

News Release

Northland Explodes for Five Second Period Goals in Wild 8-6 Victory Over Golden Eagles

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(Crookston, Minn.) – Northland College exploded for five goals in the second period, including three straight off the power play, and held on for an 8-6 victory over the University of Minnesota, Crookston in Midwest Collegiate Athletic Conference (MCHA) action tonight at the Crookston Civic Arena.

The Lumberjacks started the scoring at 4:34 of the first period when **Jeff Diehl** scored a power play goal to put Northland up 1-0. The Golden Eagles countered with two straight goals. **Martin Husicka (Fr, Fwd, Vsetin, Czech Republic)** scored a power play goal at 10:55 of the first period off of assists from **Brent Groenke (Sr, Def, Morden, Manitoba, Canada)** and **Teal Plaine (Sr, Fwd, Hallock, Minn.)**. **Alex Maginnis (Fr, Fwd, Mason City, Iowa)** scored an even-strength goal at 16:00 to put U of M, Crookston up 2-1. He was assisted by **Eddie Hanson (Fr, Fwd, Apple Valley, Minn.)** and **Collin Perry (So, Fwd, Grand Forks, N.D.)**. Northland College tied the game at 2-2 of a power play goal from **Nick Mattson**.

The Lumberjacks opened the second period with a short-handed goal by **Pat Sierocinski** at 6:21. **Ryan Tucker (Sr, Fwd, Crookston, Minn.)** tied the game at 3-3 with a power play goal at 6:47. He was assisted by Plaine and **Matt Hann (Sr, Fwd, Crookston, Minn.)**. Matson put Northland College up 4-3 with a power play goal at 8:52. The Golden Eagles used an extra attacker to tie the game at 12:35 when Perry scored off an assist from Hann. The next 39 seconds saw the Lumberjacks erupt for three straight power play goals as **Joe Belanger**(19:20), **Tony Huberty** (19:44) and **Zach Kozak** (19:59) all scored to put Northland College up by a 7-4 score.

U of M, Crookston closed the gap to two goals 49 seconds into the third period when Tucker scored his second goal of the game in even-strength fashion off an assist from Hann to make the score 7-5. However, the momentum was short-lived as **Rick Delecke** scored an even-strength goal at 11:02 to put Northland up 8-5. Hann scored the final goal of the game off a power play at 17:47 from an assist from Groenke to make the final score 8-6 in favor of the Lumberjacks. The Golden Eagles out-shot Northland College by a 62-26 margin.

The Lumberjacks improve their record to 4-20-0 overall and 4-15-0 in the MCHA. U of M, Crookston falls to 5-19-0 overall and 4-15-0 in the MCHA. The two teams will meet again tomorrow in the final regular season contest for both squads. The puck drops at 4:05 at the Crookston Civic Arena.

For more information, visit the Golden Eagle Athletics website at 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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