

Local Rodeo Star Makes It Big



Courtesy photo

Ben Mayworth of Sebring is a national champion in calf roping.

CASPER, Wyo. — Ben Mayworth, a 2005 Sebring High School graduate, was named the national champion for the Calf Roping Competition in Casper, Wyo., for the College National Finals Rodeo on June 16.

Going into the final round at the College National Finals Rodeo, Mayworth sat in second place in the tie-down calf roping competition.

Mayworth, a sophomore at Troy University, Ala., was the only member of the team to qualify for the championship round.

"Ben didn't draw the best calf in the final round but he made a good run," Trojans coach Cliff Toliver said. "It was a great atmosphere, with the largest crowd ever at the event, more than 5,000 people.

"Ben was very excited and the other coaches from our region were excited as well because he was the first from the Ozark Region to win a national title since 2002."

WATCH IT ON TV

Mayworth and The College National Finals replays can be seen on CSTV on Direct TV Channel 610 and Dish Network Channel 152 during the times below:



- ◆ Friday, Aug. 10, 9 p.m. ET
- ◆ Friday, Aug. 17, 9 p.m. ET

Mayworth grew up on a cattle ranch in Highlands County and has been competing in rodeo events since he was 6 years old. He is studying geomatics at Troy University, where he will get his degree and he plans to continue rodeoing on a professional level.

The rodeo champion is currently competing in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association and is eighth in the rookie standings.