

A LOT MORE THAN HORSEPOWER!



LAWCYN BLEDSOE IMPRESSES THE DYNASTY CROWD

She didn't get to meet the Robertsons, Godwin, or Martin (Duck Dynasty Fame), but Lawcyn Bledsoe sure impressed the people (and possibly some relatives) in West Monroe, Louisiana competing in the nationally sanctioned "United States Team Penning Association—Ike Hamilton Show."

Lawcyn, a sixth grader here at Siouxland Christian, has been riding horses competitively since most of us have known her. Traveling the country (Oklahoma, Texas, etc.) with her mom and dad (Denice and Larry Bledsoe), she has won numerous awards and a lot of prize money. This trend continued, February 26th in Louisiana.

Not simply riding horses in some fancy show fashion, Lawcyn has to exercise a great deal of control over a large, fast and powerful animal with numerous tasks involved, meaning she is athletic, strong, and strategic. In penning, Lawcyn has to separate cows from a particular herd to a pen in under 60 seconds. Lawcyn also competes in ranch sorting where she has to herd 10 cattle (in numerical order) from one pen to another with a 12-foot opening. Making this particular task difficult, there are un-numbered trash cows that get in the way. One cow out of order, and she's out of luck.

Fear not though, as just like a young King David, Lawcyn Bledsoe proves dynamite can come in a small package. In Louisiana, she received 3 perfect scores (7's on a 0-7 scale) and she took home 4 first place awards, 4 second place awards, 1 third place award, and 2 fifth place awards. As her mother Denice notes, Lawcyn won more than enough to pay for her trip. She brought home \$2,683 in individual money while her teammates earned another \$6,950.

Way to go, Lawcyn! It's not every day Eagle Nation gets to celebrate such achievement outside of our walls. You've represented Siouxland Christian well, and we are proud of you! Maybe some of us will get to see you ride this summer, possibly in Ponca! You are definitely a SOARING EAGLE!