

AU Western equestrian team sweeps home shows, wins regional title

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ALFRED, NY The Alfred University Western equestrian varsity team won both shows held Saturday at the AU Equestrian Center, in the process winning the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) Zone II, Region II regular season team title. Junior Kate Mix (Warsaw, NY/Warsaw) led Alfred with three victories and was named high point rider in each show. She won open reigning and open horsemanship in the first show and placed first and second, respectively, in open reigning and open horsemanship in the second. Other Saxon riders taking first-place ribbons in the first show were: senior Corey Urtel (Lockport, NY/Wilson) in advanced horsemanship; junior Jenny Groen (Prattsburgh, NY/Prattsburgh) in novice horsemanship; sophomore Michelle Applebaum (Applegate, CA/Maidu) in intermediate horsemanship II; junior Matt Wendig (Hilltown, PA/Pennridge) in intermediate horsemanship I; and sophomore Alex Geddes (Madison, NJ/Oxford Academy) in beginner horsemanship. Other first-place winners for AU in the second show were: Urtel in open horsemanship; Groen in novice horsemanship; sophomore Jessica Kulik (Winslow, ME/Winslow) in intermediate horsemanship II (class 12Ba); Applebaum in intermediate horsemanship II (class 12Bb); freshman Johanna Moore (Summit, NY/Morristown-Beard) in intermediate horsemanship II (class 12Bc); junior Charity Chaffee (Auburn, NY/Auburn) in intermediate horsemanship I (class 12Aa); sophomore Madison Benish (East Northport, NY/Northport) in intermediate horsemanship I (class 12Ab); and Geddes in beginner horsemanship. Several AU riders have qualified to compete in the IHSA Zone II, Region II semi-regionals March 9 at Cazenovia College. They are: Mix in reigning and open horsemanship; junior Theresa Wills (Ransomville, NY/Lewiston-Porter) in open horsemanship; Urtel in advanced horsemanship; junior Shaina Muir (Powell, OH/Dublin-Scioto) and sophomore Kristen Kovach (Lansdale, PA/North Penn) in novice horsemanship; Groen, sophomore Erin Dougan (Bloomington, IL/Normal Community West), sophomore Lyndsey Morris (Morganton, NC/Freedom), junior Noelle Orłowski (Wilson, NY/Mt. St. Mary), and junior Danielle Wiemer (Lima, NY/Honeoye Falls-Lima) in intermediate horsemanship; and Geddes, Wendig and sophomore Josette Turro (Wantage, NJ/High Point Regional) in beginner horsemanship. Riders competing at the semi-regionals have the opportunity to advance to the Zone II, Region II championships March 22 at Cazenovia.