



Minnesota Crookston Women's Basketball Takes On UND in Final Tune-Up Thursday

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CROOKSTON, Minn. – The University of Minnesota Crookston women's basketball team will play their second exhibition of the 2021-22 season Thursday, November 4 against the University of North Dakota. The tilt will be played at 7 p.m. at the Betty Engelstad Sioux Center in Grand Forks, N.D.

The Golden Eagles played their first exhibition on October 31 against the University of Minnesota. UMN Crookston ultimately fell 78-33 to the Golden Gophers. Minnesota Crookston was led in the game by 11 points and six rebounds from [Bren Fox](#) (R-Jr., F/C, Norwood Young America, Minn.). [Abigail Leach](#) (Jr., G/F, Wyoming, Minn.) added eight points off the bench.

UMN Crookston has a strong core returning from last season, guided by Fox, [Kylie Post](#) (Sr., G, Corcoran, Minn.), [Mary Burke](#) (Sr., G/F, Virginia, Minn.), [Kylea Praska](#) (Sr., G, Thief River Falls, Minn.), [Emma Carpenter](#) (Jr., G, Eagan, Minn.), and [Jes Mertens](#) (So., G, Devils Lake, N.D.). [Haylee Wheeler](#) (So., F/C, Lakeville, Minn.), [Eden Colliher](#) (So., F, Iron River, Mich.), and [Veronica Schwartz](#) (Jr., G/F, Parkers Prairie, Minn.) also return from last season's squad.

Minnesota Crookston will also look to their newcomers for the 2021-22 season including Leach, [Abi Fraaza](#) (Fr., F, Birnamwood, Wis.), [Alex Page](#) (Fr., F, Grand Forks, N.D.), and [Lily Orazem](#) (Fr., G, Onamia, Minn.).

**Minnesota Crookston at North Dakota
Thursday, November 4 – 7 p.m.**

Betty Engelstad Sioux Center – Grand Forks, N.D.

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North Dakota is coming off a 2-19 (2-13 NSIC) mark. The Fighting Hawks are guided by second-year Head Coach Mallory Bernhard. UND is led by forward Olivia Lane, who averaged 8.3 points and 5.5 rebounds per game. Junior guard Maggie Manson returns after averaging 7.6 points per game. Junior guard Juliet Gordon returns after notching 7.1 points and 4.4 rebounds per game. Kacie Borowicz returns after tallying 5.9 points per game last season. Claire Orth and Melissa Leet also return from last season's squad.

UND averaged 66.5 points per game last season and allowed 75.5 points per tilt to their opponents. They shot 36.6 percent from the field and just 28.8 percent from beyond the arc. The Fighting Hawks out-rebounded their opponents 43.0 to 39.3 last season.

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