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Charlie Carrel of Sheridan, Wyoming won the \$15,000 Monarch Casino Gambler's Choice elite jumping competition at Denver's National Western Stock Show. Carrel rode his horse "I'll Be Frank" to the win with a tied-score of 1290 but with the fastest time to beat Allison Kroff on "Emmy Lu 3" for Elyse Buscema of Tuscon, AZ. This jumping class entertains crowds as each rider plans their own course through 14 jumps trying to accumulate the most points in 60 seconds. Each jump has been assigned a point value based on its difficulty. At the end of the round each rider can choose to try a higher bonus jump, called the Joker, that can add or subtract an additional 200 points. Twenty-five-year NWSS veteran Carrel was interviewed at the beginning of the competition, explaining his plan to earn the most points on this course.

Allison Kroff also won third aboard "T-Quick Hurricane Z" for owners Ryan TC Sport Horses LLC of Saint Louis, MO. The Cudmore family of Bennington, NE were well represented as Brooke, Blair and Karen's daughter, won fourth on "Indio" and Karen took fifth place on "Coneja" both owned by Blair Cudmore.

The rest of the placings were: Nicki Wilcox on "Halifax VDM" for owner Marjorie Martin of Dallas, TX, Katie Glass owner/rider of Boulder, CO taking seventh on "Jord", Dominique Hoffman owner/rider of Parker, CO taking eighth on "Apriol 2", Skyler Lisitza owner/rider of Skokie, IL placing ninth riding "Lisdeen Lady KVJ" and Hannah Rohrbach of Parker, CO riding her own "Rafaella" rounded out the top ten.

Of the 18 riders competing, the youngest was 11 years old. Many of these horse and rider teams will show again Monday evening in the \$40,000 NWSS Grand Prix.

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