) Cole Pugh, Jasper, Texas and Shayde Etherton, Borden, Ind. 5.3 each; 4. Ty Cochrane, Lipan, Texas 5.4; 5. Colton Swearingen, Cowlesville, N.Y. 6.4; 6. Chase Crane, Oklahoma City, Okla. 6.5; 7. Emmet Edler, State Center, Iowa 6.6; 8. Nathan Duvall, Hitchita, Okla. 6.7.

#### Team Roping

1. Curry Kirchner, Ames, Okla./Tanner Braden, Dewey, Okla. 5.0 seconds; 2. Gage Williams, Foster, Okla./LJ Yeahquo, Mandaree, N.D. 5.2; 3. (tie) Bubba Buckaloo, Kingston, Okla./Joseph Harrison, Marietta, Okla. and Ryon Boatright, Mulhall, Okla./Jett Hillman, Perry, Okla. 5.3 each; 5. Brandon Farris, Gracemont, Okla./Braden Harmon, Yukon, Okla. 5.5; 6. (tie) Wyatt Muggli, Lane, Okla./Gavin Foster, Elmore City, Okla.; Troy Boone, Mutual, Okla./Tator Taton, Bessie, Okla.; Tyler Waters, Stephenville, Texas/Blake Walker II, Stephenville, Texas; and Paul Tierney, Oklahoma City, Okla./Casey McCleskey, Guthrie, Texas 5.7 each.

#### Saddle Bronc Riding

1. Jake Finlay, Goondiwindi, Queensland, 84.5 points on Bar Talk; 2. Tom Webster, Goondiwindi, Queensland, 80.5; 3. Weston Patterson, Waverly, Kan. 80; 4. Jacobs

Crawley, Stephenville, Texas 79; 5. Wacey Byrne, Glencoe, Okla. 76.5; 6. (tie) Darcy Wockner, Snyder, Texas and Ean Price, Leedey, Okla. 76 each; 8. (tie) Tanner Hayes, Elkhart, Kan. and Brody Harrison, Elmdale, Kan. 75 each.

### Tie Down Roping

1. Jacob Walters, Colorado City, Texas 8.6 seconds; 2. Landyn Duncan, Weatherford, Texas 8.8; 3. Mason Stueve, Newton, Kan. 9.5; 4. Sterling Smith, Stephenville, Texas 9.7; 5. Jacob Haren, Callaway, Neb. 9.8; 6. Pax Vogel, Matfield Green, Kan. 10.1; 7. Paul Tierney, Oklahoma City, Okla. 10.3; 8. ChizmKuyKendall, Carnegie, Okla. 11.2.

### Barrel Racing

1. Alyssa Urbanek-Wade, Stephenville, Texas 15.80 seconds; 2. Presley Smith, Danham Springs, La. 15.89; 3. Kim Squires, Carnegie, Okla. 15.92; 4. Dina Allred, Golden, Texas 15.93; 5. Deb Guelly, Cat Springs, Texas 15.94; 6. Ivy Saebens, Nowata, Okla. 15.98; 7. Tara Carr, Sudan, Texas 15.99; 8. Lorealee Ward, Ft. Lupton, Colo. 16.01; 9. Lakota Elkins, Owensville, Mo. 16.03; 10. Kallie Gates, Hydro, Okla. 16.05.

### Bull Riding

1. Wyatt Bowman, Plain City, Utah 87.5 points on Gangster Walk; 2. Dakota Hill, Bagwell, Texas 84; 3. Wes Colbert, Alpena, Ark. 83; 4. Jr Stratford, Byers, Kan. 82.5; 5. Patterson Starcher, Ft. Scott, Kan. 79.5; 6. Lane Clark, Mooreland, Okla. 78.5.

\*\* Unofficial results.



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