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An Equestrian Team in the Middle of New York City?

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Yes, and a pretty good one at that.

Columbia's riders rallied to place second at the All Ivy League Championship last spring—a remarkable accomplishment considering that the team competes as a club. (Most of its competitors are varsity teams, with their own school-supported facilities and horses.)

Columbia riders attribute the team's recent success to both the talent of alumna Beth Richardson-Royer '02C and the recruitment efforts of current co-captain Anne Eller '03C (pictured). Richardson-Royer, who qualified to compete at the national level while at Columbia, is now riding Grand Prix horses in Europe. Eller, who spent the summer riding in France, won the 2002 Sportsmanship Award, decided by the votes of the captains and coaches of every team in the region. She says she will continue recruiting aggressively and hopes to increase exposure and attract prospective riders by bringing a horse or two to Low Plaza for Clubs and Activities Day.

The team practices and takes lessons at Overpeck Barn in Leonia, New Jersey.



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