



BOX SCORE

5 Minnesota-Crookston 0-1	12 Central Missouri 3-4											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Minnesota-Crookston	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	5	10	1
Central Missouri	0	0	0	3	3	1	2	3	X	12	14	1
	W: Jones, Collin (1-0) L: Rustad, Zach (0-1)											

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Central Missouri Picks Up Six Runs in Back-to-Back Innings to Upend Golden Eagles 12-5



WARRENSBURG, Mo. – The 20th-ranked University of Central Missouri Mules scored six runs in the fourth and fifth innings to help lead to an 12-5 defeat of the University of Minnesota Crookston baseball team, Wednesday marked the 2019 opener for the Golden Eagles at Crane Stadium/Tompkins Field in Warrensburg, Mo. Minnesota Crookston held an early 1-0 lead before giving up back-to-back three-run frames.

The Golden Eagles fell to 0-1 after Wednesday's loss. The Mules improve to 3-4 with the victory.

Zach Rustad (Sr., LHP, Blaine, Minn.) got the ball in game one of the season. The former Century College pitcher started out strong before giving up six runs in the fourth and fifth frames. Rustad had pitched scoreless baseball in the first three innings. He allowed six runs on seven hits with one walk in five frames. Rustad falls to 0-1 with Wednesday's loss.

Conner Richardson (Fr., RHP, Grand Forks, N.D.) came on in relief for his first collegiate outing. Richardson gave up three runs on four hits in two innings of work.

Henry Pesch (Dr., RHP, Minneota, Minn.) came in and allowed two runs on three hits. **Esten Beneda** (R-Jr., RHP, Lankin, N.D.) relieved Pesch and allowed three runs on three hits in 0.2 innings. **Garrett Hohn** (Dr., RHP, Wausau, Wis.) came on and got the final out of the eighth inning.

Zach Hjelle (Sr., 1B East Grand Forks, Minn.), showcased his offensive prowess as the 2018 NSIC Player of the Year and the 2019 NSIC Preseason Player of the Year went 3-of-4 with one RBI and two runs scored. **Scott Finberg** (Dr., 3B, Schwaier, Minn.) finished 2-of-4. **Griffin Fussy** (R-Se., SS, Ham Lake, Minn.) finished 1-of-3 with two RBIs. **Brock Reller** (So., OF, Grand Forks, N.D.) went 1-of-4 with an RBI and a run scored. Brock Jorgenson (Dr., UT, Thunder Bay, Ontario) went 2-of-5 with one run scored.

The Golden Eagles finished with five runs on 10 hits. Minnesota Crookston struck out 12 times in the game, an area they will look to improve on moving into Thursday's doubleheader. Collin Jones got the win for Central Missouri after allowing just one run on four hits in five innings of work. Jones picked up five strikeouts and a walk. Conor Dwyer allowed four runs on four hits in relief. Coby Seig pitched a scoreless outing in 1.2 innings of relief with three strikeouts.

Central Missouri notched 12 runs on 14 hits Wednesday. The Mules were paced by Mason Janvrin at the top of the line-up, as he went 2-of-4 with two RBIs and three runs scored. Michael Sinks, batting clean-up for Central Missouri, went 2-of-4 with two RBIs and one run scored, while Micah Evans was 3-of-4 with two RBIs and two runs scored.

The Golden Eagles broke up the pitcher's duel in the top of the fourth as Hjelle led off the stanza with his first home run of 2019 as Minnesota Crookston took the 1-0 lead.

Central Missouri responded in their half of the fourth as Alex Madera knotted the game up after stealing third and scoring on an errant throw from **Ben Thoma** (So., C, Clearbrook, Minn.) at catcher. The Mules extended their lead to 3-1 as Kole Ficken doubled to left field to plate Harrison Schnurbusch and Sinks.

The Golden Eagles opened up the top of the fifth as Fussy reached on a walk, and **Hunter Baldwin** (R-Jr., 3B/1B, St. Thomas, N.D.) was hit by a pitch. Jones got out of danger for the Mules as he got three-straight outs to hold the game at 3-1.

Central Missouri extended their lead with a three more runs in the bottom of the fifth. Janvrin delivered the big hit as he singled up the middle to plate Zak Whalin and Evans, widening the gap to 5-1. An Erik Webb sacrifice fly to right field drove in Janvrin to extend the advantage to 6-1.

