



UMN Crookston Men's Golf Inks Alberta-Native Wutzke to NLI

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CROOKSTON, Minn. – The University of Minnesota Crookston men's golf team announced the signing of Rory Wutzke (Camrose, Alberta/Our Lady of Mount Pleasant H.S.) to a National Letter of Intent. Wutzke joins his high school teammate Devin Kucy (Camrose, Alberta/Our Lady of Mount Pleasant H.S.) and Layton Bartley (Fargo, N.D./Sheyenne H.S.) as signees for the Golden Eagles.

"I am excited to have Rory become part of the Golden Eagle men's golf team," said Head Coach [Brad Heppner](#). "Rory has only been playing competitive golf for four years and has quickly improved his game to a 74.32 scoring average. He has worked very hard on his game and he has a lot of passion for golf and a high compete level and will be a great fit here."

Wutzke continues a connection to Canada on the men's golf team, joining fellow signee Kucy and current Golden Eagle [Matt Moroz](#) (Edmonton, Alberta). Wutzke has a 74.32 average as verified by the Alberta Golf Junior Tour.

Along with Kucy and Bartley, Wutzke will continue to help elevate the Golden Eagle men's golf program. The Golden Eagles are scheduled to start the 2021 season March 22-23 at the Washburn University Invite in Topeka, Kan. UMN Crookston is looking to build on their improvement in 2020 as they ended the season by shooting two of their best rounds in recent history at the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Spring Invite in Prescott, Ariz. The Golden Eagles are led by [Connor Humble](#) (Rosemount, Minn.), who averaged a 76.7 on the 2019-20 season. UMN Crookston averaged a score of 314.1 on the 2019-20 season overall. They have continued to work hard on the golf course and in the Minnesota Crookston Golf Performance Center, one of the premier indoor golf facilities in the region.

The student-athlete listed as having signed a National Letter of Intent or Offer of Admission to play men's golf at the University of Minnesota Crookston have been verified by the Minnesota Crookston compliance office once they sign the National Letter of Intent or once the student-athlete has accepted an Offer of Admission for Minnesota Crookston.

Rory Wutzke (5-11 155, Camrose, Alberta/Our Lady of Mount Pleasant H.S.)

Wutzke was on the same high school squad as fellow signee Devin Kucy. He helped lead Our Lady of Mount Pleasant H.S. to Provincial Golf Championships in 2018 and 2019. In 2019, he was an Order of Merit winner on the Alberta Junior Tour. He has been an honor's student from grades 7-12. Wutzke holds a 3.70 GPA. He has been competing on the Alberta Junior Tour for the last two years. He has also competed in hockey, basketball, track, badminton, and tennis.

He is the son of Kathy Schultz and Scott Schneider. Wutzke plans to major in sports and rec management and marketing. He was born Nov. 1, 2003.

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