MSU-N rodeo teams finish strong
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The Montana State University-Northern rodeo team finished up its spring season this past week at the University of Montana Rodeo in Missoula.

The rodeo was also the final qualifier for the CNFR in the Big Sky Region and several Lights and Skylights made sure the season ended on a high note.

In the long go-around, team ropers Dennis Barta and Jade Nystrom finished first and wound up sixth in the average, while teammates Lacey Davidson and Sheena Herzog placed third in the go-around.

Havre's Phillip Sutherland also had a strong weekend. Sutherland finished first in the long go in saddle bronc and finished second in the average for the weekend. As a team, the Lights and Skylights both placed fifth overall on the weekend.

For the season, a pair of former Havre High standouts topped MSU-N's athletes in the Big Sky Region's final standings. Sutherland finished the year seventh in saddle bronc, while Kassy Brough took sixth in barrel racing. Davidson was eighth in breakaway roping, while Barta had an outstanding season. Barta finished 10th in steer wrestling and 13th as a heeler. Nystrom was 14th as a header, while Tyler Bartelt took 11th in bareback riding and Charlie Mack was 14th in bull riding.

In the final team standings in the Big Sky, the Skylights were sixth and the Lights were seventh under veteran head coach Troy Solomon.