Ranch horses open at Brighton

BRIGHTON, Colo. - The season opener for the NCTA Ranch Horse Team was an open and collegiate show sponsored by the Colorado-Wyoming-Nebraska Stock Horse Association.

“The CoWN show in Brighton, Colorado was perfect as a warm-up show for both our students and their horses,” said Coach Joanna Hergenreder.

“All team members excelled and took away critical experience needed to approach the upcoming season with strength,” added Hergenreder, animal science professor who heads the NCTA equine programs.

Weekend results were:

- Cauy Bennett of Elwood and Katy Sugar Lena competed in the Non Pro division and won the Pleasure classes. They also placed 3rd in Cow Work and Trail classes, and 5th in Reining.
- Macy Zentner of Cedar Rapids and Blue, Limited Non Pro to finish Reserve Champion in Reining and Trail classes, 4th in Cow Work and 5th in Pleasure.
- Connor Crumbliss of Fairfield and Baymax, Limited Non Pro placing 3rd in Pleasure, 4th in Reining and 5th in Cow Work and Trail classes.
- Devry Bellomy, Keyes, Oklahoma, and Ottis, Limited Non Pro and were 6th in Reining, and 7th in Trail and Pleasure classes.
- Gillian Brinker, Anchorage, Alaska, and Big Gem Surprise, Novice and finished well in the largest class of the day: 9th in Reining, 13th in Cow Work, 15th and Pleasure, and 21st in Trail.
- Jessica Burghardt, Fedora, S.D., and PR Remake, Novice to finish 11th in Cow Work, 14th in Trail, 13th in Pleasure and 16th in Reining.

Freshmen team members Gwen Olberding and Emma Yarolimek provided ground support for the riders at the CoWN contest. They videorecord the competition which provides valuable review later for Coach Hergenreder and riders.

The next contest is Oct. 1-3 at the Slidin’ Daze Fall Classic in Elbert, Colorado. That will be followed by shows on Oct. 7-11 at Loveland, Oct. 15-17 at Fort Collins, and Nov. 5-7 in Torrington, Wyoming.

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