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Ranch Horse team rides strong at Sterling

Sterling, Colo. – The Aggie Ranch Horse team concluded its Spring, 2016 season with a strong finish at the Northeastern Junior College Showdown in Sterling.

“This was a wonderful show and perfect way to end the collegiate season,” said NCTA Coach Joanna Hergenreder. Several of the students rode younger “green” horses as well as their regular season mounts and competed well.

The seven NCTA students, listed by town, horse, and categories are:

Hanna Christenson, **Ord**, riding NCTA’s Ima Squall, Collegiate Non Pro finished 7th in Trail, 7th in Pleasure, 8th in Cow Work, and 8th in Reining.

Drake Johnson, **Thurston**, on Smart War, Collegiate Non Pro was 7th in Cow Work, 7th in Reining, 8th in Trail and 8th in Pleasure. Johnson also competed in the Green Horse Non Pro class on a new colt, El Little Catmouse, 3rd in Cow Work, 7th in Reining, 9th in Trail, and 9th in Pleasure.

Makayla Forsythe, **Garland**, rode NCTA’s own Four Sieto Gill in Collegiate Limited Non Pro, 5th in Cow Work, 8th Reining, 10th Pleasure, and 12th in Trail.

Morgan Schrank, **Sioux Falls, S.D.**, rode Lil Paddy Spice, Collegiate Limited Non Pro, 4th in Pleasure, 8th in Cow Work, 10th in Trail, and 11th in Reining.

Clayton G’Schwind, **Callaway**, and MT Paddy’s Tonketta, Collegiate Limited Non Pro, 4th in Cow Work, 6th in Reining, 9th in Pleasure, and 11th in Trail.

Mariah Stamper, **Falls City**, Smooth Honey Money, Collegiate Novice, 10th in Trail, 10th in Pleasure, 14th in reining (of 27), and 18th in Cow Work.

Whitney Gimpel, **New Underwood, S.D.**, SFR Ima True Badger, Collegiate Novice, 3rd in Reining (out of 27), 6th in Pleasure, 8th in Cow Work, and 11th in Trail.

Christensen, Johnson, Forsythe and Coach Hergenreder also rode in a pre-contest clinic with trainers Matt Koch and Darren Miller, professional trainers and title holders. They learned riding tips which improved their personal performances on Saturday and Sunday, Hergenreder said.

Information about the NCTA Ranch Horse Team and equine courses can be found at ncta.unl.edu.

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Drake Johnson, Thurston, Nebraska (Courtesy photo)



An NCTA Ranch Horse Team rider competes in the Working Cow class at Sterling, Colo Collegiate action resumes this fall. Riders will be competing in open Ranch Horse or Stock Horse Association events over the summer. (Courtesy photo)