

## News Release

# Golden Eagle Hunt Seat Equestrian Team Continues Success at UW-River Falls

By Chris Vito on Monday, December 8, 2008

(Crookston, Minn.)- The University of Minnesota Crookston Hunt Seat Equestrian team continued their successful season with another great show at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls this past Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday's competition started off strong with a big win for **Nicole Veres (Jr, Random Lake, Wis.)** in Intermediate Jumping. **Lauren Snively (Fr, Herndon, Vir.)** proceeded to take second place in Novice Jumping while **Kelsey Sherman (Fr, Lansing, Mich.)** took fourth place in her Novice Jumping section. **Heather Fogelson (Fr, Grant, Minn.)** started off the flat section of the day with a win in her Intermediate Flat class. **Tandra Klein (So, Hazen, N.D.)** took second place in Novice Flat while **Lydia Lestingi (Fr, Clemons, N.Y.)** finished the day with a third place finish in the Walk Trot.

Sunday's competition began with Sherman taking third in Novice Jumping, qualifying her for the Regional Championships. She then went on to win her Intermediate Flat section. This made her just six points shy of qualifying on the flat. Fogelson won her Intermediate Flat class, giving her enough points to qualify for the Regional Championships. **Lindy Hausauer (Sr, Moorhead, Minn.)** took second place in her Novice Flat class while Tandra Klein took third place in her respective section. This left her with only five points remaining to qualify for the Regional Championships. Snively and **Sarah Wells (So, Calgary, Alberta, Canada)** both won their respective Novice Flat classes. **Brittney Skoien (Jr, Wanaska, Minn.)** finished the day by taking third in Advanced Walk Trot Canter. This left her with just two points remaining to qualify for the Regional Championships.

"The team rode very well this weekend," says U of M, Crookston Equestrian Coach Brooke Leininger. "I expect them to come back for the spring season just as strong and competitive as they have been this fall and for several more riders to qualify for the Regional Championships."

The Golden Eagle Hunt Seat Equestrian team will return to action on Saturday, February 21 and Sunday, February 22 when they travel to Madison, Wis. for shows at the University of Wisconsin. The shows will start at 1 p.m. and 9 a.m. respectively.

For more information, visit the Golden Eagle Athletics Web site at <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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