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Golden Eagles Open 2017 at Home Against UMD and St. Cloud State



CROOKSTON, Minn. - The University of Minnesota Crookston men's basketball team will open the calendar year at Lysaker Gymnasium against University of Minnesota Duluth and St. Cloud State University. The Golden Eagles will take on the Bulldogs Fri., Jan. 6 at 8 p.m. and the Huskies Sat., Jan. 7 at 6 p.m.

GAME NOTES UMD SCSU

The Golden Eagles come into the weekend with a 5-8 mark on the season. UMD is 3-10 on the season entering the weekend, while St. Cloud State is 10-6 on the year.

Minnesota Crookston Golden Eagles

Head Coach: [Dan Weisse](#)

Record at UMC: 15-52 **Season at UMC:** Third Season

Minnesota Duluth Bulldogs

Head Coach: Matt Bowen

Record at UMD: 42-59 **Season at UMD:** Fifth Season

St. Cloud State Huskies

Head Coach: Matt Reimer

Record at SCSU: 41-34 **Season at SCSU:** Third Season

Jan. 6, 2016 • Crookston, Minn. • Lysaker Gymnasium • 8 p.m.

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Weekly Snapshot

Minnesota Crookston

Projected Starters

So. PG 13 [Kobe Critchley](#) (6-0 173, Roseville, Minn.) 7.7 PPG, 3.3 APG

Fr. SG 0 [Harrison Cleary](#) (6-1 175, Oak Creek, Wis.) 20.8 PPG, 3.5 RPG

So. G 25 [Chase Knickerbocker](#) (6-6 189, Annandale, Minn.) 10.7 PPG, 3.6 RPG

R-So. SF 44 [Gable Smith](#) (6-7 215, Lodi, Wis.) 7.4 PPG, 5.7 RPG

Jr. PF 54 [Jim Warmack](#) (6-7 240, East Grand Forks, Minn.) 5.9 PPG, 2.5 RPG

Top Bench Players

Fr. F 21 [Chase Johnson](#) (6-6 207, La Crosse, Wis.) 5.3 PPG, 5.2 RPG

R-Fr. G 1 [Connor Gamble](#) (6-0 157, Stillwater, Minn.) 7.6 PPG, 1.2 RPG

Sr. G 14 [Xavier Hall](#) (6-1 170, Woodbury, Minn.) 2.7 PPG, 0.9 RPG

So. F/C 34 [Nate Lorenz](#) (6-7 222, Breckenridge, Minn.) 3.7 PPG, 1.9 RPG

Minnesota Duluth

Projected Starters

So. PG 25 Cody Tomlinson (6-3 180, Ashland, Wis.) 4.2 PPG, 1.7 RPG

Jr. SG 21 Kyle Schalow (6-2 170, Sherwood, Wis.) 8.5 PPG, 3.5 RPG

Fr. SF 35 Trenton Krueger (6-6 200, Eagan, Minn.) 5.1 PPG, 3.5 RPG

Fr. PF 10 Brandon Myer (6-7 195, Superior, Wis.) 7.8 PPG, 4.3 RPG

Fr. C 32 Luke Harris (6-8 225, Northfield, Minn.) 11.2 PPG, 3.0 RPG

Top Bench Players

Fr. G 1 Logan Rohrscheib (6-2 185, Eau Claire, Wis.) 8.5 PPG, 2.0 RPG

Jr. G/F 30 Jake Wilson (6-5 190, Zimmerman, Minn.) 6.4 PPG, 2.2 RPG

So. F 11 Sean Burns (6-5 213, Robbinsdale, Minn.) 5.8 PPG, 3.8 RPG

Sr. F 22 Charles Benson (6-6 228, Tucson, Ariz.) 3.6 PPG, 2.8 RPG

Fr. G 3 Josh Washburn (5-10 155, Pleasant Prairie, Wis.) 3.0 PPG, 1.3 RPG

St. Cloud State

Projected Starters

R-So. PG 20 Gage Davis (6-4 185, Bolingbrook, Ill.) 20.8 PPG, 9.2 RPG, 3.7 APG

Sr. SG 22 Scottie Stone (6-4 195, Melrose, Minn.) 18.1 PPG, 3.0 RPG

Sr. SG 30 Mark Hall (6-4 180, Round Lake Beach, Ill.) 9.2 PPG, 2.2 RPG

Jr. SF 14 Andy Foley (6-5 210, St. Cloud, Minn.) 6.6 PPG, 4.9 RPG

Jr. PF 24 Jon Averkamp (6-6 220, Germantown, Wis.) 9.1 PPG, 5.3 RPG

Top Bench Players

R-So. F 4 Kurt Hall (6-6 225, North Chicago, Ill.) 6.9 PPG, 5.3 RPG

Fr. G 34 Trevon Marshall (6-0 160, Evanston, Ill.) 4.6 PPG, 0.8 RPG

So. G 10 Brindley Theisen (6-2 180, St. Cloud, Minn.) 4.5 PPG, 2.4 RPG

#5StoryLines

1. Can UMC play a full 40 minutes of basketball?

2. Will [Harrison Cleary](#) continue his hot start to the season?

3. Can UMC slow down the backcourt for SCSU of Gage Davis and Scottie Stone?

4. Who will step up for the Golden Eagles?

5. Can UMC knock down the three ball this weekend?

#ChaselsOnTheCase

UMC sophomore wing [Chase Knickerbocker](#) continues to grow as a player. Knickerbocker is averaging 10.7 points per game this season. He tallied 15 points against Upper Iowa last Saturday. He is averaging 15.7 points per game over his last three games for the Golden Eagles. Knickerbocker is shooting 46.9 percent from the field and 37.5 percent from beyond the arc.

