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Six Aggies ride at WinterFest

CURTIS, Neb. – Aggie Ranch Horse Team riders ended their fall competitions with the WinterFest Championship of the Colorado-Wyoming-Nebraska (CoWN) Stock Horse Association in Loveland, Colorado.

Six students from the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture team competed in cow horse work, trail class, western pleasure and reining, said Joanna Hergenreder, coach and assistant professor of animal science.

The NCTA team left Curtis before a winter storm rolled into southwestern Nebraska on November 30. They were able to safely travel that Sunday through winter driving conditions to return from Colorado to Curtis.

Coach Hergenreder provided the following summary of team results:

Madisyn Cutler of Elsie and Lefty's Sanchita competed in the Collegiate Limited Non Pro division (which was combined with the Collegiate Intermediate division) and finished 3rd in Pleasure, 4th in Working Cow and 5th in Trail.

Damian Wellman of Prairie View, Kansas, and Lil Bay competed in the Collegiate Intermediate division and finished 2nd in Working Cow, 4th in Trail and 6th in Pleasure.

Huntra Christensen of Lincoln and High Roping Cat made their contest debut and competed in the largest collegiate division, Collegiate Novice, finishing 4th in Working Cow, 5th in Trail and 9th in Pleasure. This was this mare's first trip to town and we are pleased with her willingness throughout the weekend.

Carlee Stutz of LaPorte, Colorado, and Rosieowesme also competed in the Collegiate Novice and finished 6th in Pleasure, 10th in Working Cow and 11th in Trail. These two made huge strides over the weekend.

Lennae Eisenmenger of Humphrey and Snippys Opinion competed in the Collegiate Novice Division and finished 6th in Working Cow, and 10th in both Pleasure and Trail. This young lady exhibited exceptional composure in the show pen.

Brady Mattke of WaKeeney, Kansas and Cactus made their debut in Collegiate Novice of the Ranch Pleasure class and started this little mare's experience going down the road with the team. We are so very proud of both of these two.



NCTA's Damian Wellman and Lil Bay placed third in Collegiate Intermediate trail class. (Courtesy photo)

We also had team members Nicole Ackland of Martell and Kaylee Tremel of Dunlap, Iowa helping ensure everything from prep, to stalls, to organization was taken care of. Thank you ladies for being an integral part of the weekend's success!

Also, thank you to the Stutz family for donating hay for our horses, and to the Cutler family for supporting us this weekend!

The Ranch Horse students are on holiday break and will return to campus when classes resume January 7.

Their spring schedule will again include hosting a multi-day stock horse contest at McCook in April.

For information about NCTA equine programs and the Ranch Horse Team, contact Coach Joanna Hergenreder at 308-367-5293 or jhergenreder2@unl.edu.

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The NCTA Ranch Horse Team at the Dec. 1-2 WinterFest at Loveland included, from left to right, Lennae Eisenmenger, Damian Wellman, Brady Mattke, Carlee Stutz, Nicole Ackland, Huntra Christensen, Madisyn Cutler, Kaylee Tremel, and Coach Joanna Hergenreder. (Courtesy photo by Laurie Stutz)

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