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Teenager keeps Oregon on the map

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A local high school student is doing his part to keep Oregon's designation as the "Horse Capital of Wisconsin" alive. Sixteen-year-old Ryan Stark won three world championships and one national championship at the International Friesian Show Horse Association World & Grand Championship Horse Show, which was held in Lake St. Louis, Mo., from Oct. 29 to Nov. 2.

Stark says that he has been involved with horses "pretty much my entire life," and that he inherited his love of horses from his mother, Sandy. Although he's shown other people's horses for years, Ivy's Nova, the 4-year-old mare he competed with, is the first show horse that he's owned. He picked her out himself a year ago.

Nova first competed in a regional show and did well there, so Stark was asked to attend the national championship show. He won world titles in three classes: dressage sport horse in hand, part-bred Friesian senior mare, and part-bred senior mare amateur to handle. He received a national title in the part bred Friesian walk/trot all ages all classes, which is designed for young horses who are new to the show experience.

Stark and Nova also took third place in a part-bred Friesian Liberty class, in which the horse is turned loose to music. Stark chose "Black Betty" for Nova. In this class the judges watch the way the horses move; ideally they should do a lot of trotting and some cantering.

"She was pretty wound up so she was doing a lot of galloping," Sandy Stark said. "Also she had been in all these other classes, so she had figured out who the photographer was, and that when you saw the photographer you had to stand still. So every time she would run around and see the photographer she would stop, pose and then take off. She was kind of a crowd favorite because she was such a loon."

The FPZV (German Friesian Horse Breeding Registry) also held a Keuring, a Dutch word for inspection of the horses, at the competition. The judges, who travelled from Germany for the Keuring work with very specific confirmation points, meaning how the horse is put together. The goal of the FPZV is to keep the Friesian breed pure, and to ensure that part-breds maintain breed characteristics. Nova was awarded a silver medal at the inspection.



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Somewhere between 150 and 175 horses competed in the championship show. There were also horses there for sale, and a stallion parade, where owners showed what they had to offer for breeding. Just about every type of discipline was shown there including dressage, carriage driving, park horses, and western. It was a fairly large competition, and the biggest show that Stark has ever ridden in. "For Friesian and Friesian crosses this is the show," said Sandy.

Although Nova won several championships at the regional competition, the Starks were somewhat reluctant to enter the national show. Sandy explains: "We didn't know. It's a pretty big step and it's not cheap. It's pretty expensive by the time you trailer the horse down, and accommodations, and the classes. There are entry fees for all the classes and you have to belong to certain organizations. So it adds up. But we were glad we went. We were hoping if we could come home with a top five we would be happy. We had no idea we were going to win so many championships."

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