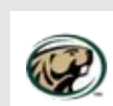




BOX SCORE

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86

Bemidji St. 6-5,2-4 NSIC



75

Minn.-Crookston 1-11,0-6 NSIC

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Bemidji St.	47	39	86
Minn.-Crookston	40	35	75

Game Recap: Men's Basketball | 12/17/2022 8:15:00 PM | Hunter Plante, Assistant Director of Marketing/Communications

Bemidji State Takes Control Down the Stretch for NSIC Win over Minnesota Crookston



Crookston, Minn. – *Blaize Sagna* (So., G, London, England) scored a career-high 26 points on Saturday afternoon against Bemidji State, but it wasn't enough, as the Beavers closed the game on a 26-14 run to sweep the season series against Minnesota Crookston, 86-75.

The Golden Eagles fall to 1-11 (0-6 NSIC), while the Beavers improve to 6-5 (2-4 NSIC), with their lone non-conference wins being over the Golden Eagles.

Both teams would exchange baskets on their first two possessions, as *Xzavier Jones* (Jr., G, Milwaukee, Wis.) and *Sagna* would help tie things at four.

Bemidji State would get red-hot midway through the first half, extending their lead to 12, 24-12.

As was the case in Bemidji, the Golden Eagles would fight back late in the first half. *Dezmond Washington* (Jr., G/F, Morrilton, Ark.) would score eight points in the last three minutes, as his Golden Eagles would trail by seven heading into the halftime break.

The second half would be a back-and-forth affair. Minnesota Crookston would get within two on a straightaway three from *Jones*, cutting the lead to 51-49.

Trailing 59-55, *Sagna* would score a pair of free throws and finish a tough contested layup, tying things up at 59.

Matthew Allman (R-Jr., G/F, London, England) would bury a long two, giving Minnesota Crookston a brief one point lead.

From that point, the Beavers would outscore the Golden Eagles by 12, which would lead to their 86-75 victory.

Sagna led the way with 26 points and five rebounds, while *Jones* and *Washington* finished with 15 and 11, respectively. *Allman* finished with eight points off the bench, while *Chandler Meeks* (Fr., G, Omaha, Neb.) scored seven points and dished out four assists.

Minnesota Crookston will be back in action in two weeks, as they host Minot State on Dec. 30, at 5 P.M.

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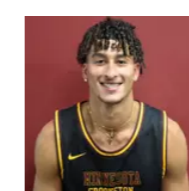
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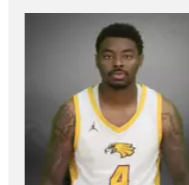
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FG%	.560	.509
3FG%	.400	.467
FT%	.706	.571
RB	30	29
TO	9	10
STL	3	6

Game Leaders

Scoring

#01 **Sagna, Blaize**

PTS 26	FGM 10
3FGM 1	FTM 5
MIN 38	

#04 **Jones, Xzavier**

PTS 15	FGM 6
3FGM 1	FTM 2
MIN 29	

#24 **Washington, Dezmond**

PTS 11	FGM 4
3FGM 3	FTM 0
MIN 28	

#11 **Allman, Matthew**

PTS 8	FGM 3
3FGM 2	FTM 0
MIN 24	

Players Mentioned

#5 Chandler Meeks

G / 6' 1" / Freshman

#1 Blaize Sagna

G / 6' 3" / Sophomore

#4 Xzavier Jones

G/F / 6' 4" / Junior

#11 Matthew Allman

G/F / 6' 6" / Redshirt Junior

#24 Dezmond Washington

G/F / 6' 6" / Junior

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