



Women's Basketball | 2/23/2016 4:43:00 PM | Shawn Smith, Sports Information Director

UMC Women's Basketball Hosts Minnesota State in NSIC/Sanford Health Tournament First Round

CROOKSTON, Minn. - The University of Minnesota Crookston women's basketball team will host Minnesota State University, Mankato Feb. 24 at 6 p.m. in the NSIC/Sanford Health Women's Basketball Tournament First Round. The game will mark the second-consecutive year UMC has hosted a home playoff game.

Minnesota Crookston comes in with a 17-9 (14-8 NSIC) mark after the regular-season, while Minnesota State comes in with a 9-17 (8-14 NSIC) record. The Golden Eagles are the No. 3 seed in the NSIC North, while Minnesota State is the No. 6 seed in the NSIC South. The winner of Wednesday's game will advance to play to the winner of University of Sioux Falls and University of Minnesota Duluth.

Minnesota Crookston Golden Eagles
Head Coach: [Mike Roysland](#)
Record at UMC: 96-172 Season at UMC: 10th Season

Minnesota State Mavericks
Head Coach: Emilee Thiesse
Record at MSU: 79-39 Season at MSU: Fourth Season

Feb. 24 • Crookston, Minn. • Lysaker Gymnasium • 6 p.m. Minnesota State at Minnesota Crookston
Video: <http://portal.stretchinternet.com/crk/#liveEventsTab>
Live Stats: <http://www.sidearmstats.com/umcrookston/wbball/>
Radio: 1260 KROX AM/105.7 FM (Chris Fee, Play by Play), feed sent to KKCQ 96.7 FM.

Feb. 28 • Sioux Falls, S.D. • Sanford Pentagon • 2:30 p.m. Minnesota Crookston/Minnesota State vs. Sioux Falls/Minnesota Duluth
Video: <http://portal.stretchinternet.com/nsic/>
Live Stats: <http://sidearmstats.com/nsic/bball/>
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KATRINA NORDICK SR., PERHAM, MINN.

#5StoryLines

1. Can the Golden Eagles advance to the Sanford Pentagon for the second-straight season?
2. Can [Katrina Nordick](#) be a major factor for the Golden Eagles?
3. Can [Alexa Thielman](#) come through big like she did in last season's home playoff game?
4. What other players will step up big for the Golden Eagles?
5. Can UMC continue a historic season for the Golden Eagle women's basketball program?

#Tidbits

- The UMC women's basketball team comes into the first round of the NSIC/Sanford Health Tournament with a 17-9 (14-8 NSIC). The Golden Eagles finished the regular-season third in the NSIC North standings. The Golden Eagles are looking to win their second-consecutive home playoff game. Minnesota Crookston defeated Concordia University, St. Paul 63-62 in their playoff game last season.

- Minnesota Crookston has been led on the season by their pair of seniors, who were also returning All-NSIC First Team picks. [Katrina Nordick](#) leads the team with 16.8 points per game and 6.9 rebounds per game. The senior recently became the third player in school history to surpass 1,500 or more points, joining Jamie Zelinsky and Karna Plaine. In addition, last weekend she surpassed Laurie Tyson as the all-time leader in rebounds. In addition to Nordick, fellow senior [Alexa Thielman](#) is averaging 15.7 points per game. She has been one of the nation's top three-point shooters, hitting at a 44.4 percent clip. Thielman is UMC's all-time leading three-point shooter. The Golden Eagles are averaging 73.4 points per game as a team and giving up 66.1 points per game. UMC is shooting 40 percent from beyond the arc, 42.9 percent from the field and 75.5 percent from the charity stripe.

- The winner of Wednesday's game will advance to play the winner of University of Sioux Falls and University of Minnesota Duluth on Sun., Feb. 28 at 2:30 p.m. at the Sanford Pentagon in Sioux Falls, S.D.

- Two of UMC's seniors [Alexa Thielman](#) and [Katrina Nordick](#) continue to break milestones as they are currently No. 4 and No. 3 on the all-time scoring charts at UMC. Thielman recently set the three-point mark, surpassing Amy Kuznia. Nordick recently surpassed Laurie Tyson as the all-time leading rebounder. Nordick is third all-time in scoring and needs 130 points to move past Karna Plaine in second, while Thielman is just behind Nordick. Nordick recently joined Jamie Zelinsky and Karna Plaine as the only three players to score 1,500 or more points.

