

## News Release

# Golden Eagle Western Equestrian Team Has Successful Regional Show as Amanda Peterson Qualifies for Western Semifinals

By Chris Vito on Monday, March 10, 2008

(Crookston, Minn.) – The Western Equestrian Regional Show was held on Saturday, March 8 at South Dakota State University in Brookings, S.D. **Amanda Peterson (So, Rochester, Minn.)** was the Regional Champion in the Advanced Horsemanship Division. She had a great ride and qualified to ride in the Western Semifinals at West Texas A & M University in Canyon, Texas on Saturday, March 29 and Sunday, March 30.

Other Golden Eagle Western team members placing were **Jackie Ezell (So, Carlton, Minn.)** with a sixth place finish in the Advanced Horsemanship Division and **Sheena Engelbert (Sr, Bruce Crossing, Mich.)** with a sixth place finish in a large Novice Division. Both **Kayla Klein (Fr, Hazen, N.D.)** and **Elsa Lunden (Fr, Annandale, Minn.)** made the preliminary cuts and made it into the finals of the Intermediate Division.

"I am very proud of how the U of M, Crookston riders did at regionals," says Golden Eagle Western Coach Nicky Overgaard. "We didn't have the placings we had hoped for but they worked hard to get there and just the fact they made it there is an achievement in itself. Zone 9, Region 3 is one of the largest and most competitive regions in the nation. We are looking forward to making semifinals with Amanda Peterson and tweaking a few things before heading to Texas. I think Amanda has the experience and confidence to do well."

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

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