

NTCC rodeo wins big at Sam Houston

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Northeast Texas Community College Rodeo has concluded the Fall Season for the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA) Southern Region with a trip to the Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas November 9-11.

The Eagle Men's Team came away with several points and finished in third place as a team.

Parker Jones (Solvang, CA) won the Men's All-Around Title after placing second in the Men's Team Roping with fellow Eagle Coy Evans (Fort Supply, OK).

Jones picked up additional points in the Tie Down roping coming in sixth place.

In addition to Jones and Evans, Kelon Andrews (Blossom, Texas) teamed up with Jayden Cisneros of Wharton Junior College to win the Men's team roping. Andrews earned

the top Header award with partner Cisneros picking up the top Heeler award.

Gage Schweer (Elko, NV) placed third in Saddle Bronc riding with scores of 77 points on both is rides. Josh Stephenson (Carthage, TX) brought home points in Steerwrestling with his sixth-place finish.

The Men's team is sitting in third place at the conclusion of the Fall season with the top two teams moving on to the College National Finals Rodeo (CNFR) in Casper, Wyoming in June.

Individual standings after five Rodeos also have the Eagles in good position going into the spring to have them qualify in individual events.

In Men's Team Roping, the Eagles have three of the top 8 Headers, Andrews sits in third position, Brennen Wilson (Gilmer, Texas) sits in fourth and Jones is in the eighth spot with the top three advancing to the CNFR. Heelers are Hayden Sanders (Ovalo, TX) in fourth and



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Several members of the NTCC men's rodeo team pulled off big wins at the Sam Houston State University Rodeo in Huntsville last month. Parker Jones and Kelon Andrews took the championships in two events. The winners added to the team's overall points and also racked up points for themselves individually. From left, NTCC Rodeo Coach Justin Hampton, team members, Gage Schweer, Coy Evans, Parker Jones (All Around-Champion), Kelon Andrews (Team Roping Header Champion), and Josh Stephenson.

Evans in eight position.

In Saddle Bronc, Schweer is ranked number 7 after 5 Rodeos, with five to go in the spring. Steerwrestling has two Eagles on the board, Garrett Zieffle (Consort, Alberta Canada) is in eleventh, and Stephenson is eighteenth

heading to the spring season.

Rounding out the Men's Team event of Tie Down, has several Eagles in the top twenty-one. Howard Green (Atlanta, Texas) is in fourth, Evans in ninth, Wilson in twelfth and Jones in twenty first position.

For the Ladies team, Makenzie Mayes (Winnsboro, Texas) is in fourteenth place in Barrel racing, and in the eleventh spot in Ladies Breakaway Roping. Joining Mayes in the Breakaway roping standings are Jill White (Singer, LA)

in sixth place, and Chloe Bahhur (Fairfield, VA) in the twentieth position.

The Eagle Rodeo teams off until February 2nd and 3rd when they return to action at the Texas A&M University Commerce Rodeo held in Sulphur Springs, Texas.

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Gabin Desplats keeps his eye on the ball and gets ready to move down the field toward the goal in the hopes of securing a win for The Eagles. The game ended in a tie for the opposing teams.



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Gabin Desplats battles hard to keep the ball in play and away from his competitors in a game against Paris Junior College earlier this fall.



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Jenna Kirk dribbles the ball down the field as a PJC player moves in to try to make the steal. The Dragons went on to pull off the win against The Eagles in early fall play.