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(Neb.)-Chadron State rodeo team has big weekend in Laramie

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Members of the Chadron State College rodeo team saved their best for last.

Competing at the final rodeo of the season in the Central Rocky Mountain Region at the University of Wyoming this past weekend, Chadron State entries won four of the nine events, including all three of the women's events.

The CSC cowgirls won the team title by a wide margin and one of them, sophomore Amy Deichert of Spearfish, S.D., was the rodeo's all-around cowgirl after winning first in both the breakaway roping and the barrel race.

The other event winner was Shelby Winchell, a junior from Scottsbluff. She captured the goat tying and also qualified for the College National Finals Rodeo to take place in Casper, Wyo., June 9-15 by finishing third in the regional standings for the year in that event.

In addition, Winchell placed fourth in the breakaway roping at the Wyoming rodeo. The stellar weekend saw her earn enough points to become the region's reserve all-around cowgirl for 2012-13. She will compete in both goat tying and breakaway roping at the college finals.

Chadron State's other event winner this weekend is senior Mitch McAdow of Littleton, Colo. He won the tie down roping and also wrapped up the tie down championship for the year and the right to rope at the finals next month.

Besides Winchell and McAdow, also competing at nationals will be CSC junior Amy Tierney of Oral and Hot Springs, S.D. She earned that honor when she was elected the student representative on the region's board of directors a year ago. She proved at the Wyoming rodeo that her participation in the finals won't be a fluke by placing second to Winchell in the goat tying.

Two more CSC cowboys also placed high at the rodeo in Laramie. Lane Day of Bartlett, Neb., finished third in steer wrestling and Colton Blanchard of Sulphur, La., was fourth in bareback riding.

Jake Kasselder of Ericson, Neb., was second in the first go-round of the steer wrestling, but did not get a score on his second run.

"We had a great weekend," CSC rodeo coach Dustin Luper said. "I am really proud of our group. It was our best rodeo of the season. Of course, not everything went perfect. We had some other people who could have qualified for nationals if things would have worked for them. It was a dream come true for several of them and heartbreak for a few others. I'm just glad it went as well as it did."