#ItIsVeryCleary

UMC freshman guard [Harrison Cleary](#) is off to a phenomenal start to his career. The Oak Creek, Wis. native made an instant impression with 34 points in his collegiate debut on the road at Southwest Baptist. Cleary is coming off one of his toughest weekends last time out, but he is still performing well for the Golden Eagles. He leads the entire NSIC with 20.8 points per game. Cleary is shooting 49.0 percent from the field and 37.9 percent from beyond the arc.

#KobeAtThePoint

UMC sophomore point guard [Kobe Critchley](#) leads the offense for the Golden Eagles. Critchley is doing a bit of the dirty work for UMC as of late. Critchley is averaging 12 points, seven rebounds and three assists per game over the last two for the Golden Eagles. On the season, Critchley is averaging 7.7 points per game. He will look to continue to improve heading into this weekend against Minnesota Duluth and St. Cloud State.

#TakeAGamble

UMC redshirt freshman [Connor Gamble](#) has been a major factor at times off of the bench this season for UMC. He is coming off of 11 points against Upper Iowa. In his last three games, Gamble is tallying 13.0 points per game. He comes into the weekend averaging 7.6 points per game. The sharp shooter is averaging 39.6 percent from beyond the arc this season.

#Tidbits

- Minnesota Crookston comes into the weekend with a 5-8 mark on the season. The Golden Eagles have already surpassed their win total from last season and continue to grow as a team. UMC is looking to consistently put together a full 40 minutes of basketball. Last weekend, it was key lapses during the game that helped Upper Iowa and Winona State to wins. UMC will look to limit those lapses heading into this weekend.

- The Golden Eagles are shooting 45.3 percent from the field and 35.2 percent from beyond the arc. UMC is averaging 72.7 points per game on the season. Defensively, the Golden Eagles are giving up 75.2 points per game and allowing opponents to shoot 45.5 percent from the field.

- UMC had good moments in both their earlier games this season against St. Cloud State and Minnesota Duluth. The Golden Eagles led by nine points with 11 minutes left against St. Cloud State before allowing SCSU to go on a 30-10 run in the final eight minutes of the game. St. Cloud State hit six three-pointers in the final eight minutes.

- The Golden Eagles fell 75-67 to Minnesota Duluth. They made a late comeback effort but fell short due to missed free throws. UMC shot 43.3 percent from the field and 29.2 percent from beyond the arc on the game.

- Minnesota Duluth comes into the weekend with a 3-10 mark. The Bulldogs are very similar to the Golden Eagles as they have a major youth movement. UMD has 12 underclassmen on their roster this season. UMD has made some changes to their line-up in recent weeks. They have moved Trenton Krueger, Cody Tomlinson and Luke Harris to the starting line-up. Since the last UMC game, the Bulldogs have been without guard Trevor Entwisle. The Bulldogs are led by Harris 11.2 points per game in the post. Kyle Schalow is tallying 8.5 points per game.

- St. Cloud State comes into the weekend with a 10-6 (6-1 NSIC) mark. The Huskies have been led by their guard court. They look to Gage Davis' 20.8 points per game, while Scottie Stone is averaging 18.1 points per game. The Huskies are shooting 46.2 percent from the field and 36.9 percent from beyond the arc. They are averaging 81.9 points per game.

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PLAYERS MENTIONED ▾

#14 Xavier Hall

G / 6' 1" / Senior

#25 Chase Knickerbocker

G/F / 6' 6" / Sophomore

#34 Nate Lorenz

F/C / 6' 7" / Sophomore

#44 Gable Smith

F / 6' 7" / Redshirt Sophomore

#0 Harrison Cleary

G / 6' 1" / Freshman

#21 Chase Johnson

F / 6' 6" / Freshman



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