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Ranch horses compete at Slidin' Daze Classic

ELBERT, Colo. – Autumn weather proved ideal for Aggie students and their horses as the NCTA Ranch Horse Team competed in the Slidin' Daze Fall Classic in Colorado over the weekend.

The Classic welcomed entries in the Open and Collegiate Classes. The Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture entered five riders in the two-day show at the Latigo Equestrian Center near Elbert, Colorado.

"We had a terrific weekend in wonderful facilities. Our riders and their horses did very well," said Joanna Hergenreder, Ranch Horse Team coach and NCTA equine and animal science professor.

"I am very proud of the students in their second show this semester, how hard they train during the week, and the effort they give for the Aggie Team," she added.

Weekend results were:

Cauy Bennett of Elwood and Katy Sugar Lena were Reserve All-Around Champions in the Collegiate Non-Pro class. They finished 1st in Pleasure and Trail, 2nd in Working Cow and 4th in Reining.

Jack Berggren of Wahoo, and Roosters Chic Magnet, were 3rd in All-Around Collegiate Non-Pro with 2nd in reining, 4th in Cow Work, 4th in Pleasure, and 2nd in Trail.

Ayden Long of Lebanon, Kansas, and Peptos Seven Six finished 4th All-Around in Collegiate Non-Pro, with 3rd in Reining and Working Cow, and 4th in Pleasure and Trail classes.

Devry Bellomy, of Keyes, Oklahoma, and CD Booger Bar 3, was 5th in Collegiate Limited Non-Pro with 5th in Pleasure, 5th in Trail, 4th in Working Cow, and 5th in Reining.

Jessica Burghardt, of Fedora, S.D., and PR Remake, finished strong with 4th in Cow Work and 6th in Reining.

"The team this year has that something extra. I have high expectations for them in and outside of the arena!" Hergenreder said.

Team members Gwen Olberding, Emma Yarolimek, Kirstin Cawthra, and Paige Stamper provided ground support. They videorecorded the competition which provides valuable review later for Coach Hergenreder and riders.

The Aggies return to Colorado arenas in the next two weekends with the Colorado-Wyoming-Nebraska (CoWN) Stock Horse Association Winterfest Championship on Oct. 7-11 in Loveland, and the Colorado State University Jubilee Oct. 15-17 at Ft. Collins.

The fall finale is Nov. 5-7 at the Northeastern (Colo.) Junior College Fall Showdown in Torrington, Wyoming.

For details about becoming an Aggie and member of the NCTA Ranch Horse Team, email <u>jhergenreder2@unl.edu</u>

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NCTA Ranch Horse Team members at Elbert Colorado, were, from left, Gwen Olberding, Ayden Long, Jack Berggren, Kirstin Cawthra, Devry Bellomy, Emma Yarolimek, Cauy Bennett, Paige Stamper, Jessica Burghardt and Coach Joanna Hergenreder. (Ranch Horse Team photo).

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