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Men's, women's rodeo stay atop Northwest Regional standings.

PENDLETON, Ore. – Both the men's and women's rodeo teams from Blue Mountain Community College continue to sit atop the Northwest Region standings of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association after taking home top honors at the Northwest Regional Rodeo #3 and #4 in Milton-Freewater April 16-17.

Both men's and women's team won both days' rodeos, with Danyelle Williams bringing in the women's all-around title on Day 1, and Jared Parke taking home the men's all-around title and Quincy Pendergrass nabbing the women's all-around award on Day 2. Kenneth Haworth and Tyler Potter rode away with the first and second place awards, respectively, for bareback riding on both days of rodeo. Justin Garland came out on top with the steer wrestling title on Day 1, followed by Parke in second place, and then Parke took top honors in the category on Day 2. Williams and Nic Nyman joined forces to take second place in team roping on Day 1, while Parke and Jordan Tye came in second on Day 2. Emily Sorey and Danyelle Williams came in second and third place, respectively, on Day 1 in barrel racing, and then bumped up to first and second place, respectively, on Day 2, while Lauren Leyva came in first in goat tying.

The men's team is sitting comfortably in first place with 2,666 points ahead of second place Walla Walla Community College in the Northwest Region standings, while the women's team holds 905 points over second ranked Central Washington University. The men's team is currently in second place in the national NIRA rankings, while the women's team is holding strong in fourth place nationally.

Next up, the BMCC rodeo teams will host its annual rodeo at the Umatilla County Fairgrounds in Hermiston April 29-30.

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