



Laine Herl (left) qualified for the National Little Britches Rodeo Finals in steer wrestling and finished 17th in steer wrestling. Nicole Sederstrom (above) and her horse Willy stayed focused in the muddy conditions of the short go on Saturday to move up to fifth place in barrel racing at the national finals held in Pueblo, Colo.

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Three Goodland youth compete at national finals

One boy and two girls from Goodland competed in the National Little Britches Rodeo Finals held recently in Pueblo, Colo.

Laine Herl, Jacee Herl and Ni-

cole Sederstrom competed in the week-long event and had some great performances.

More than 844 contestants were at the finals July 26-31 coming from 25

different states to compete in the 11 rodeos held throughout the week.

Laine Herl qualified for the finals in steer wrestling, tie-down calf roping and team roping in the senior boy division. He finished 17th in the World in steer wrestling and 22nd in team roping.

Laine spent three weeks on the road as he qualified for the International Finals Youth Rodeo in Shawnee, Okla. during the second week of July. He then participated in the National High School Finals in Gillette, Wy. from July 19 to 24th.

His third week was in Pueblo at the National Little Britches Rodeo Finals.

For the team roping Herl was partnered with Latigo Peterson of Syracuse.

Qualifying for three national events is a tremendous accomplishment as he has been rodeoing for only a few years, said Amy Sederstrom who was at the finals with her daughter.

Jacee Herl qualified in the barrel race and pole bending at the finals as senior girl. Sederstrom said Jacee has competed in the Little Britches for the past couple of years and had made some great strides and had some great runs at the finals.

Nicole Sederstrom qualified in six events in the junior girls division at the finals. She competed in barrel race, pole bending, goat tying, trail

course, breakaway roping and sally ribbon roping.

She had a good week and came home with six buckles, said her mom.

Nicole placed third in the World in the trail course, fifth in the World in the All-Around and 14th in the World in dally ribbon roping.

In the dally ribbon roping Sederstrom was partnered with C. Rain Ragan of Dodge City. Dally ribbon roping is a team event for Junior contestants, as explained on the Little Britches web site. The team consists of a roper and a runner and the team may be two girls, two boys or co-ed.

The roper starts in the roping box to the calf's right. When he or she calls for the calf to be released, the contestant chases it down the arena in an attempt to rope it. The preferred catch is around the neck, but the catch-as-catch-can rule applies. After the catch is made, the roper dallies his or her rope around the saddle horn and stops the calf for the runner, who is waiting (on foot) in the arena for the catch. The runner must run to the calf, collect the ribbon hanging from the calf's tail and run it back to the box from which the roper started as quickly as possible.

She made it to the short-go on Saturday in barrel race, trail course

and ribbon roping.

The short-go takes the top 15 in each event based on the prior rodeo performances of the week and their season points.

"The short-go was a sloppy mess," Amy Sederstrom said, "because it had rained the entire night before. However, Nicole was able to stay focused and placed third in the round in barrel race.

"Her big horse, Willy, kept his footing and moved her up in the standings to fifth place. Nicole had a solid run in the trail course to maintain her third place standing.

"Hats off to these three young contestants for representing Goodland at the finals. It is very competitive at this level of rodeo, and these three youngsters have bright futures ahead of them."



Jacee Herl took her horse through the pole bending course at the National Little Britches Rodeo Finals held in Pueblo, Colo., at the end of July.

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School calendar for August 25-31

Welcome back to school!

Wednesday: Black day

7:30 a.m.: PLC

Thursday: Gold day

Friday: Black day

3:40 p.m.: Lifetouch GHS Sports pictures

6:15 p.m.: Football and Cross Country Soap Scrimmage

9 p.m.: Back to school dance

Sunday: FCCLA Take Aim Conference in Salina

Monday: Gold day

FCCLA Take Aim Conference in Salina

Tuesday: Black day

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CLUES ACROSS

- Mother (British)
- Macaws
- Senior officer
- Latch onto something
- Quality of a given color
- Tooth on a gearwheel
- Prima donnas
- Cereal grain
- Member of an ancient Iranian people
- Room cooler
- Leave a union
- Icelandic poems
- Unit of sound loudness
- Trim and stylish
- And, Latin
- The Ocean State
- A military meal
- Hand (Spanish)
- Overdose
- A public promotion
- Hat part
- Turfs
- 3rd or 4th Islamic month
- Japanese martial art
- Sec. of State
- Off-Broadway theater award
- Spiritual teacher
- 98942 WA
- Foot (Latin)
- 84057 UT
- Stalk of a moss capsule
- Very fast airplane

54. The Wilderness Soc.

55. A meshwork barrier

CLUES DOWN

- Million gallons per day (abbr.)
- Fake name
- Film entertainments
- Turn away from sin
- A course or path
- Opposed to a policy
- Screenplay outline
- Free from ostentation
- Makes older
- Explorer Polo
- This (Spanish)
- Units of action in a film
- Contemporary
- Clifford _____, playwright
- Integrated data processing
- Martinet
- Suitable for use as food
- African tribe
- Enhance or decorates
- Influence payments
- Actress Farrow
- Palm fruits
- Taken dishonestly
- Large southern constellation
- Belongs to Lifetime's Heidi
- Growing outwards
- Beer ingredient
- Round hut
- They serve on a ship
- Chapeau

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