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Cleary and Braatz Named UMC Teambackers Student-Athlete of the Month



CROOKSTON, Minn. – The University of Minnesota Crookston athletic department named softball player [Bailey Braatz](#) (Sr., RHP, Buffalo, Minn.) and men's basketball player [Harrison Cleary](#) as UMC Teambackers Student-Athletes of the Month. They were chosen for the month of February for their outstanding performances for their respective teams. Braatz is a first-time winner during the 2016-17 calendar year. Cleary has earned the award during each of the last four months.

Braatz had a strong debut for the Minnesota Crookston softball team. The senior ace of the pitching staff posted a 3-2 mark and a 3.84 ERA in 31.0 innings pitched in five starts for the Golden Eagles. Braatz has 29 strikeouts on the season with two complete games. Braatz has earned three of UMC's four wins on the season. She pitched an eight-inning win over Dakota Wesleyan University, allowing just three earned runs on seven hits with two strikeouts. She also picked up a win after going seven innings and allowing two earned runs on six hits with two strikeouts versus Black Hills State. Her most recent win game in a five inning appearance against Minnesota State University Moorhead. Braatz allowed four earned runs on eight hits in five innings with three strikeouts.

Cleary had a strong month of February for the Golden Eagles. He averaged 24.3 points, 4.1 rebounds and 3.7 assists per game for Minnesota Crookston. Cleary shot 45.0 percent from the field, 33.3 percent from beyond the arc and 86.0 percent from the charity stripe last month. Cleary tallied 20 or more points in five games during the month of February. He notched 33 points on two occasions. Cleary notched 33 versus Northern State on 11-of-26 from the field and 8-of-11 from the charity stripe. In a win over University of Mary, Cleary had 33 on 14-of-17 from the field and 3-of-6 from beyond the arc. He earned NSIC North Player of the Week after averaging 28.5 points per game during the U-Mary and Minot State University weekend. Cleary had a great debut season for Minnesota Crookston, culminating the year by becoming the first person in program history to be named NSIC Freshman of the Year. In addition, he earned All-NSIC Second Team accolades, becoming the first player since Adam Sullivan during the 2003-04 season to earn All-NSIC honors.

The UMC Teambackers Student-Athlete Award has been made a monthly award after being awarded on a weekly basis for the past three years.

UMC Teambackers Student-Athletes of the Month
 September - [Maggie Perrel](#) (volleyball) and [Adam Connette](#) (football)
 October - [Monika Frame](#) (hunt seat equestrian) and [Will Cross](#) (football)
 November - [Alison Hughes](#) (women's basketball) and [Harrison Cleary](#) (men's basketball)
 December - [Alison Hughes](#) (women's basketball) and [Harrison Cleary](#) (men's basketball)
 January - [Isieoma Odor](#) (women's basketball) and [Harrison Cleary](#) (men's basketball)
 February - [Bailey Braatz](#) (softball) and [Harrison Cleary](#) (men's basketball)

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PLAYERS MENTIONED ▾

#11 Adam Connette WR / 5' 10" / Junior	#54 Will Cross LB / 5' 11" / Redshirt Freshman
#17 Bailey Braatz P/DP / 5' 9" / Senior / R	Monika Frame Junior
#0 Harrison Cleary G / 6' 1" / Sophomore	

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