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## Minnesota Crookston Soccer Picked to Finish 15th in NSIC Preseason Coaches' Poll



**BURNSVILLE, Minn.** – The University of Minnesota Crookston soccer program was picked to finish 15<sup>th</sup> in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) Preseason Coaches' Poll released Mon., Aug. 7 by the conference office.

Minnesota Crookston enters their sixth season under Head Coach [Joe Alianiello](#) in 2017. The Golden Eagles will look to get back on track after a down season in 2016 as they finished with a 3-13-2 mark.

The U of M Crookston looks to be led by [Lindsey Daml](#) (So., MF, North Pole, Alaska) and [Ellie Brettschneider](#) (Sr., D, Lakeville, Minn.). Daml scored two goals and had nine shots on goal as a true freshman in 2016. Brettschneider has been a staple for Minnesota Crookston for her first three years, filling whatever role necessary either as a center back or in the central midfield.

The Golden Eagles return four starters from last season in Daml, [Ellie Brettschneider](#), [Nicole Corbin](#) (Sr., D, Ramsey, Minn.) and [Madison Korus](#) (R-Jr., D, Arlington, Minn.). Minnesota Crookston will look to added help from several younger players as they have a talented recruiting class coming in and several returning players who will look to fill more prominent roles in 2017.

Minnesota State University, Mankato was picked to win the league for the sixth time since joining the NSIC in 2008. The Mavericks earned 11 first-place votes and 217 overall points. Augustana University was close behind with five first-place votes and 210 overall points, while Bemidji State University etted 188 points and was picked third.

Morgan Cottew, a forward from Minnesota State, was selected as the NSIC Preseason Player of the Year, while Minot State defender Kelli Cresse from Minot State University was picked as the NSIC Defensive Player of the Year.

The Golden Eagles will open the 2017 season Sept. 1 against Lindenwood University. They will then play Maryville University Sept. 3. Both matches will be played in St. Paul, Minn.

For more information, visit the Golden Eagle Athletics website at [www.goldeneaglesports.com](http://www.goldeneaglesports.com).

Follow the Golden Eagles on Facebook at Golden Eagle Sports and on Twitter at @UMCAthletics.

The University of Minnesota Crookston is a NCAA Division II university located in the Red River Valley of Northwest Minnesota. Minnesota Crookston sponsors 11 intercollegiate athletic teams with membership in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate conference (NSIC) and the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA). The NSIC is a 16-team conference with schools situated in Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska.

### 2017 NSIC Soccer Preseason Coaches' Poll

1. Minnesota State (11)	217
2. Augustana (5)	210
3. Bemidji State	188
4. Minot State	187
5. St. Cloud State	165
6. Minnesota Duluth	160
7. Northern State	134
8. Concordia-St. Paul	119
9. Upper Iowa	107
10. Winona State	94
11. Wayne State	78
12. UMary	71
13. Sioux Falls	51
14. Southwest Minnesota State	50
15. Minnesota Crookston	45
16. MSU Moorhead	44

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### PLAYERS MENTIONED ▾

<b>#15 Ellie Brettschneider</b> MF / 5' 6" / Senior	<b>#4 Nicole Corbin</b> D/MF / 5' 7" / Senior
<b>#27 Madison Korus</b> D / 5' 4" / Redshirt Junior	<b>#14 Lindsey Daml</b> D/MF / 5' 4" / Sophomore

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