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Hawk Bullrider Dominates Home Rodeo

Howard College Hawk bull rider, Cody Samora, dominated the competition at the Howard College rodeo April 16-18 taking home 1st place and securing his second trip to the College National Finals Rodeo (CNFR) to be held later this summer.

Samora twisted his first bull for 80 points and second place in the long round. Coming back with a great bull in the short round provided just the break that Samora needed. He marked 86 points to win the short round and the average, which was enough to secure his position in the regional standings and guarantee a trip to the CNFR.

Samora was not the only Hawk bull rider to compete in short round action. Lonny Graham marked a 79 point ride in the long round to finish third in the round and fifth in the average. Shane Esco marked a 75 point ride in the long round for sixth place and Kyle Andrews rounded out the HC field with a 73 point first go effort.

Adam Sawyer was the only Hawk to compete in more than one event on the final night of action. Sawyer placed third in the first round of the steer wrestling and sixth in the first round of the team roping but was unable to capitalize on the chance and bring home a place in short round action.

Jana Jasper was the only lady HC Hawk representative to make the short round of competition. Jasper finished ninth in the first round of the goat tying and finished the weekend in eighth place.

Wacey Cody made the short go of the bareback riding with a first score of 66 and was able to duplicate that effort in the short round bringing in a seventh place finish for the weekend.

The HC Hawk Rodeo was once again a huge success, thanks in great part to the tremendous amount of support and efforts provided by the volunteers, sponsors, and HC administration. "It takes a lot of effort to produce an event such as this", said HC Rodeo Coach, Greg Kernick. "I really appreciate everyone's involvement in making this year's rodeo one of the best ever."

At this point, both Samora and HC steer wrestler Ryan Viva have their ticket punched to advance to the College National Finals Rodeo to be held in Casper WY, June 14 – 20, 2009.

The Hawks will travel to Tarleton State University in Stephenville TX for the final stop in the Southwest Region schedule April 23-25. To see more results, go to www.collegerodeo.com or visit www.howardcollege.edu.