



Minnesota Crookston Western Equestrian Sends Four Riders on to IHSA Semi Finals in Oklahoma

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FARGO, N.D. – Minnesota Crookston western equestrian wrapped up the 2019-20 regular-season on Sat., Feb. 22 and Sun., Feb. 23 with a show at North Dakota State University and the IHSA Regional Championships in Fargo, N.D. The Golden Eagles had four riders qualify for the IHSA Semi-Finals at Southern Nazarene University March 21 and 22 in Bethany, Okla. Drayna, [Alyssa Evavold](#) (Dr., Battle Lake, Minn.), [Bae Ann Michel](#) (Dr., Monticello, Minn.), and [Savanna Weber](#) (So., Silver Lake, Minn.) will extend their 2019-20 season at Semi-Finals.

Drayna led the way on Saturday, as the senior had strong rides, placing third in the Reining and third in Open Horsemanship. [Whitney Feana](#) (Sr., Foley, Minn.) had a strong showing in Reining with second-place finish, while she finished third in Open Horsemanship.

In Level II Horsemanship, Michel put together a great ride and took first in her section. [Whitney Weidenborner](#) (Sr., Bemidji, Minn.) finished sixth in Level II Horsemanship section I. In section 2 of Level II, [Olivia Becker](#) placed third for the Golden Eagles, while [Jordyn Newberg](#) placed fifth.

In section 2 of Level I Horsemanship, [April Klecker](#) (So., Amboy, Minn.) put together a strong ride to place first, while [Beatrice Streifel](#) (So., Hawley, Minn.) was right behind her, placing second in section 2. In Section 3 of Level I Horsemanship, Tristin Bair (So., Winnebago, Minn.) had a great ride and took second.

In Rookie B Horsemanship, [Ethan Kolpack](#) (Fr., Ontonagon, Mich.) placed sixth in her section, while [Gabeca Clark](#) (Fr., Austin, Minn.) placed fourth in her section of Rookie B. In Rookie A Horsemanship, Weber took fourth, while Savea Zimmerman-Cameron (Fr., Little Falls, Minn.) placed fourth in her section of Beginner Horsemanship.

During Sunday's IHSA Regional Championship, Drayna put together a great ride, taking second in the Reining. Evavold also represented Minnesota Crookston well and took second in Level II Horsemanship. Michel had a strong ride and placed second in Level I Horsemanship. Weber added a second-place finish with a great showing in Beginner Horsemanship. Klecker placed sixth in Level I Horsemanship, while Bair rounded out a strong season in Rookie B Horsemanship.

Evavold, Drayna, Michel, and Weber will represent the Golden Eagles in Oklahoma as they will look to continue their season and advance to IHSA Nationals at the New York State Fair Exposition Center in Syracuse, N.Y. April 30-May 3.

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