

SPC Rodeo Advances Four to Final Round at Texas Tech

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LUBBOCK, Texas – The South Plains College rodeo teams have continued to be successful at Texas Tech, advancing five to tonight's final events scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

Lady Texans Carley Richardson and Haley Nelson will compete in the final round of the barrel races. Richardson's first round time of 16.39 seconds is good for second place in the first round while Nelson enters the final with the seventh fastest time of 16.54 seconds.

Brittany Bell will represent SPC in the goat tying competition as she enters the final round in ninth place after securing her goat in 9.2 seconds in the Saturday morning's slack. Former Lady Texan and current Tarleton State cowgirl Cassie Vierstra will also compete in the final. Vierstra posted a time of 8.8 seconds in round one Friday evening and is currently in sixth position.

Bell and Vierstra will also compete in breakaway roping. Bell's first round time of 2.2 seconds is the second best in the competition, while TSU's Vierstra's time of 2.8 seconds is sixth best entering the final round.

In bull riding, Ben McPherson rode 'Fireman' to a first round score of 76 to qualify for the final. McPherson's first round score is currently ninth best.

The final round of competition in the Texas Tech rodeo is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. at the Texas Tech equestrian center.