VIKING MEN’S TEAM WINS TROY RODEO

Marshall, Mo. (November 23, 2013)- The Missouri Valley College rodeo program went on the road over the weekend to the Troy University rodeo in Alabama. The Viking men’s team took first place at the event, while the women’s team placed third.

On the men’s team, Sophomore Dalton Kingery (Monroe, Iowa) took first place in the saddle bronc riding competition, and placed third in bareback riding. Also in saddle bronc riding, Freshman Whalen Pickerill (Johnston City, Ill.) took third place. In steer wrestling, Freshman Fenton Nelson (Iowa Falls, Iowa) took the competition and Senior Hunter Lewis (Elkins, Ark.) placed second.

On the women’s side, Junior Hilton Peeples (Milton, Ga.) took first in breakaway roping, while Freshman Morgan Patton (Dalton, Ga.) placed second in the competition.

The men’s team finished with 855 points, nearly 500 points in front of second place University of Tennessee-Martin and Cossat Community College, which tied for second with 370 points. The women’s team scored 200 points, finished
behind first place Troy with 400 points and Southern Arkansas University with 222.5.

At the conclusion of the fall season the men’s rodeo team has overtaken first place in the Ozark Region, edging ahead of Tennessee-Martin. Kingery leads the region in the men’s all-around, bareback riding, and saddle bronc. Sophomore Coleman Rude (Silver Lake, Ind.) lead the region in bull riding, and Nelson leads the region in steer wrestling.

The women’s team sits in fourth place in the region, behind Troy, Southern Arkansas and Murray State University. Junior Kacey Struxness (Milan, Minn.) sits in second place in the breakway roping competition.

The rodeo team now enters its winter break, and will resume the 2013-2014 season Feb. 20-22, 2014, at the Cossatot Community College rodeo in Texarkana, Ark.

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