

## News Release

# University of Minnesota Crookston Western Equestrian Team Hosts IHSA Competition February 9-10

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(Crookston, Minn.) – The University of Minnesota, Crookston Western Equestrian team will host an International Horse Show Association (IHSA) competition on Saturday, February 9 and Sunday, February 10 at the University Teaching and Outreach Center (UTOC) on the U of M, Crookston campus. Saturday's events will get underway at 1:00 pm while Sunday's will start at 9:00 am.

A total of thirteen teams will participate in the two day competition. In addition to the host Golden Eagles, riders from the following schools will also take part.

Ellsworth Community College (IA)

University of Minnesota

North Dakota State University

University of Nebraska

Rochester Community & Technical College (MN)

University of Nebraska-Omaha

St. Cloud State University (MN)

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

South Dakota State University

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Southeast Community College (NE)

University of Wisconsin-River Falls

U of M, Crookston Western Equestrian Coach Nicky Overgaard is looking forward to having some "home field" advantage. "We are currently standing second in the region with overall team points," says Coach Overgaard. "We can close the gap if we have a strong show at home. Anytime we are at home riding our own horses, it is a big plus for our riders."

Coach Overgaard has seen her athletes go through some solid practices and is looking for a few riders to qualify for regionals at the U of M, Crookston Competition. **Rachel Muise (Sr, Ojai, Cal.)** is close to pointing out of the Advanced Horsemanship Division while **Jessica Hanson (So, Andover, Minn.)** is one ribbon away from pointing up into the Novice Division. **Gretchen Lucken (Fr, Greenwald, Minn.)** finished her last show very strong and is hoping for a strong performance riding the U of M, Crookston horses. **Sheena Engelbert (Sr, Bruce Crossing, Mich.)** has moved up a division into the Open Rail and Reining Division. Coach Overgaard expects a solid performance from her as well.

For more information, visit the Golden Eagle Athletics website at [www.goldeneaglesports.com](http://www.goldeneaglesports.com).

The University of Minnesota, Crookston is a NCAA Division II Institution and a member of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC). Golden Eagle Hockey is a member of the Midwest Collegiate Hockey Association (MCHA). The Golden Eagle Equestrian team is a member of the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA).

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