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2021-22
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mind for
Selena
Finn,
coach of
the Black
Hawk
College
Hunt Seat
Equestrian
Team.



Hunt Seat Equestrian Team members Sarah Alarie, Abigail Schuning, Hope Lock, Kelsey Doty, Abbigail Froelich, Katie Aeschbach, Kylee Larson, Cheyanne Montano and Lily Zomparelli and coach Selena Finn

“Many from this team went from their first time riding in this event to winning first place ribbons at the end of the season,” she said. “I cannot wait to see what next year holds for us!”

BHC riders compete against Intercollegiate Horse Shows Association (IHSA) teams from four-year schools across the Midwest. Black Hawk College is the only two-year school in its IHSA region and is a relative newcomer to hunt seat competitions - the college's hunt seat program began in Fall 2018.

The team wrapped up the 2021-22 season at the Missouri State University IHSA show in Springfield, MO.

Students competed in seven divisions depending on their level of riding experience. Classes consisted of riding on the flat (riders execute specific gaits on the rail) and over fences (riders exhibit their horse's skill over an elevated jump).

Here are the individual rider placings for the BHC team at the two-day MSU show:

Introductory Flat Division

Abbigail Froelich of Tama, IA

- Day 1 - 4th
- Day 2 - 3rd

Hope Lock of Granville, IL

- Day 1 - 5th
- Day 2 - 3rd

Pre-Novice Flat Division

Kylee Larson of Beloit, WI

- Day 1 - 2nd
- Day 2 - 1st

Larson also pointed up to the Novice Flat Division.

Novice Flat Division

Sarah Alarie of Downs, IL

- Day 1 - 4th
- Day 2 - 6th

Katie Aeschbach of Black Earth, WI

- Day 2 - 4th

Limit Flat

Lily Zomparelli of Schererville, IN

- Day 1 - 2nd
- Day 2 - 5th

Kelsey Doty of Port Byron, IL

- Day 1 - 5th

Cheyenne Montano of New Lenox, IL

- Day 2 - 1st

Limit Over Fences

Lily Zomparelli

- Day 1 - 4th

Kelsey Doty

- Day 2 - 5th

Cheyenne Montano

- Day 2 - 5th

Intermediate Flat

Abigail Schuning of Caledonia, IL

- Day 1 - 3rd
- Day 2 - 1st

Intermediate Over Fences

Abigail Schuning

- Day 1 - 5th



Hunt seat rider Kelsey Doty - limit over fences

- Day 2 - 5th

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