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## Minnesota Crookston Set to Open 2017 Spring Volleyball State March 25



**CROOKSTON, Minn.** – The University of Minnesota Crookston volleyball team will open up their 2017 spring slate on March 25. The Golden Eagles will compete in one tournament and three head-to-head scrimmages from March 25-April 22 with seven overall matches on the docket.

The Golden Eagles will open up at a tournament at St. Cloud State University March 25. The U of M Crookston will compete against the Huskies at 10 a.m., the University of Minnesota Duluth at 11 a.m., Concordia University-St. Paul at 12 p.m. and Southwest Minnesota State University at 2:30 p.m., as they get a look at some of the top teams in the NSIC, the best NCAA Division II volleyball conference.

Minnesota Crookston will then take on Bemidji State University at Lysaker Gymnasium in a scrimmage at 5:15 p.m. The scrimmage will be open to all public who want to attend and see what the volleyball team has been up to this spring under new Head Coach [Sarah Rauert](#).

The Golden Eagles will continue their spring slate April 8 with a home scrimmage at Lysaker Gymnasium against North Dakota State, where Rauert was previously an assistant. The time of the match is to be determined, but the scrimmage will also be open to the public.

Minnesota Crookston will conclude their spring schedule April 22 as the Golden Eagles head to Minnesota State University Moorhead at a time to be determined.

Minnesota Crookston returns five starters from the 2016 squad that finished 10-18 on the season. [Maggie Perrel](#) (R-Sr., OH, New Germany, Minn.) led the team last season with 3.50 kills per set. [Kelci Green](#) (R-Sr., MH, Anoka, Minn.) averaged 2.13 kills and 0.78 blocks per set. [Kassi Green](#) (R-Sr., OH, Anoka, Minn.) also returns after tallying 2.66 kills and 0.48 blocks per set. [Callie Schapekahn](#) (Jr., MH, Eagan, Minn.) returns after tallying 1.89 kills and 0.52 blocks per set. At libero, Minnesota Crookston returns [Ali Schueler](#) (R-So., Howards Grove, Wis.), who averaged 3.72 digs per set.

Minnesota Crookston returns eight other players from last season's roster who will all compete for time along with the five starters from last season within Rauert's system. [Alex Oakes](#) (R-So., S, Cloquet, Minn.) appeared in 12 matches last season. [Becca Vandenheuve](#) (Sr., DS/Lib., Cannon Falls, Minn.) played in 22 matches with 1.66 digs per set. [Kaitlin Sikkink](#) (R-So., MH, St. Charles, Minn.) played in 13 games with eight starts with 0.69 blocks per set. [Rachel Freund](#) (R-Jr., OH, Jordan, Minn.) played in 16 games with seven starts with 1.36 kills per set. [Alyssa Muelken](#) (Sr., MH, Savage, Minn.) played in five matches. [Sabrina Leuer](#) (Jr., RS, Hamel, Minn.) appeared in eight matches with 0.92 kills per set. [Kaycie Hagen](#) (Sr., DS/S, Savage, Minn.) played in 28 matches with 1.83 digs per set. [Alyssa Thomas](#) (So., OH, Marion, Iowa) did not appear in a match last season.

March 25th: Tournament @ St Cloud State University  
 - 10am UMC vs St. Cloud State  
 - 11am UMC vs Minnesota Duluth  
 - 12pm UMC vs Concordia-St. Paul  
 - 2:30pm UMC vs Southwest Minnesota State

April 5th: Scrimmage vs Bemidji State @ home, 5:15pm  
 April 8th: Scrimmage vs North Dakota State @ home, TBD  
 April 22nd: Scrimmage at MSU Moorhead, TBD

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PLAYERS MENTIONED ▾

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| <b>#9 Rachel Freund</b><br>OH / 5' 11" / Redshirt Junior | <b>#11 Kassi Green</b><br>OH / 5' 9" / Redshirt Senior          |
| <b>#7 Kelci Green</b><br>MH / 5' 9" / Redshirt Senior    | <b>#18 Kaycie Hagen</b><br>S / 5' 8" / Senior                   |
| <b>#17 Sabrina Leuer</b><br>RS / 5' 11" / Junior         | <b>#12 Alyssa Muelken</b><br>MH / 5' 11" / Senior               |
| <b>#2 Alex Oakes</b><br>S / 5' 9" / Redshirt Sophomore   | <b>#14 Maggie Perrel</b><br>OH / 5' 10" / Redshirt Senior       |
| <b>#5 Callie Schapekahn</b><br>MH / 6' 0" / Junior       | <b>#19 Ali Schueler</b><br>DS/Lib. / 5' 6" / Redshirt Sophomore |

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