

Black Hawk College Intercollegiate Horse Shows Association Team members started their season on a high note, winning their first two meets at Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri.

Black Hawk College competes against schools in Zone 7, Region 5 (central and western Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Kansas). At the Truman State meets, Black Hawk College was the only two-year college, competing against riders from the following four-year schools - Augustana College, Illinois State University, Iowa State University, Truman State University and Washington University (St. Louis).

Black Hawk College was Champion Team at both meets, scoring 33 points the first day and 27 the second day. There were 10 classes each day, and BHC riders won nine of them each day.

Freshman Kinsey Ayres of Powell Butte, Oregon, was High Point Open Rider the first day with her undefeated two 1st Place finishes in Open Horsemanship and Reining. Sophomore Shelby Brenner of Hopkins, Michigan, won this event on the second day.

The team is coached by Donna Irvin, Drew Cotton and Rebekah Irish and is located at the Black Hawk College East Campus near Kewanee, IL.

Here's how the rest of the Black Hawk College IHSA Team fared at Truman State:

Advanced Division

- Jessie Rasmussen of Summit Lake, WI - 1st Place and 5th Place
- Heidi Mueller of Madison, WI - 2nd Place both days
- Haley McWhorter of Manito, IL - 1st Place the second day

Novice Division

- Brooke Parrish of Elmwood, IL - 1st Place and 2nd Place
- Olivia Quinton of Rossville, IN - 2nd Place and 3rd Place
- Haley McWhorter of Manito, IL - 5th Place and Regional Qualifier
- Allison Gossett of Charleston, IL - 1st Place the second day

Intermediate

- Brady Blasher of Belding, MI - 1st Place
- Hannah Campbell of St. Johns, MI - 4th Place

- Amanda Clawson of Branchville, NJ - 1st Place and 2nd Place
- Kaylin Duke of Channahon, IL - 2nd Place and 1st Place
- Taylor Emigh of Sugar Grove, IL - 1st Place
- Allison Gossett of Charleston, IL - 1st Place and Regional Qualifier
- Katie Koenig of Folia, MD - 4th Place
- Noelle Pearson of Metamora, IL - 1st Place and 3rd Place
- Elise Rollins of Milford, IN - 3rd Place both days
- Keenan Skudlarek of Sams Valley, OR - 2nd Place and 1st Place
- Cynthia Venneberg of Geneseo, IL - 2nd Place

Beginner Division

- KJ Buckner of Chicago, IL - 1st Place and 4th Place
- Samantha Grams of Rockford, IL - 2nd Place and 5th Place
- Morgan Kromphardt of Peoria, IL - 3rd Place and 1st Place
- Abbey Myers of Galesburg, IL - 4th Place and 3rd Place



KJ Buckner, Samantha Grams, Morgan Kromphardt and Abbey Myers
(Beginner Division - 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place respectively)

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