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### **Hawk Bull Riders Make Strong Showing at WTC**

The HC Hawk rodeo team made their statement in Snyder, April 2-4 as they competed in their fourth rodeo of the spring at Western Texas College.

Bull rider, Cody Samora led the Howard College men's team posting a 77 in the long round of competition for a sixth place split. In short round action, Samora welcomed the whistle and marked a 79 to split third in that round and a second place split for the average race. Samora, a 2008 College National Finals Rodeo qualifier, remains among the top bull riders of the tough Southwest Region.

Joining Samora in the bull riding short round were teammates DD Spratt and Kyle Andrews. Spratt marked a 78 in the long go round to finish fifth in that round while Andrews made the final round action with a 73 point effort. Neither Spratt nor Andrews were able to make the whistle in the short round.

For the Lady Hawks, Tina Harris made her way to the short round with a 14.19 second barrel run. After a fifth place finish in the long round, Harris had some hard luck and was unable to hold on to any average points.

Kady Knox posted a 2.9 second run in the breakaway roping just missing a chance in the short round as the top ten cut off hit at 2.8 seconds.

Jake Ward with partner Tel Flewelling of ENMU posted a 7.2 in the first go of the team roping and found their way to eighth in the average for the weekend.

Tie down ropers Calvin Brevik and Adam Sawyer posted times of 9.0 and 8.9 to grab a sixth and third split place respectively in the long round. After a 12 second run, Brevik finished the competition in eighth. Sawyer was able to gather sixth place in the short round and the average with a 19.9 on two head.

KC Curtis finished tenth in the long round of the steer wrestling with a 5.2 second run. Curtis was unable to qualify on his short round animal for no points in the average.

The HC rodeo team welcomes this week off in preparation for their home rodeo April 16-18 at the Rodeo Bowl in Big Spring. The action will begin at 5:00 pm on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> with performances at 7:00 pm on the Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> and Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup>. Admission is FREE compliment of Invenergy. For more information visit [www.howardcollege.edu](http://www.howardcollege.edu)