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COLLEGE NATIONAL FINALS RODEO

Goodrich headed to CNFR

Stanfield barrel racer, 6 BMCC athletes will compete next week in Wyoming

By ANNIE FOWLER
East Oregonian

STANFIELD — One bad run during the Northwest Region regular season kept Josie Goodrich from possibly winning the barrel racing and all-around titles, but she and her horse Keeper still performed well enough to earn a trip to the College National Finals Rodeo.

Goodrich, who competes for Washington State University, will ride in her first CNFR starting Monday, June 14, in Casper, Wyoming.

“My first rodeo, my horse slipped down and we didn’t get any points,” said Goodrich, a 2020 Hermiston graduate. “Even with that, until the very last weekend, we were leading the barrels. Then we had an off weekend. It’s frustrating.”

Goodrich finished second in the barrels with 981.50 points — 65.5 points out of first. She was third in the all-around standings with 1,359.50 points — 30 points out of second place, and 135.5 out of first.

“I had no idea I was in the top three of the all-around,” said Goodrich, who also competed in breakaway roping. “I made a few good runs on Ruby, my rope horse. Those points helped me out.”

Five members of the Blue Mountain Community College men’s team, and BMCC’s Mackenly Davis in goat tying, join Goodrich at the CNFR.

The Blue Mountain men’s team finished second in the Northwest Region standings, and will send Coy Aldrich in steer wrestling, tie-down roping and team roping (header); Kaden Greenfield in steer wrestling; Wyatt Vankoll in tie-down roping; Taylor Ott in team roping (heeler); and Calvin Shaffer in saddle bronc riding.

Vankoll won the Northwest Region tie-down title with 766 points, while Aldrich was second in the all-around standings.

Goodrich will compete June 14 and 15 in slack, and again the night of June 16.

“I definitely have high standards this year,” Goodrich said. “I want to make the short-go. Hopefully I do well enough to stay the whole week.”

She has a good partner in Keeper, a 16-year-old gelding.

“He gives me his all every time,” Goodrich said. “He is the greatest horse I could ever ask for.”

Goodrich and her parents, Jodi and Brad, left June 10. Check-in is June 12, but she wants to get there a day early.

“Friday, the barrel racers get a chance to get in the arena, and I definitely want to get him in there,” Goodrich said. “The college finals are indoors, and it’s a small arena. Times will be in the 14s. I’m not going to lie, this whole last winter



Josie Goodrich/Contributed Photo

Josie Goodrich, of Stanfield, will compete Monday, June 14, 2021, for Washington State University at the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyoming, in barrel racing with her horse Keeper.

mom and I were in the south going to rodeos in small arenas to prepare for this.”

The top 12 in each event qualify for the short-go (finals) on June 19.

Goodrich also has her WPRA permit and plans to run the barrels and compete in breakaway roping at the Farm-City Pro Rodeo and the Pendleton Round-Up.

the tie-down, but he advanced to nationals by placing second in the all-around.

“You get to pick up other events you didn’t qualify in,” he said. “I got to pick up tie-down and team roping. The guy from Treasure Valley is not my regular partner. I needed a heeler, and I had to take the next one available.”

“I WOULD GIVE AWAY 10 OF MY BUCKLES FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SAY I WAS A NATIONAL CHAMPION.”

— Coy Aldrich, BMCC men’s rodeo team

“Hopefully my mom’s horse (Bug) is better and we can rodeo together,” Goodrich said.

BMCC men

Aldrich, a 2020 graduate of Culver High School, is a freshman and headed to his first CNFR.

The big stage won’t be new to Aldrich, who competed four times at the High School National Finals Rodeo. He finished seventh in the nation in team roping his senior year with partner Brayden Schmidt.

Aldrich, a header, will team rope with Dawstin Hoopai of Treasure Valley Community College at the CNFR.

Aldrich finished second in the steer wrestling in the Northwest Region, and was sixth in

Aldrich, who is riding on his PRCA permit, will compete in Columbia River Circuit rodeos in Union and Eagle, Idaho, on his way to Wyoming.

Greenfield finished third in steer wrestling in the Northwest Region, while Shaffer was second in the saddle bronc.

With five entrants, BMCC coach Blake West believes his team could be in the hunt for a team title.

BMCC women

Davis, who hails from Post Falls, Idaho, finished third in goat tying in the Northwest Region, beating the fourth-place finisher by less than 50 points. The BMCC women’s team missed out on a trip to nationals by 232 points.

“We were third by less than 300 points,” West said. “It was ridiculously close.”

Working within COVID-19 protocols, Davis had to bring her own goat to college to practice on.

The goat escaped the first day she had him, but since then, the little escape artist has done his part in helping Davis reach nationals.

