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## UMC Hunt Seat Equestrian Prepared for Home Show and IHSA Regionals



**CROOKSTON, Minn.-** The University of Minnesota Crookston hunt seat equestrian team will wrap up their regular season this weekend as they host a show March 7 at 11 a.m. at the University Teaching and Outreach Center (UTC). In addition, the Golden Eagles will host the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) Regional Championships March 8 at 9 a.m.

The Golden Eagles head into the weekend with a 13-point lead over the University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus as they look to claim the IHSA Regional title.

In addition, Minnesota Crookston has currently had eight student-athletes qualify for the Regionals. [Margaret Knowles](#) (So., Bloomington, Minn./Equine Science) has qualified in Walk Trot. [Karcyn Pleune](#) (So., Ada, Minn./Equine Science) has qualified in Advanced Walk Trot Canter, as has [Paige Clark](#) (Jr., Andover, Minn./Equine Science). [Sam Kramer](#) (Sr., Corcoran, Minn./Animal Science) has qualified in Novice Equitation of the Flat and Novice Equitation over Fences. [Anna Ojczyk](#) (Fr., White Bear Lake, Minn./Animal Science) has qualified in Novice Equitation on the Flat and Novice Equitation over Fences. [Rhiannon Nicoll](#) (Fr., Rice, Minn./Animal Science) has qualified in Novice Equitation on the Flat. [Sable Bettencourt](#) (Sr., Cloquet, Minn./Equine Science) has qualified in Intermediate Equitation over Fences and Open Equitation on the Flat. [Emily Steeley](#) (Jr., Portsmouth, R.I./Equine Science) has qualified in Open Equitation over Fences.

In addition, Steeley and Bettencourt are currently placed No. 1 and No. 2 respectively for the region's Cacchione Cup standings. This is the first time UMC has ever had two riders at No. 1 and No. 2 in the standings. Steeley won the Cacchione Cup for the region during the 2013-14 season.

Named for Mario "Marty" Cacchione, whose son Bob founded the IHSA in 1967 and still runs the organization to this day, the Cacchione Cup is presented every season at IHSA Nationals to the top hunter seat open rider. Every open rider who finishes the regular season with the most combined flat and fences points within their region advances directly to IHSA Nationals to compete for the cup.

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

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

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PLAYERS MENTIONED ▾

<b>Sable Bettencourt</b> Sophomore	<b>Sam Kramer</b> Junior
<b>Emily Steeley</b> Sophomore	<b>Paige Clark</b> Sophomore
<b>Karcyn Pleune</b> Freshman	<b>Margaret Knowles</b> Sophomore
<b>Anna Ojczyk</b> Freshman	<b>Rhiannon Nicoll</b> Freshman

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