

UCONN Home Show- February 16, 2008
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The Saturday IHSA Horse Show, hosted by Uconn, was a very successful day. Members of the Uconn Equestrian Team competed against the region's rival, Brown University (as well as nine other colleges) to successfully close the lead to only 19 points between schools. Beginning at 9:00 a.m., the show went smoothly throughout the day, bringing both students and parents to the arena on Horsebarn Hill.

All competitors were especially thrilled to have the presence of Bob Cacchione in the stands. He is the founder of the IHSA who talked to riders on Saturday, from all the schools about their experiences and excitement of the organization. Bob created the IHSA to showcase his love for the sport and also to make it possible for thousands of students to ride while acquiring an education in college. We were very grateful for having him there.

Highlights of the day included Tara Lynch winning both of her Open flat and fence divisions, increasing her lead for the Cacchione Cup considerably and qualifying herself for regionals held on March 29, 2008. Other riders newly qualified for regionals after yesterday's show are Julia Guildea for Intermediate fences, Heather Caswell-Intermediate Flat, Caitlin Lewis-Novice Fences, Kaitlyn Murray-Novice Flat, Rachael Nestor-Advanced Walk/Trot/Canter, and Sam Morse-Walk/Trot. We would also like to welcome the newest members to the team, Lisa DeChance and Elizabeth Ackel. We are very excited to have them aboard and are looking forward to everything they have to offer during this spring semester!

UConn will be packing up and traveling to Windcrest Farm in Hebron, CT on February 23, for the Wesleyan University Home Show. All are encouraged to attend a chilly yet exciting horse show day!