



**FRESNO STATE**

ATHLETICS COMMUNICATIONS

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# Bulldog Equestrian

## This Week

### **Best In The West Invitational**

**Texas Christian University and University of Tennessee Martin  
Fresno, Calif. at the Fresno State Student Horse Center**

**Date:** Feb. 18-19

**Time:** 9 a.m.



## **2011-12 Bulldog Equestrian Schedule/Results**

**Opponent/Site**                      **Time**

### September

10	Red v. Blue Scrimmage	B12, R9
23	South Carolina	L, 16-3
24	Delaware St., Texas A&M	W, 9-6 L, 12-2
29	SMU	L, 7-4
30	Willis Invitational <i>Miami of Ohio, South Dakota St.</i>	2nd W, 11-5 W, 9-6

### October

1	Willis Invitational <i>Baylor</i>	2nd L, 10-6
8	New Mexico State	W, 15-5
29	Stanford University	W, 9-4

### January

28	Team Scrimmage	R11, B11
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### February

10	Winter Equestrian Festival	West:Top 8
18-19	<b>Best In The West Invitational</b>	<b>9 a.m.</b> <b>(TCU, UTM)</b>

25-26	Baylor & UGA	All Day
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### March

3-4	Team Scrimmage	9 a.m.
9-10	New Mexico State, Auburn	All Day

### April

14-16	Varsity Equestrian National Championships Waco, Texas	All Day
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\*All bold events held at Fresno State Student Horse Center.

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## **Best In The West Is Back**

Fresno State is hosting the sixth annual Best in the West Invitational this weekend at the Student Horse Center. The Bulldogs will host Texas Christian University and the University of Tennessee Martin in a head to head competition, where the winner will be named "Best in the West." The competition runs all day Saturday and Sunday and it is free to the public. The 'Dogs have hosted five tournaments, winning four of them. The first competition was in the 2006-07 season where the 'Dogs defeated South Dakota State, Delaware State, SMU, TCU, and University of Tennessee-Martin for the title. In 2011, the Bulldogs finished in second to top ranked team then, No. 8 Baylor.

## **Bulldog Bites**

- The Bulldogs (4-4) went undefeated at home during the fall season.
- Kimberly HewsonBudnik leads the team with the most MVP honors earned (5).
- Fresno State was ranked in the top 10 National Coaches' Poll three times during the fall season.
- Collegiate equestrian is now governed by the National Collegiate Equestrian Association.
- Fresno State equestrian is hosting its sixth annual Best in the West Invitational this Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 18-19, 2012.

## **West Finishes In Top 8**

Sophomore Hillary West was one of 16 riders to compete at the Annual Collegiate Equitation Challenge on Friday, Feb. 10 in Willington, Fla. She defeated her opponent in the first round of Equitation over Fences with a score of 66, moving her to the finals that evening. She scored a 62 in the final round, falling just short in her match up. Kimberly HewsonBudnik was one of four riders to be invited by the NCEA to compete at the WEF in Equitation on the Flat. She scored a 135 in the first ever Flat competition for this event.

## **'Dogs Show Well At Scrimmage**

The equestrian team kicked off the year with a Red vs. Blue team scrimmage at the Fresno State Student Horse Center on Saturday, Jan. 28. The scrimmage ended in a tie (11-11) with the Blue team taking the Hunter Seat events (7-3) and the Red team taking the Western events (8-4). Sophomore Hillary West, a member of the Blue team, picked up two MVP honors at the scrimmage for her solid performances in Equitation on the Flat (75) and Equitation over Fences (83). Katelyn Haynes was the MVP in Horsemanship (75) and Sydney Coletti was named MVP in Reining (72).

## **Collegiate Equestrian Makes Progress**

In an effort to further advance equestrian to a NCAA championship sport, the entity formally known as Varsity Equestrian has established a new association to become the voice for the sport of equestrian within college athletics. The National Collegiate Equestrian Association (NCEA) was founded to be the catalyst for growth of varsity level equestrian competition.

## **No. 10 Bulldogs Win Final Fall Event**

In the last competition of the fall season the Bulldogs English team defeated Stanford's English team 9-4 and earned two MVP honors. Senior Kimberly Steinbuch (Equitation on the Flat) and sophomore Belle Calkin (Equitation over Fences) performed the strongest rides at the competition each earning an MVP honor.

## Fresno State Quick Facts

Location ..... Fresno, Calif.  
 Enrollment ..... 21,000  
 Founded ..... 1911  
 Nickname..... Bulldogs  
 Colors ..... Red and Blue  
 President ..... Dr. John D. Welty  
 Director of Athletics..... Thomas Boeh  
 Deputy AD (SWA)..... Betsy Mosher

## Bulldog Equestrian Information

Co-Coach Stephanie Reeves  
 Alma Mater Fresno State ('01)

Co-Coach Julia Scrivani  
 Alma Mater Fresno State ('06)

Graduate Asst. Brenda Donat  
 Alma Mater Fresno State ('07)

Home Arena Fresno State Student  
 Horse Center  
 Address Barstow and Woodrow

## 2011-12 Bulldog Captains

English Holly Elsbernd  
 Lauren Carr

Western Sammie Jo Stone  
 Shawna McClurg

## This is Bulldog Equestrian

The Bulldog Equestrian program is one of the newest on the Fresno State campus, and has quickly grown into a nationally prominent program.

The program was born in 1996-97, and remains the only varsity Equestrian program on the west coast.

In it's short history, the program has produced several national individual championship student-athletes, and in the last four seasons both the English and Western teams were among the Top 12 in the nation.

With approximately 40 members annually, the popularity of the program is evident and the team continues to be one of the largest in the nation.

