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## **KANSAS GOLD**

*Coach, student tie for win in Phillipsburg*

**Phillipsburg, Kans.** (August 2, 2025) –The teacher and the student tied for the win at Kansas Biggest Rodeo.

Jacobs Crawley and Waitley Sharon both scored 84.5 points in the saddle bronc riding to split the title in Phillipsburg.

Crawley, a veteran saddle bronc rider, mentors the saddle bronc riders at Tarleton State University, at which Sharon is a student.

Crawley competed on Thursday night; Sharon competed on Saturday night.

Crawley was aboard a Beutler Rodeo horse Dark House. Sharon rode the Beutler horse Revolving Door.

Sharon, who is 20 years old, will be a sophomore at Tarleton State this fall and is studying ag services and development.

He likes having Crawley as a coach. “He’s good at breaking stuff down, telling you the fine points to work on,” Sharon said.

It was Sharon’s first time to compete in Phillipsburg. For Crawley, who is 37 years old, he’s been to Kansas Biggest Rodeo twenty times and won the rodeo in 2016.

“I love that rodeo,” he said, and the small towns that host rodeos. “I love the ‘Phillipsburgs’ of the world, the grassroots, Americana rodeos. I just love them.”

Sharon is starting his career; Crawley is on the back end of it.

The 2015 world champion who competed at ten Wrangler National Finals Rodeos, broke his back two years ago. He retired from rodeo, but after healing up, he’s back to part-time competition.

He and his wife Lauren have two children under the age of seven, and he loves riding saddle broncs but not the travel.

This summer, he and his family rodeoed for two weeks. “The kids love going to rodeos. It was a vacation for them, and I was able to get on bucking horses along the way.”

Before their kids were born, the couple traveled together. “She went with me quite a bit, before we had kids,” he said. “The travel is pretty tough, and that’s the toughest part of rodeo, once you have a family.”

But he’ll rodeo as long as it’s enjoyable to him.

“As long as I’m healthy, I can do it and make a little money in the process of having fun, I’ll be doing it.”

Other champions from this year’s rodeo include bareback rider Cole Hollen, Liberty Hill, Texas (87 points); steer wrestler Dalton Massey, Hermiston, Ore. (3.5 seconds); team ropers Gage Williams, Foster, Okla. and LJ Yeahquo, Mandaree, N.D. (4.0 seconds); breakaway roper Carlee Potter, Latham, Kan. (2.2 seconds); tie-down roper Marcos Costa, Iretama, Parana, Brazil (8.6 seconds); barrel racer Summer Kosel, Glenham, S.D. (17.07 seconds); and bull rider Riley Shippy, Colome, S.D. (88.5 seconds).

During the July 31 performance, the 2025 Phillipsburg Rodeo Queen was crowned.

Amber Gonzales, Hays, Kansas, won the title. The 20-year-old is a graduate of McCook, Neb. High School and is a student at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. She is the daughter of Courtney Barger.

The 2026 rodeo will be held July 30-August 1.  
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Cutlines:

Waitley Sharon split the saddle bronc riding title with his college rodeo coach Jacobs Crawley. Sharon, Ordway, Colo., scored 84.5 points on the Beutler Rodeo Co. horse Dark House. Photo by Terri Abrahamsen.

Jacobs Crawley, Stephenville, Texas, is a two-time Phillipsburg rodeo champion. He won the rodeo in 2016 and again this year. Photo by Terri Abrahamsen.

### **Final results, Kansas Biggest Rodeo, Phillipsburg, Kansas – July 31-August 2, 2025**

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

Bareback Riding champion: Cole Hollen, Liberty Hill, Texas

1. Cole Hollen, Liberty Hill, Texas 87 points on Redlicious Meats Happy Hour; 2. Andy Gingerich, Aberdeen, S.D. 85; 3. Cole Franks, Clarendon, Texas 83.5; 4. Kash Martin, Lufkin, Texas 82; 5. Quintonn Lunsford, McCune, Kan. 77; 6. Gauge McBride, Kearney,

Neb. 76; 7. Rhett Robbins, Brookville, Kansas 75; 8. (tie) Owen Brouillette, St. Francisville, La. and Colt Eck, Redfield, Kan. 74 each.

Steer Wrestling champion: Dalton Massey, Hermiston, Oregon

1. Dalton Massey, Hermiston, Ore. 3.5 seconds; 2. (tie) Winsten McGraw, Gill, Colo. and Emmett Edler, State Center, Iowa 3.9; 4. Tristan Martin, Sulphur, La. 4.0; 5. Riley Westhaver, High River, Alb. 4.2; 6. Gus Franzen, Kearney, Neb. 4.3; 7. Logan Kenline, Penrose, Colo. 4.5; 8. Quade Potter, Stockville, Neb. 4.7; 9. (tie) Isaiah Naauao-Asing, Haiku, Hawaii; Dakota Eldridge, Elko, Nev. and Gavin Soileau, Bunkie, La. 4.8 each.

Team Roping champions: Gage Williams, Foster, Okla./LJ Yeahquo, Mandaree, N.D.

