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UMC Western Equestrian Weekend at UW-River Falls Led by Guimont Earning High Point Rider Sunday



RIVER FALLS, Wis. – The University of Minnesota Crookston western equestrian teams competed in a pair of shows at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls last weekend. The Golden Eagles were highlighted by [Amanda Guimont](#) (Sr., Nowthen, Minn./Agricultural Business), who earned High Point Rider on Sunday.

"Even though the weekend had some minor hiccups, the team rallied to pull through to maintain a competitive position in team points," said Head Coach [Kayla Krueger](#). "We are looking forward to our last competition at UMTC in the Spring."

Saturday, the Golden Eagles faced a tough show but had many good rides accompanied with some minor mistakes. The Golden Eagles were able to improve overall with both Saturday and Sunday's shows. Saturday, Guimont and [Chloe Nelson](#) (Sr., Little Falls, Minn./Animal Science) started off the competition with Guimont earning fifth in Open Reining and Nelson placing sixth. Guimont would finish second and Nelson fourth in Open Horsemanship. [Cathy Ackroyd](#) (Fr., Spirit Lake, Iowa) earned a third-place finish in Advanced Horsemanship, while [Katie Warner](#) (So., Warba, Minn./Equine Science) finished second in Novice Horsemanship. [Hannah Cople](#) (Fr., Rochester, Minn.), [Michaela Lano](#) (Fr., Chaska, Minn./Health Science) and [Taylor Traufler](#) (Fr., Blaine, Minn./Equine Science) all finished third in each of their sections of Intermediate Horsemanship. [Hannah Van Dyke](#) (Jr., Edgerton, Minn./Animal Science) competed on a tough draw in her Intermediate Horsemanship division to finish with a solid second place. Lastly, [Brianna Becher](#) (Fr., Brookings, S.D.) rode confidently to a second-place finish in a tough Beginner Horsemanship section.

Sunday's competition was much more successful for the Golden Eagles. Guimont rode boldly to a fourth-place finish in a challenging Open Reining class. Guimont went into her Open Horsemanship class with her game face on to finish with a well-deserved win in a challenging class. Nelson was faced with a challenging draw of a horse but finished with a strong third place in a deep section of Open Horsemanship. Ackroyd found her rhythm to win her class of Advanced Horsemanship with a flawless ride. [Anna Johnson](#) (Fr., Sebeka, Minn./Agronomy) also rode very well to a second-place finish in her section of Intermediate Horsemanship. Traufler and Van Dyke both finished fourth in each of their sections of Intermediate Horsemanship. Lastly, Skyla Knudtson (Jr., Blooming Prairie, Minn./Equine Science) finished out the day with a confident ride in her Beginner Horsemanship class to finish with a strong second place.

Guimont is tied with a rider from University of Minnesota Twin Cities and took part in a Reining ride off. Guimont rode flawlessly to win her ride off and her title.

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Amanda Guimont Senior	Chloe Nelson Senior
Katie Warner Sophomore	Cathy Ackroyd Freshman
Brianna Becher Freshman	Hannah Cople Freshman
Hannah Van Dyke Freshman	Anna Johnson Freshman
Michaela Lano Freshman	Taylor Traufler Freshman

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