Minnesota Crookston made a dent in the Central Missouri lead in the top of the sixth as Fussy came through with a two RBI single to left field, driving in Reller and Hjelle to cut the lead to 6-3.

The Mules added a security run in the bottom of the sixth when Evans doubled to left center to plate Schnurbusch and push the advantage out to 7-3.

The Golden Eagles got runs back in the top of the seventh. **Mason Duhleman** (Dr., 2B, Algonac, Mich.) hit a sacrifice fly to center field to plate **Landyn Swenson** (Dr., OF, Devils Lake, N.D.) and slice the lead to 7-4. Reller then faced a single to right field to bring in Jorgenson and cut the advantage to 7-5.

Central Missouri got the runs right back in their half of the seventh stanza. An infield single for Sinks drove in Whalin to make it 8-5. Schnurbusch then hit a sacrifice fly to right field to plate Janvrin, making the score 9-5.

The Mules put a stamp on the win with three runs in the bottom of the eighth. Dalton Dull started it off with a solo shot over the left field wall to push the lead to 10-5. Evans followed suit with a solo shot of his own to make the advantage 11-5. A Sinks single to score Janvrin drove in the final run of the game to push it to 12-5.

The Golden Eagles were unable to make up the deficit in their last at-bat, as they fell 12-5.

Minnesota Crookston will look to rebound against No. 20 Central Missouri with a doubleheader at 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. in Warrensburg, Mo. Thurs., Feb. 14.

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Next Game:
at University of Central Missouri
2/14/2019 | 10 a.m.

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Team Statistics

PITCHING
W: Jones, Collin (1-0)
L: Rustad, Zach (0-1)

Minnesota-Crookston

BATTING
2B: Jorgenson, Bryce 1
HR: Hjelle, Reed 1
RBI: Hjelle, Reed 1; Duhleman, Mason 1; Beller, Brock 1; Fussy, Griffin 2
SF: Duhleman, Mason 1

BASERUNNING:
RUNS: Jorgenson, Bryce 1; Hjelle, Reed 2; Beller, Brock 1; Swenson, Landyn 1
SB: Jorgenson, Bryce 2; Hjelle, Reed 1
HBP: Thoma, Ben 1; Baldwin, Hunter 1

Central Missouri

BATTING:
2B: Madera, Alex 1; Ficken, Kole 1; Evans, Micah 1
HR: Dull, Dalton 1; Evans, Micah 1
RBI: Janvrin, Mason 2; Webb, Erik 1; Sinks, Michael 2; Schnurbusch, Harrison 1; Ficken, Kole 2; Dull, Dalton 1; Evans, Micah 2
SH: Madera, Alex 1
SF: Webb, Erik 1; Schnurbusch, Harrison 1

BASERUNNING:
RUNS: Janvrin, Mason 3; Madera, Alex 1; Sinks, Michael 1; Schnurbusch, Harrison 2; Dull, Dalton 1; Evans, Micah 2; Whalin, Zak 2
SB: Janvrin, Mason 2; Madera, Alex 1
CS: Evans, Micah 1
HBP: Madera, Alex 1; Schnurbusch, Harrison 1
PO: Webb, Erik 1

Game Leaders

Hitting

	#33 Hjelle, Reed AB 4 R 2 H 3 RBI 1
	#6 Jorgenson, Bryce AB 5 R 1 H 2 RBI 0
	#18 Finberg, Scott AB 4 R 0 H 2 RBI 0
	#20 Reller, Brock AB 5 R 1 H 1 RBI 1

Players Mentioned

- #32 Hunter Baldwin
3B / 6' 3" / Redshirt Sophomore / R
- #38 Esten Beneda
RHP / 6' 1" / Redshirt Sophomore / R
- #9 Griffin Fussy
SS / 5' 11" / Redshirt Freshman / L
- #33 Reed Hjelle
1B / 6' 2" / Junior / R
- #29 Ben Thoma
UT / 5' 10" / Freshman / R
- #4 Zach Rustad
LHP / 5' 10" / Junior / L
- #1 Landyn Swenson
OF / 5' 10" / Junior / R
- #18 Scott Finberg
3B / 6' 4" / Junior / R
- #17 Conner Richardson
RHP / 6' 4" / Freshman / R
- #8 Garrett Hohn
RHP / 6' 0" / Junior / R



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