1. Gage Williams, Foster, Okla./LJ Yeahquo, Mandaree, N.D. 4.0 seconds; 2. JC Yeahquo, Mandaree, N.D./Ross Ashford, Lott, Texas 4.2; 3. Kaleb Driggers, Hoboken, Ga./Junior Nogueira, Presidente Prudente, Sao Paulo, Brazil 4.6; 4. Jeff Flenniken, Caldwell, Idaho/Buddy Hawkins, Stephenville, Texas 4.9; 5. Zack Woods, Walters, Okla./Jordan Lovins, Canadian, Texas 5.0; 6. Blake Barnes, Chelsea, Okla./Latham Dickson, Chelsea, Okla. 5.2; 7. (tie) Coleman Proctor, Pryor, Okla./Logan Medlin, Tatum, N.M. and Brent Mibb, Pryor, Okla./Blayne Horne, McAlester, Okla. 5.3 each; 9. (tie) Peyton Walters, Justin, Texas/Tyson Thompson, Munday, Texas and Paul Tierney, Oklahoma City, Okla./Casey McClaskey, Guthrie, Texas 5.7 each.

Saddle Bronc Riding co-champions: Jacobs Crawley, Stephenville, Texas and Waitley Sharon, Ordway, Colorado

1. (tie) Jacobs Crawley, Stephenville, Texas 84.5 points on Dark House and Waitley Sharon, Ordway, Colo. 84.5 points on Revolving Door; 3. Cooper Thatcher, Darbalara, New South Wales, 82.5; 4. Rudy Troyer, Gainsboro, Tenn. 82; 5. Michael Womack, Bastrop, La. 81; 6. Garret Long, Valentine, Neb. 80.5; 7. Tanner Hayes, Elkhart, Kansas 79.5; 8. Korben Baker, Marlow, Okla. 78.

Tie Down Roping champion: Marcos Costa, Iretama, Parana, Brazil

1. Marcos Costa, Iretama, Parana, Brazil 8.6 seconds; 2. Tom Simpson, Malad, Idaho 8.9; 3. (tie) Herrin, Apache, Okla. and Riley Webb, Denton, Texas 9.3 each; 5. Riley Pruitt, Gering, Neb. 9.5; 6. Chance Oftedahl, Pemberton, Minn. 9.7; 7. Blake Carter, Seminole, Okla. 10.5; 8. Jarvis Demery, Beggs, Okla. 11.0; 9. JT Adamson, Cody, Neb. 11.2; 10 Hunter. (tie) Grant Turek, St. Paul, Neb. and Connor Matheson, Stephenville, Texas 11.4 each.

Breakaway roping champion: Carlee Potter, Latham, Kansas

1. Carlee Potter, Latham, Kan. 2.2 seconds; 2. (tie) Taylor Munsell, Alva, Okla.; Jessi Everett, Tarzan, Texas and Beau Peterson, Council Grove, Kan. 2.3 each; 5. Chenoa VandeStouwe, Weatherford, Okla. 2.4; 6. (tie) Shalee King, Pemberton, Minn. and Reagan Davis, Lufkin, Texas 2.5 each; 8. Erin Johnson, Fowler, Colo. 2.6; 9. Josie Goodrich, Stanfield, Ore. 2.7; 10. (tie) Kelsie Domer, Dublin, Texas and Sequin Brewer, Union City, Okla. 2.9 each; 12. (tie) Lauren Hopkins, Lipan, Texas and Bella Corcoran, Weatherford, Okla. 3.0 each; 14. (tie) Y'Leigh Yarbrough, Cheyenne, Okla. and Kinlie Brennisse, Craig, Colo. 3.2 each.

Barrel Racing champion: Summer Kosel, Glenham, S.D.

1. Summer Kosel, Glenham, S.D. 17.07 seconds; 2. Jean Winters, Texline, Texas 17.11; 3. BryAnna Haluptzok, Ardmore, Okla. 17.18; 4. Katelyn Scott, Odessa, Texas 17.23; 5. Emma Parr, Greensboro, Ala. 17.26; 6. Cindy Patrick, Brooksville, Fla. 17.30; 7. Carol Waters, Red Rock, Okla. 17.39; 8. Paige Jones, Wayne, Okla. 17.48; 9. Ivy Hurst, Springer, Okla. 17.49; 10. (tie) Tana Renick, Kingston, Okla. and Tracy Nowlin, Nowata, Okla. 17.55; 12. Jana Bean, Ft. Hancock, Texas 17.60.

Bull Riding champion: Riley Shippy, Colome, S.D.

1. Riley Shippy, Colome, S.D. 88.5 points on Fake Friend; 2. (tie) TJ Gray, Dairy, Ore. and Wacey Schalla, Arapaho, Okla. 86.5 each; 4. Luke Mackey, Ignacio, Colo. 86; 5. Bryce Jensen, Huntsville, Texas 78; 6. Tyce Willis, Alvord, Texas 77; 7. Hayden Ferguson, Coldspring, Texas 54.

\*\* All results are unofficial. For complete results, visit [www.prorodeo.com](http://www.prorodeo.com). For more information, visit [www.KansasBiggestRodeo.com](http://www.KansasBiggestRodeo.com).

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