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Golden Eagles Earn High Point Team Sunday and Reserve High Point Saturday; Take Lead in Region Rankings



FARGO, N.D. – The University of Minnesota Crookston western equestrian team put forth another strong weekend of competition Sat., Nov. 7 and Sun., Nov. 8 at a pair of shows at North Dakota State University. The Golden Eagles claimed the title of Reserve High Point Team Saturday and High Point Team Sunday, while [Amanda Guimont](#) (Sr., Nowthen, Minn.) earned Reserve High Point Rider and is currently sitting in second place for the standings for the AQHA Cup Rider.

"The western squad is currently leading the region in points and we hope to maintain our momentum going into UW-River Falls," said Head Coach [Kayla Krueger](#). "I could not be happier with each rider's progress. This is a very strong and talented group of riders and I am very excited to see what is in store for us at UW-River Falls."

Saturday, Guimont and [Chloe Nelson](#) (Sr., Little Falls, Minn.) started the day off with strong performances in the Reining. Guimont was third and Nelson was fourth. In Open Horsemanship, Nelson placed second in her division. After a tough start to her season, [Amberly Pesall](#) (Sr., New Brighton, Minn.) came into her groove Saturday as she won her Open Horsemanship class with a strong performance.

[Jenny Tack](#) (Jr., St. Bonifacius, Minn.) earned a second-place finish in Advanced Horsemanship, while [Kaitlin Van Ruler](#) (So., Woodstock, Minn.) was right behind her in third. [Katie Warner](#) (So., Warba, Minn.) is also off to a great start to the season as she is blazing through the Novice division that she recently pointed up in. Warner finished with a solid first-place in her Novice class. Katelynn Roberston (Fr., Roseau, Minn.) is also providing to be a solid contender taking home another win in her Intermediate Horsemanship class with a flawless ride. [Michaela Lano](#) (Fr., Chaska, Minn.) had a solid ride to finish third.

[Hannah Van Dyke](#) (Fr., Edgerton, Minn.) has found her stride and also finished first in her Intermediate Horsemanship section. [Brianna Becher](#) (Fr., Brookings, S.D.) was third in her Walk Trot division, while Skyla Knudtson (Fr., Blooming Prairie, Minn.) finished fourth in the second class of Walk Trot.

The Golden Eagles had a solid day Saturday but wanted to improve in order to move into first in the Region.

Sunday started out very strong as Guimont finished second in the Reining and Nelson came in fourth. Pesall had another solid ride and finished second in Open Horsemanship, Nelson was right behind her in third. Guimont was on a roll from her previous class and picked up first place in her division of Open Horsemanship. Tack rode beautifully to finish third in Advanced Horsemanship.

Danielle Schelonka (Jr., Randall, Minn.) was faced with a challenging draw Saturday, but came through on Sunday to ride boldly to a first-place finish in her Advanced Horsemanship class. Warner continued a solid weekend to finish second in her Novice class. [Taylor Trauffer](#) (Fr., Blaine, Minn.) was fifth in her Intermediate Division. Van Dyke finished second in her Intermediate class, while Robertson mirrored her ride from her first day to once again claim a solid win in her Intermediate class. Lano was right behind her finishing in second in the same class. Lastly, Becher finished with a solid third in her Walk Trot division.

With their performance Sunday, the Golden Eagles were able to move into first place in the Region rankings.

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PLAYERS MENTIONED ▾

Amanda Guimont Senior	Chloe Nelson Senior
Amberly Pesall Senior	Jenny Tack Junior
Katie Warner Sophomore	Brianna Becher Freshman
Hannah Van Dyke Freshman	Michaela Lano Freshman
Taylor Trauffer Freshman	

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