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Golden Eagle Western Equestrian Earns High Point Team Honors In Pair Of Home Shows



CROOKSTON, Minn. – The University of Minnesota Crookston western equestrian team is coming off a strong performance in a pair of home shows at the University Teaching and Outreach Center Sat., Oct. 24 and Sun., Oct. 25. The Golden Eagles won High Point Team honors during both shows, while [Chloe Nelson](#) (Sr., Little Falls, Minn.) earned High Point Rider Saturday and followed that up with a Reserve High Point Rider honor during Sunday's competition.

"I could not be more proud of this team," said Head Coach [Kayla Krueger](#). "Home horse shows are a lot of work and can sometimes become very stressful. Each of these riders rose to the occasion and rode boldly. We have been hard at work practicing in preparation for this competition and it certainly paid off. There were many "lightbulb" moments found in the ring this weekend and I am extremely excited to watch these girls show off their skills at our next western competition at North Dakota State."

The Golden Eagles started things off well out of the gate Saturday, as Nelson placed second in the Reining and first in Open Horsemanship, in order to help her earn High Point Rider accolades. [Amanda Guimont](#) (Sr., Nowthen, Minn.) placed third in her Open Horsemanship class, while [Amberly Pesall](#) (Sr., New Brighton, Minn.) came in right behind Guimont with a fourth-place finish.

Freshman [Anna Johnson](#) (Sebeka, Minn.) continued on her streak of success finishing with a strong win in her Intermediate Horsemanship division. Freshman [Taylor Trautler](#) (Blaine, Minn.) found her niche in the ring over the weekend with a third-place finish in her Intermediate division. Another freshman, [Cathy Ackroyd](#) (Spirit Lake, Iowa) placed second in her Advanced class.

[Katie Warner](#) (So., Warba, Minn.) had a flawless ride in her Novice Horsemanship class to earn first place. [Hannah Van Dyke](#) (Fr., Edgerton, Minn.) also rode to a first-place finish in her Intermediate division, while [Katelynn Robertson](#) continue on her winning streak to also come out with a win in her Intermediate division.

Freshman Skyla Knudtson rode to a third-place finish in her Walk Trot class. [Jenny Tack](#) (Jr., St. Bonifacius, Minn.) was second in her Novice Horsemanship class, while [Michaela Lano](#) (Fr., Chaska, Minn.) also found her stride with a win in her Intermediate Horsemanship class.

The Golden Eagles got off to another great start during Sunday's show. Guimont came through to win a deep Reining class, while Nelson was right behind with a fourth-place finish. Nelson also continued on her streak from Saturday's competition and won Open Horsemanship. Nelson would win Reserve High Point Rider. Pesall finished strong with a third-place finish in her Open division, while Johnson was third in her Intermediate class.

UMC went on a winning streak during the show winning four classes in a row. Warner continued to have an excellent weekend by winning her Novice class with a tough draw for a horse. Van Dyke also came through with another well-deserved win in her Intermediate class. Robertson rode boldly to a first-place finish in her Intermediate division, while Danielle Schelonka (Jr., Randall, Minn.) rode flawlessly to a win in her tough Advanced division.

Knudtson finished third in her Walk Trot class, while Tack pulled the same horse as the day before and rode to a well improved first place in her novice class. Lano finished out the day with her second win in her Intermediate Horsemanship class.

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PLAYERS MENTIONED ▾

Amanda Guimont Senior	Chloe Nelson Senior
Amberly Pesall Senior	Jenny Tack Junior
Katie Warner Sophomore	Cathy Ackroyd Freshman
Katelynn Robertson Freshman	Hannah Van Dyke Freshman
Anna Johnson Freshman	Michaela Lano Freshman

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