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Five make the short round at Perryton rodeo

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PERRYTON, Texas – South Plains College athletes made sure the final day of the Perryton rodeo - hosted by Frank Phillips College – had plenty of Texans and Lady Texans competing as five advanced to Saturday’s short round.

The performance of the weekend came from freshman Russell Schilling. Competing in tie-down roping, the native of Farwell finished fifth in the long round with a time of 10.2 seconds. In Saturday’s final, Schilling’s time of 11.9 seconds was good for third best and his combined time of 22.1 seconds was fourth best overall. When all was said and done, Schilling earned 85 championship points over the weekend and catapulted himself to ninth overall in the southwest region standings.

Trey Paul Meeks rode to a long round score of 75 in bull riding, earning fifth place and 20 points. Meeks did not earn a score in Saturday’s short round and fell to sixth in the average, earning 30 points for the weekend.

Laramie Wing snuck into Saturday’s final round in goat tying after she posted a time of 9.2 seconds to put herself into a three-way tie for eighth place. Her time of 10.7 seconds in Saturday’s final was the fifth best in the round and put her in a tie for fifth in the overall competition. Wing returned to Levelland with 35 points.

Asa Daugherty and Sid Cervantes teamed up to a record a time of 6.1 seconds in team roping, advancing with the sixth best time. The duo did not record a time Saturday evening and tied for ninth in the average.

After four rodeos SPC has six athletes in the top 15 of the Southwest Region standings. J.T. Pettitt fell from ninth to 11th in the bull riding standings, while Kory McLaughlin also dropped two spots to 14th.

Blake Gagnon and Ty Willick each fell in steer wrestling, Gagnon from ninth to 11th, and Willick from 10th to a tie for 13th. Sarah Walker dipped to 14th in the goat tying competition. Schilling was not ranked in the top 15 before his tie-down performance put him in ninth.

The South Plains College rodeo teams will compete for the fifth weekend in a row Oct 20-22 when they wrap up their fall schedule at the Texas Tech rodeo.