“It was pretty crazy how close things were,” Davis said. “It was a roller coaster all spring, I went from second to third to fifth to second. I’m excited to go. It’s my first time going to nationals. I went in 2019 to watch my boyfriend, but I’m excited to go for myself.”

Davis will ride her horse Bear, a 17-year-old gelding.

“I’ve had him for four years now,” Davis said. “He has been to the college finals a lot of times.

NCAA needs NIL help

By RALPH D. RUSSO
AP College Football Writer

WASHINGTON — A federal law governing how college athletes can earn money off their fame seems certain to pass — at some point.

There is no real debate among lawmakers on Capitol Hill about whether athletes should be permitted to monetize their name, image and likeness.

“There is broad consensus that Congress should pass a law that grants athletes NIL rights,” Sen. Roger Wicker, R-Mississippi, said Wednesday, June 9, during a hearing held by the Senate Commerce Committee.

But less than a month before NIL laws go into effect in several states, NCAA President Mark Emmert was back in Washington renewing his plea for help from Congress.

That help is unlikely to come as soon as the NCAA would like. For some lawmakers, federal regulation of college sports should not end with NIL and the time is right to tackle other issues — from long-term health care and educational opportunities for athletes to more uniform and enforceable safety standards.

“To race to just an NIL bill and not address these injustices is tragic,” Sen. Cory Booker, D-New Jersey, a former Stanford football player, said before Emmert and five other witnesses testified before the committee.

Wicker wants to take a different approach, calling for a “more focused bill on a faster timeline.”

Emmert said the NCAA plans to act on its proposed NIL legislation soon.

“Preferably by the end of the month,” Emmert said.

The Division I Council meets June 22-23 and could take action then, but only a federal law can preempt state laws in Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and New Mexico that are set to go into effect July 1.

ON THE SLATE

THURSDAY, JUNE 10

Prep boys basketball

Kennewick at Hermiston, 7 p.m.

Riverside at Heppner, 7:30 p.m.

Grant Union at Weston-McEwen, 7:30 p.m.

Irrigon at Stanfield, 7:30 p.m.

Prep girls basketball

Hermiston at Kennewick, 7 p.m.

Riverside at Heppner, 7:30 p.m.

Irrigon at Stanfield, 6 p.m.

Powder Valley at Nixyaawii, 6 p.m.

Prep Wrestling

Heppner at Riverside, 5 p.m.

Prep bowling

Hermiston at Richland, 3:30 p.m.

Prep swimming

Hermiston at MCC Championships, Richland, TBD

IMC meet at Pendleton, noon

FRIDAY, JUNE 11

Prep boys basketball

Ridgeview at Pendleton, 6:30 p.m.

Echo at Lone/Arlington, 7:30 p.m.

Pilot Rock at Heppner, 7:30 p.m.

Weston-McEwen at Stanfield, 7:30 p.m.

Irrigon at Umatilla, 7:30 p.m.

McLoughlin at Riverside, 7:30 p.m.

Prep girls basketball

Pendleton at Ridgeview, 7 p.m.

McLoughlin at Riverside, 6 p.m.

Irrigon at Umatilla, 6 p.m.

Pilot Rock at Heppner, 6 p.m.

Echo at Lone/Arlington, 6 p.m.

SPORTS SHORT

No Cheers: Tokyo Olympic Village considering ban on alcohol

By STEPHEN WADE
Associated Press

TOKYO — The Olympic Village has traditionally been a fun place to be, housing thousands of young athletes and staff ready to party and share a few beers and bubbly toasts.

But not at the Tokyo Olympics, which are to open in just over six weeks amid a pandemic. These are going to be the “no cheers” Olympics with testing and vaccinations taking priority over fun and games.

It’s not clear if alcohol will be allowed in the village, which will

house 11,000 Olympic athletes and 4,400 Paralympians. Organizers say they have yet to decide on a policy, which is expected by the end of the month.

Toshiro Muto, the CEO of the Tokyo organizing committee, said Wednesday, June 9, it might be difficult to ban alcohol from the athletes’ private rooms in the village, but public areas in the village might be a different matter.

“In the case that they were to drink inside their own rooms — this is equivalent to cases where we are drinking in our own home,” Muto said, speaking to Japanese

media on Wednesday after an online meeting with the International Olympic Committee executive board.

“Can we prohibit that? That’s not conceivable,” Muto added. “It would be very difficult to do so.”

But he said it might be banned from dining areas and other public areas in the village.

Tokyo and much of the rest of the country is under a state of emergency, with many bars and restaurants closing early and banning alcohol sales. The emergency order ends on June 20 and it’s not clear if it will be extended.



Kim Kyung-hoon/Reuters via AP

Tokyo organising committee CEO Toshiro Muto speaks at a news conference after IOC Executive Board Meeting in Tokyo on Wednesday, June 9, 2021.