

News Release

Slepicka Digs Her Way into Record Books as Golden Eagles Defeat Marauders 3-2

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(Crookston, Minn.)- The University of Minnesota Crookston (UMC) Women's Volleyball team took on the University of Mary tonight at Lysaker Gymnasium. UMC handled Mary on October 14 in Bismarck and it looked like the results were going to be the same tonight as the Golden Eagles took the first two sets. The Marauders struck in the third and fourth sets, defeating UMC 25-18 in both to move the match to a 2-2 tie. In the fifth set, the Golden Eagles jumped out to a 5-0 lead on outstanding serving by Cassie Yates (S, 5-10, SR, Buffalo, Minn.) who recorded two service aces during the run. Mary was forced to use both of their timeouts as UMC went on to the decisive 15-5 set victory and 3-2 (25-21, 25-23, 18-25, 18-25, 15-5) match victory. The fifth set also saw Jacklyn Slepicka (LIB, 5-2, JR, Crystal Lake, Ill.) reach the 1,000 career dig milestone. She is only the second Golden Eagle to achieve this mark in her career. Joan Ebnet, 2003-05 (1,417).



Dominating offensively for the Golden Eagles tonight was Amber Meyer (OH, 6-2, SO, Paxton, Neb.) who recorded a new season high with 21 kills to lead all attackers. Yates set a season high in assists with 49 to pace all setters and recorded 13 digs to record another personal best for the 2008 season. Yates finished with three service aces to lead all players in a well-rounded performance. Slepicka recorded 23 defensive digs on the night to find her spot in the Golden Eagle record books. Andrea Hubbell (MH, 6-1, SO, Isle, Minn.) recorded a season high nine kills on 24 total attacks. As a team, the Golden Eagles reached a season milestone with 57 total kills in the five-set match.

The Marauders were led by Laci Murtha's 16 kills and a match high .333 (16K-4E-36TA) attack percentage. She was trailed closely by Amanda Hennessy who had 14 kills in the match. Leading the Marauders in assists was setter Justina Rudzitis with 26. Kendra Hobbs led Mary defenders with 21 digs. Hannah Klapperich was tough of the net with two block solos and four block assists. Mary as a team recorded 11 (3 solo, 16 assisted) total blocks in the match.

The Golden Eagles are now 4-19 overall and 4-10 in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC). The Marauders move to 4-23 overall and 2-13 in the NSIC. UMC hosts Northern State University tomorrow afternoon in NSIC action. First serve is set for 4 p.m. in Lysaker Gymnasium.

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