

RMC EQUESTRIAN TEAM EXCELS IN LOGAN, UTAH AT IHSA HORSE SHOW

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BILLINGS -- The Rocky Mountain College Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) Equestrian Team did a phenomenal job at their most recent show in Logan, Utah, January 29 – 30, 2011.

With 22 team members competing, the Rocky equestrians placed in every class they competed in. In total, the RMC team won nine first places, four second places, and nine third places.

The RMC team competed against teams from Carroll College, the University of Montana, Montana State University, Utah State University, University of Montana Western, and the College of Southern Idaho in two Western shows on Saturday and one English show on Sunday.

“Overall it was a fantastic weekend for the RMC Equestrian Team,” according to Christi Brown, RMC Equestrian Coach.

Taylor Day and Kristine Dillehay qualified for the Regional Show in Western Intermediate II Horsemanship. Rhiannon Laird also qualified for the Regional Show in Western Novice Horsemanship.

The results of the two Western shows on January 29 are as follows:

Rachel Phillips, of Laurel, Mont., placed 5th and 3rd in the Walk Trot classes on Saturday. Tasha Roseboom of San Clemente, Cal. placed 4th in the afternoon Walk Trot class.

In Intermediate I Horsemanship, Erin Burns, of Castle Rock, Colo., placed 1st in both shows. Jill Schellenberg, of Jenison, Mich., placed 3rd in both shows and Lydia Harvey, of Poulsbo, Wash., placed 4th and 2nd.

The Intermediate II Horsemanship class had seven Rocky members competing. Becca Severson, of Plymouth, Minn., placed 1st in her second show, a huge accomplishment for her first competition on the RMC IHSA Team, according to Brown.

Becca Wolf, of Boise, Idaho, also placed 1st. Lindsay Martens, of Colstrip, Mont., placed 4th in the morning show. Liz Marklin, of Calgary, Alberta, Canada placed 6th. Kristin Dillehay, of Rosewood, Ohio, placed 5th and 4th, qualifying her for the regional show in February. Taylor Day, of Las Vegas, Nev., placed 1st and 2nd, also qualifying her for the regional show.

In Novice Horsemanship Kayla Walter, of Windermere, B.C., Canada placed 3rd and 4th.

Rhiannon Laird, of Granger, Ind., placed 1st, winning her points to qualify for the regional show as well as moving up into the Advanced Horsemanship class.

Shauna Ketcham, of Livermore, Cali., placed 4th and 3rd. Bethany Bappe, of Riverton, Wyo., placed 1st and 3rd; Bethany Bappe also competed last year at the IHSA Semi-National Show in Cazenovia, N.Y. Jessica Steinke, of Camas, Wash., placed 6th and 4th.

Meredith Burton, of Camillus, N.Y., placed 5th and 3rd in Advanced Horsemanship. Rhiannon Laird, who moved to Advanced Horsemanship after placing 1st in Novice Horsemanship, placed 2nd.

Results of the English show from Sunday January 30, 2011 are as follows.

Jill Schellenberg placed 3rd in the Beginner Walk Trot Canter class on the Flat.

Kristin Dillehay placed 2nd and Liz Marklin placed 4th in the Advanced Walk Trot Canter class on the Flat.

In the Novice on the Flat class, which was split into two sections, Amber McNally, of Spanaway, Wash., placed 4th. Kathy Cahill, of Egg Harbor Township, N.J., placed 2nd. Kelsey Merriam, of Lakewood, Wash., placed 4th. Rhiannon Laird placed 5th and Meredith Burton placed 3rd.

In the Novice over Fences, which was also split into two sections, Amber McNally and Kelsey Merriam both placed 1st, fantastic accomplishments for new freshmen on the RMC IHSA Team, Brown noted.

Rhiannon Laird and Meredith Burton placed 4th in the Novice over Fences class.

The next English competition will be held in Dillon, Mont. on February 12-13, 2011. Rocky Mountain College will be hosting the last three Western shows as well as the Regional show at the Intermountain Equestrian Center, Billings, Mont., on February 19-20, 2011.

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