

## Rodeo: 3 locals in IFYR finals

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Three youth from Sulphur Springs were registered to compete this week in the International Finals Youth Rodeo in Shawnee,

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The IFYR website (IFYR.com) Thursday night had posted results from “go” 1 and 2 held so far this week. Entering Friday’s competition, the results (which were as yet incomplete) for Sulphur Springs competitors were as follows.

Carson Hicks was number one with a time/score of 4.9 with earnings of 854.78 after the first go in steer wrestling Tuesday morning, then followed that up with a score/time of 5.0 following go 2 in steer wrestling Thursday for an overall average 9.9/2. He was tied with two others for 14th place in calf roping after his first go, with a time/score of 10.5 Sunday; his team at that time was in 10th. He was scheduled for his second go Friday morning in calf roping.

Hicks and Cole Mitchell competed in team roping go 1 Monday morning and go 2 Thursday afternoon at the IFYR.

Cole Mitchell was one of three competitors who tied for fourth through sixth place in calf roping go 1 with a score/time of 9.1 and 621.23 in earnings as of Tuesday morning. Wednesday morning in go 2 of calf roping, he was ranked 12th with a score/time of 21.9. In the first go of the saddle bronc competition, Mitchell was among 22 competitors tied for sixth place; his team was in 14th. He was among 15 competitors who were tied for 11th in go 2 in the saddle bronc competition Thursday morning; his team is rated 14th overall, according to the IFYR results.

Carson Folmar was fifth in pole bending with a score of 22.151 in go 2; his team was 13th as of the Wednesday morning result posting. Folmar was registered to compete Tuesday evening in pole bending go 1, and Wednesday morning in go 2. Folmar also was registered in Sunday evening’s go 1 barrel racing competition and down for go 2 Friday morning.

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Approximately 1,200 contestants competed this week at the International Finals Youth Rodeo, which is also known as the Cheyenne of High School Rodeo. The IFYR is designed to prepare youth to move up to the next level, offers 11 performances of the top high school rodeo action, has three arenas running simultaneously and a payoff of more than \$200,000. Go online to [www.ifyr.com](http://www.ifyr.com) more information about the competition, including results and draws.

Hicks, son of Chad and Holly Folmar and Todd Hicks, is one of 33 athletes from 10 states chosen to be on the 2014 Bloomer Trailers High School Rodeo Team based on their ability to win in their event as well as their moral character, attitude, competitive spirit and leadership ability.

Hicks also earned a position on the Texas National High School rodeo team and will compete in steer wrestling July 13-19 at the 66th annual National High School Finals Rodeo.

"Becoming a champion is not easy, it takes hard work, perseverance and dedication to get to the top and stay at the top of any field. Carson has all the qualities of a winner and we are proud to have him on our team," said Randy Bloomer, owner of Bloomer Trailers.

"The majority of the Bloomer team members will go on to compete at the college and pro level," he added.

In the fall, Hicks will be a senior at Sulphur Springs High School. He is in National Honor Society, Key Club, National Technical Honor Society, FFA and Ag Mechanics. He plays varsity football and baseball.

He has qualified the last three years for the Texas High School Rodeo Finals. He recently placed in the top four, which earned him a spot on the on the Texas National High School Rodeo Association team. He and his Texas High School Rodeo teammates will travel to Rock Springs, Wyo., where he will compete in steer wrestling during the 66th annual National High School Finals Rodeo July 13-19.