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UMC Western Equestrian Claims Reserve High Point Team Sunday following Pair of Shows at University of Minnesota



FALCON HEIGHTS, Minn. – The University of Minnesota Crookston western team started off the season with a strong performance at the University of Minnesota shows in Falcon Heights, Minn., Saturday and Sunday. The Golden Eagles were led by [Shannon Salm](#) (Sr., Larsen, Minn.), who was the Reserve High Point Rider Sunday, as the UMC team computed the Reserve High Point title for the show.

"I could not have been happier with this team," said Assistant Coach [Kayla Krueger](#). "They all worked their first meet of the season nerves out on Saturday and really came back to Sundays show with something to prove. This team practices hard and is gaining more confidence each time in the ring."

The Golden Eagles started off the weekend Saturday as Salm picked up a win in her open horsemanship class out of 11 riders. The class was an extremely competitive one, as Salm set the bar high for the Golden Eagles. Second up for UMC Saturday was [Amberly Pesall](#) (Jr., New Brighton, Minn.) in the Advanced divisions. She entered a large class of 14 riders hoping to place first or second in order to point out of the Advanced division. Pesall achieved that goal as she rode to a second-place finish.

Freshman [Kaitlin Van Ruler](#) (Fr., Woodstock, Minn.) had a strong debut with a second-place finish in her Novice horsemanship class. [Jenny Tack](#) (So., St. Bonifacius, Minn.) also went in her class hoping to point out of the Intermediate division. Tack put together a strong ride and came out with a first-place finish.

Sunday, both Salm and freshman [Joellen Gonsoir](#) (Fr., Groton, S.D.) had strong performances in the Reining, as Salm finished second and Gonsoir placed fourth. UMC had three riders in a large Open horsemanship division and had three riders place in the top six. Pesall made her debut in the Open after pointing out the day before and she placed first, while Salm finished second and Gonsoir sixth.

In Advanced horsemanship, UMC had three riders competing in a large class of 14 riders. [Amanda Guimont](#) (Jr., Nowthen, Minn.) placed second, while [Chloe Nelson](#) (Jr., Little Falls, Minn.) finished fourth and [Amy Stadtherr](#) (Jr., New Ulm, Minn.) finished sixth. Tack also made her debut in Novice horsemanship after pointing out of the Intermediate division and roder to a strong first-place finish.

Danielle Schelonka (So., Randall, Minn.) finished first in her Intermediate division to point up into Novice. [Katie Warner](#) (Fr., Warba, Minn.) and Emily Berglund (Fr., Becker, Minn.) both had strong performances in their classes. Warner was fourth in her Intermediate division and Berglund finished third in her Beginner Division.

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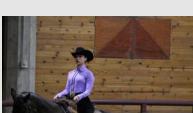
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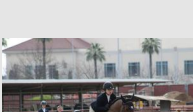
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Chloe Nelson Sophomore	Amanda Guimont Junior
Amberly Pesall Junior	Shannon Salm Senior
Amy Stadtherr Junior	Jenny Tack Sophomore
Joellen Gonsoir Freshman	Katie Warner Freshman
Kaitlin Van Ruler Freshman	

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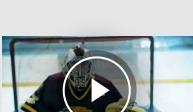
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