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Three Golden Eagles Named to All-NSIC Teams



BURNSVILLE, Minn. – The University of Minnesota Crookston baseball team had three players recognized on the All-Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) Baseball Teams released Tues., May 9 by the conference office.

Zach Seipel (So., RHP, Eagan, Minn.) and Anthony Stewart (R-Jr., OF, Oak Harbor, Wash.) both earned All-NSIC Second Team accolades for the Golden Eagles. In addition, Stewart and Reed Hjelle (So., 1B, East Grand Forks, Minn.) were named to the NSIC Gold Glove team for their defensive prowess.

Seipel has been named All-NSIC in each of his seasons with the Golden Eagles. The Golden Eagle closer earned All-NSIC Second team honors last season. Stewart and Hjelle are both first-time honorees by the conference office.

Seipel has been the top closer in the league in 2017 with 12 saves. The sophomore has accumulated 23 saves in two seasons for the U of M Crookston. Seipel leads the Minnesota Crookston staff with a 2.54 ERA. He has 23 appearances with 39 innings pitched. He started one game on the season. Seipel has posted 52 strikeouts with just 22 walks on the season.

Stewart is second on the team with a .338 average as he has had a breakout season at the plate in 2017. The center fielder leads the team with 46 runs scored, seven doubles, four triples, five home runs and 34 RBI's.

Stewart also leads the team with 13 stolen bases. The team's leadoff hitter has a .395 on-base percentage and a .490 slugging percentage. He has also been one of the team's defensive leaders, consistently making great plays in center and showing off his impressive arm from the outfield. Stewart has a perfect 1.000 fielding percentage with 119 putouts and four outfield assists on the season. He has no errors on the season.

Hjelle made a seamless transition back to first base, where he played in high school, after playing outfield as a freshman. Hjelle did a great job taking over for Ryan Haggstrom, one of the best first basemen in school history. Hjelle has just one error on the season with a .998 fielding percentage. Hjelle has 380 putouts and 39 assists on the season. He has been a part of 24 double plays on the season. He has also been strong at the plate, leading the team with a .344 batting average with 32 runs scored and 26 RBI's.

Seipel is just the fourth player in school history to earn back-to-back All-NSIC honors, joining Brandon Wolf (All-NSIC Honorable Mention in 2005 and 2006), Aaron Motl (All-NSIC Honorable Mention in 2005 and 2006), and Aaron Johnson (All-NSIC First Team in 2005 and All-NSIC Honorable Mention in 2004). Seipel is the first player in school history to earn All-NSIC Second Team in back-to-back seasons. Stewart is the fifth player in school history to earn All-NSIC Second Team honors, joining Seipel, Nolan Wahlberg, (2016), Kenny Perez (2016) and Jake Poehler (2008). Hjelle and Stewart join Haggstrom as Minnesota Crookston honorees on the All-NSIC Gold Glove team.

Patrick O'Donnell from Augustana University was named NSIC Player of the Year. Jacob Blank of Augustana earned NSIC Pitcher of the Year honors. Sam Baier of Augustana was named NSIC Freshman of the Year. Minnesota State University's Ricky Digrugilliers earned NSIC Newcomer of the Year accolades, while Mavericks Head Coach Matt Magers was named NSIC Coach of the Year.

