

Huskies Fall Short of Region Winner Brown and holds Reserve Title For
Another Year
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Despite the struggle to obtain the lead for the Region 1 Championship, the UConn Huskies lost the battle to Brown University on March 15th at the Johnson & Wales Home Show. The day got off to a rocky start as it was with the pouring rain and frigid temperatures. UConn senior Tara Lynch, was the very first rider in the Open division and had a tough time getting to her second fence, earning no ribbon in her class. She then proceeded to receive a fourth place ribbon in her flat phase.

The day inched by, as Brown crept farther and farther away from the Huskies and eventually by the end of the day, had assumed a ten-point lead on UConn. Unfortunately the Huskies were unable to make their goal of being Region1 Champs happen, although they sure put up a great fight and were honored to take the Reserve Champion award. From here on out, the UCET girls will aim their focus on Regionals with the hopes of individually getting themselves a spot in the Zone Finals. Regionals are to be held on March 29, 2008 with Zones following in April.

Highlights of the day included Kaitlyn Murray of the novice division, winning her over fences portion of the competition. She rode for the blue, trying to keep her team within reach of Brown. She is also now qualified to compete at Regionals.

Also winning blues were Liz Ackel (Beginner WTC) and Melissa Rakosa (WT). Rakosa has now qualified herself for Regionals as well, increasing the size of participants for the UConn Team.

Coming up in the proud second spot, Leanna Antenucci of the Intermediate Division, was able to ride to the red ribbon with a beautiful course, riding against one of Brown's top riders.

On behalf of myself and the University, I wish all of UCET great luck in the upcoming competitions....

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