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(Neb.) - CSC women's team qualifies for national rodeo

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The Chadron State College rodeo team continued its outstanding performances in the Central Rocky Mountain Region this spring by winning several top honors at the University of Wyoming this past weekend.

The Chadron State women's team, which was seventh in the regional standings at the beginning of the 2012 portion of the schedule, finished in second place in the region and has qualified for the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper in June. It's the first time a CSC rodeo team has qualified for nationals since 1986.

The CSC cowgirls were led by seniors Kelsey Scott of Douglas, Wyo., and Kaylee Gallino of Wasta, S.D. Scott finished the 2011-12 season as the breakaway roping champion, the third place team roping header and the runner-up all-around cowgirl. Gallino won the barrel race at the UW rodeo and finished second in the regional standings.

Also qualifying for nationals in a big way is senior Miles Spickelmier of Imperial. He is the region's steer wrestling champion for the year.

Gallino and her bay gelding, Bob, really put things together at the Wyoming rodeo. They were second in the first go-round of the barrels in 15.49 seconds and won the championship go-round in 15.23 seconds to win the averages and vault her into second place in the final regional standings.

Another event winner for CSC was senior Justin Ellis of Kirby, Wyo., who won the bull riding. He was second in the first go-round with 69 points and was the only bull rider to make the eight-second whistle in the finals, giving him the rodeo's championship. His score in the finals was 60.

CSC freshman Amy Deichert of Spearfish, S.D., placed third in the barrel race at Laramie with times of 15.54 and 15.57 seconds.

Scott wound up fourth in the breakaway standings for the rodeo. She was seventh in the first go-round in 3.8 seconds and would have won the final go-round in 2.6 seconds, but she broke the barrier and placed fourth in both the go-round and the overall standings after the 10-second penalty was added.

Four more CSC entries were among the 10 finalists in their events at the Wyoming rodeo. They were Clint Lambrecht of Wood River and Spickelmier in steer wrestling, Bridger Chytka of Hemingford in calf roping and Kaycee Wardel of Chadron in the barrel race. Each of the three cowboys took a no score on their second runs. Wardel had times of 15.77 and 15.88 seconds in the barrels, but she did not place among the top six to earn points on either run.

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