2017 All-Conference First Team					
#	Name	Pos.	Yr.	School	Hometown
26	Jacob Blank	RHP	Jr.	AUGIE	Gretna, Neb.
10	Dalton Roach	RHP	Jr.	MSU	Eau Claire, Wis.
19	Cal Giese	LHP	So.	SCSU	Plover, Wis.
17	Luke Chevalier	RHP	So.	NSU	Barnstable, Mass.
18	Aaron Rozek	RP	Jr.	MSU	Burnsville, Minn.
36	Gunner Olszewski	C	So.	BSU	Alvin, Texas
36	Josh Rehwaldt	1B	So.	USF	Lakeville, Minn.
5	Dylan Dresel	1B	Jr.	MSU	Chisago City, Minn.
4	Isaac Hormann	2B	So.	CSP	Young America, Minn.
26	Gunner Peterson	SS	Sr.	USF	Brookings, S.D.
9	Eric Peterson	3B	Sr.	MSU	Eagan, Minn.
18	Patrick O'Donnell	OF	Sr.	AUGIE	Andover, Minn.
12	Lucas Lorenz	OF	Jr.	NSU	Aberdeen S.D.
13	Jordan Schulz	OF	Sr.	MINOT	Strasbourg, Sask.
24	Jack Schmidt	OF	Jr.	NSU	Forest Lake Minn.
11	Scott Litchy	RF	Jr.	BSU	Avon, Minn.
36	Kris Ashland	DH	Sr.	AUGIE	Bloomington, Minn.

2017 All-Conference Second Team					
#	Name	Pos.	Yr.	School	Hometown
36	Cole Petersen	LHP	So.	SMSU	Glencoe, Minn.
14	Mitch Stalsberg	LHP	Jr.	WSU	Viroqua, Wis.
6	Brett Flanning	RHP	Jr.	UIU	Spring Valley, Ill.
32	Brody Rodning	LHP	Jr.	MSU	Caylord, Minn.
21	<u>Zach Seipel</u>	RP	So.	UMC	Eagan, Minn.
5	Carter Schmidt	C	So.	CSP	Chaska, Minn.
14	Bo Schmitz	C	Jr.	SCSU	St. Cloud, Minn.
7	Mat Meyer	1B	So.	SCSU	Sauk Rapids, Minn.
6	Cole VanderBeek	2B	Sr.	SMSU	Brandon, S.D.
3	Luis Ravelo	SS	Sr.	UIU	Aragua, Venezuela
7	Collin Eckman	SS	Sr.	BSU	Little Falls, Minn.
33	Lucas Barry	3B	Jr.	AUGIE	Inver Grove Heights, Minn.
16	Jordan Hart	OF	So.	MSU	Lyle, Minn.
20	Michael Borst	OF	So.	MINOT	Mchenry, Ill.
21	David Janes	OF	Jr.	WSC	Dubuque, Iowa
1	<u>Anthony Stewart</u>	OF	Jr.	UMC	Oak Harbor, Wash.
8	Cody Jenkins	DH	Sr.	WSC	Englewood, Colo.

2017 NSIC Gold Glove Team					
#	Name	Pos.	Yr.	School	Hometown
20	Nick Hoffard	RHP	Sr.	NSU	Thief River Falls Minn.
27	Ryan Menssen	C	Jr.	AUGIE	St James, Minn.
33	<u>Reed Hjelle</u>	1B	So.	UMC	E. Grand Forks, Minn.
4	Isaac Hormann	2B	So.	CSP	Young America, Minn.
3	Luis Ravelo	SS	Sr.	UIU	Aragua, Venezuela
33	Ethan Ibarra	3B	So.	SCSU	Las Vegas, Nev.
1	<u>Anthony Stewart</u>	OF	Jr.	UMC	Oak Harbor, Wash.
13	Jordan Schulz	OF	Sr.	MINOT	Strasbourg, Sask.
11	Aaron Krier	OF	Sr.	WSC	Aurelia, Iowa

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PLAYERS MENTIONED

<p>#8 Ryan Haggstrom 1B / 6' 5" / Senior / R</p>	<p>#29 Kenny Perez DH/1B / 5' 6" / Senior / R</p>
<p>#32 Nolan Wahlberg RHP / 6' 6" / Senior / R</p>	<p>#33 Reed Hjelle 1B / 6' 2" / Sophomore / R</p>
<p>#21 Zach Seipel RHP / 6' 3" / Sophomore / R</p>	<p>#1 Anthony Stewart OF / 5' 10" / Redshirt Junior / L</p>

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