The Bulldog Equestrian program is also recognized for the many outstanding scholars it has graduated. More than 200 Bulldogs have been honored as Fresno State Scholar-Athletes at the annual Night of Champions awards ceremony.

## Equestrian Shines In Home Opener Win

The Bulldog equestrian team trounced New Mexico State 15-5 and three Bulldogs picked up MVP honors in Fresno State's home opener at the Student Horse Center on Saturday. The Bulldogs' Lauren Crivelli (Horsemanship), Dayle Fischer (Equitation over Fences) and Macy Wilson (Equitation on the Flat) delivered the top performances on a day that featured strong showings throughout the event.

## 'Dogs Take Second At Willis Invitational

After the Bulldogs defeated South Dakota State in Round Two 9-6, Fresno State fell short to Baylor in Round Three 10-6 to conclude the tournament with the 'Dogs earning a second place finish. Kimberly HewsonBudnik received four MVP honors at the tournament. With great consistency throughout the weekend averaging a score of 81, HewsonBudnik earned a Round Three-high score of 86 recording the only point for the 'Dogs on the Flat against Baylor. Captain Holly Elsbernd won all three of her points at The Willis Invitational.

## Bulldogs Name 2011-12 Captains

The Fresno State equestrian team announced its 2011-12 captains at their end of the year banquet in spring. The team has four brand new captains representing each of the events that the team competes in. Leading the team for this season will be Holly Elsbernd, Lauren Carr, Shawna McClurg, and Sammie Jo Stone. Lauren Carr will be a junior representing the team in Equitation on the Flat. Shawna McClurg will be leading the Bulldogs in the Reining event for her senior year. Sammie Jo Stone will be representing the Horsemanship team for her senior year. Holly Elsbernd will be leading the team in Equitation over Fences her senior season as a bulldog.

## Saddle Club

Fresno State's Saddle Club is the booster program for the women's equestrian team. The club is made up of parents, alumni, and other community members. For information on how to join the Saddle Club contact graduate assistant Brenda Donat at 559-278-4116 or [Bdonat@mail.fresnostate.edu](mailto:Bdonat@mail.fresnostate.edu).

## 2011-12 Season Results

Equitation On The Flat:	S.C.	TA&M	DeiSt.	SMU	MO	SDS	BU	NMSU	Stan.
Kimberly HewsonBudnik	67(L)	81(W)*	---	---	72(W)*	84(W)*	86(W)*	73(W)	57(L)
Lauren Carr	50(L)	69(L)	---	78(T)	60(L)	---	---	87(W)	---
Lisa Beach	50(L)	78(T)	---	77(W)	68(W)	---	72(L)	69(L)	---
Kimberly Steinbuch	51(L)	80(T)	71(L)*	78(W)	53(W)	---	64(L)	---	86(W)*
Nicole Roworth	67(W)	---	75(L)	---	---	---	---	82(W)	84(W)
Amanda Postel	---	---	73(L)	---	---	---	---	---	---
Holly Elsbernd	---	---	78(W)	---	---	---	---	---	---
Tara Polkalba	---	---	---	73(L)	---	82(W)	77(L)	---	86(W)
Marisa Mohn	---	---	---	71(L)	---	74(T)	---	---	---
Lanie Madrazo	---	---	---	78(W)	---	67(L)	---	---	69(T)
Macy Wilson	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	86(W)*	86(W)
Hannah Flammang	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	72(W)

### Equitation Over Fences:

Holly Elsbernd	55(L)	66(L)	83(W)*	75(L)	82(W)	81(W)	81(W)	79(W)	48(L)
Kimberly HewsonBudnik	77(L)	65(L)	78(W)	74(L)	77(L)	82(W)*	84(W)	75(L)	---
Nicole Roworth	63(L)	55(L)	---	77(L)	83(W)*	---	76(L)	---	---
Hillary West	73(L)	75(L)	80(W)	75(W)	64(W)	---	78(W)	81(W)	84(W)
Amanda Postel	50(L)	---	65(L)	71(L)	---	70(W)	---	---	76(L)
Chelsie Stone	---	---	---	73(L)	---	73(W)	---	---	65(W)
Dayle Fischer	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	85(W)*	54(W)
Kara Spicer	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	76(W)	0(L)
Belle Calkin	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	83(W)*

### Horsemanship:

Rio Haack	72.5(L)	65(L)	74(W)*	---	70(L)	---	72.5(L)	---	---
Whitney Kittle	73.5(L)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sammie Jo Stone	73(L)	73(L)	71(W)	---	73.5(L)	75(W)	75(L)	77.5(W)	---
Lauren Crivelli	70.5(W)	68(L)	72.5(W)	---	75(W)*	77(W)	77(W)	81(W)*	---
Christa Beezley	75.5(L)	71(W)	61.5(L)	---	---	---	---	77.5(W)	---
Kirsten McKillop	---	---	---	---	71.5(W)	67.5(L)*	70.5(L)	70(L)	---
Allie Warkentin	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	77.5(W)	---

### Reining:

Shawna McClurg	69.5(L)	72.5(L)	71(W)	---	70(L)	---	---	---	---
Whitney Kittle	71(L)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Lauren Crivelli	72(L)	64(L)	64.5(W)	---	73(W)	71.5(L)	72.5(L)	78(W)	---
Sonya Koch	72.5(W)	70.5(L)	69.5(L)	---	70(W)	68(W)	67.5(L)	71.5(L)	---
Sydney Coletti	73(L)	70.5(L)	70.5(L)	---	73.5(W)*	70(L)	71(L)	66(W)	---
Ciara Kozlowski	---	---	---	---	---	71.5(L)	73.5(W)	75(W)	---
Amanda Lawrence	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	73(L)	---

\*Earned MVP Honors