All-Time Scoring List

1. Jamie Zelinsky 1,724
2. Karna Plaine 1,642
3. Katrina (Moenkedick) Nordick 1,513
4. [Alexa Thielman](#) 1,420
5. Kari Score, 1,243
6. Brittani Wiese 1,204
7. Steph Mayclin 1,089
8. Cathy Behr 1,060
9. Jess Forsline 1,040
10. Bri Zabel 1,013

- UMC seniors [Katrina Nordick](#), [Megan Taylor](#), and [Alexa Thielman](#) have been important pieces in helping the Golden Eagles turn things around from just eight wins during their freshman season to at least 17 during the 2015-16 campaign. The three players have helped the Golden Eagle to consecutive home playoff games and consecutive Top-4 finishes in the NSIC North.

- The Golden Eagles defeated Minnesota State 91-90 in their regular-season meeting. The win was a thrilling one as [Alison Hughes](#) found [Isieoma Odor](#) with less than a second left in overtime to upend the Mavericks in Mankato. [Katrina Nordick](#) led the Golden Eagles with a career-high 32 points on the day, while [Alexa Thielman](#) added 24. Minnesota State was led by 29 points from Claire Ziegler.

- Minnesota State is coming off a regular-season in which they finished with a 9-17 mark overall and an 8-14 record in conference play. A young Minnesota State squad, the Mavericks were led on the season by guard Britney Scherber, who is averaging 14.2 points per game. In addition to Scherber, forward Claire Ziegler comes in averaging 13.7 points and 8.5 rebounds per game. The Mavericks are averaging 69.1 points per game, while giving up 74.0 points per game. Minnesota State is shooting 32.3 percent from beyond the arc, 40 percent from the field and 72 percent from the charity stripe.

#THIELMANTIME

UMC senior guard Alexa Thielman is coming off a strong last weekend of the regular-season. She averaged 21.5 points and four rebounds against Northern State and MSU Moorhead. In addition, she shot 8-of-19 for 42.1 percent from beyond the arc. Thielman has scored 1,420 points in her career. She is the all-time leading three-point shooter in school history.

44.4 PERCENT FROM THREE

21.5 POINTS PER GAME LAST WEEKEND

12 ALEXA THIELMAN

#NORDICK4ALLAMERICAN

UMC senior forward Katrina Nordick continues to be a major player for the Golden Eagles. Nordick has had a great senior season for the Golden Eagles and is currently third in the NSIC for scoring, averaging 16.7 points per game. Nordick is a three-time NSIC Player of the Week this season. Nordick had a big weekend, joining Jamie Zelinsky and Karna Plaine as the only three players to score 1,500 or more points in a career. In addition, she surpassed Laurie Tyson for the career rebound record.

683 CAREER REBOUNDS

1,513 CAREER POINTS

21 KATRINA NORDICK

#GETITTOGRUBER

UMC sophomore Emily Gruber is ending on a strong note. She is averaging 10.8 points per game over the last four and 5.6 rebounds over the last five. Gruber has also shot 10-of-25 for 40 percent from beyond the arc over the last five games. On the season, Gruber is averaging 8.8 points and 6.2 rebounds and shooting 37.5 percent from beyond the arc.

10.8 POINTS PER GAME OVER THE LAST FOUR

5.6 REBOUNDS PER GAME OVER THE LAST FIVE

22 EMILY GRUBER

#BACKTOBACKPLAYOFFGAMES

The UMC women's basketball team is set to host their second-consecutive home playoff game Wed., Feb. 24 against Minnesota State. The Golden Eagles are coming off their most wins in program history with 17 and looking to make their way back to the quarterfinals of the NSIC/Sanford Health Tournament at the Sanford Pentagon. The Golden Eagles lost in the quarterfinals at the Sanford Pentagon last season to Minnesota State.

2015-16 TEAM

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PLAYERS MENTIONED ▾

#21 Katrina Nordick F / 5' 10" / Senior	#15 Isieoma Odor F / 6' 0" / Redshirt Freshman
#34 Megan Taylor C / 6' 2" / Senior	#12 Alexa Thielman G / 5' 8" / Senior
#14 Alison Hughes G / 5' 7" / Freshman	

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