

Casper, WY (June 14, 2009) - Cowboys and cowgirls from across the U.S. converged on Casper to prove they have what it takes to be the best of the best among the college ranks. Missouri Valley College qualified eleven student-athletes to this years College National Finals Rodeo. The action started today (Sunday) with the Bulls, Broncs, and Breakaways Matinees .

In the breakaway, Katie Kimble, a junior from Henry, IL. posted a 2.7 on her first run but broke the barrier for a ten second penalty to give her a first run time of 12.7 good for 28th place . In the same event Kallie Agre a senior from Lindstrom, Minnesota had a no score as she failed to rope her calf.

In the bull riding, Will Crain, a freshman from Farina, Illinois had a no score as he was thrown from his bull. In bareback riding, Kyle Brennecke, a junior from Grain Valley, Mo. had the best performance of the day for MVC. he scored a 77.5 on his first ride placing him at 8th place going into tomorrow's second ride. James Earl Carter, a junior from Ellisinore, Mo. had a good ride scoring a 70.5 placing him 18th .

In the saddle bronc riding, Will Smith, a sophomore from Luyoff, South Carolina showed why he could be in contention with a score of 71.5 placing him in eleventh place. Adam Gilchrist, a junior from Maple Creek, Saskatchewan (Canada) was throw from his horse for a no score. The Missouri Valley College Rodeo Team will continue its quest for a national championship on Monday with the slack competition starting at 7:00 AM. During the slack all participants will perform in their event. First round team scores will be posted after tomorrow's slack round.

The top twelve individuals in each event will qualify for the finals on Saturday, June 20, 2009.

For scores and more information about the College National Finals Rodeo go to www.collegerodeo.com