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Minnesota Crookston Baseball Signs California Junior College Catcher Chu to NLI



CROOKSTON, Minn. – The University of Minnesota Crookston baseball program announced the signing of Bobby Chu (C, 5-10 200, Redwood City, Calif./City College of San Francisco) to a National Letter of Intent. Chu is the 17th signee for the Golden Eagles for the current recruiting class. He is the 10th signee in the late signing period for Minnesota Crookston.

"Bobby gives us depth at the catcher position and can help us at other positions, as well," said Head Coach [Steve Gust](#). "He has a great work ethic and a desire to be the best. We are excited about his offensive ability. He has the potential to be a force with his bat. Maybe even more importantly, he is tough and a fierce competitor."

Chu joins nine other signees in the late signing period: John Dormanen (LHP/IF, 6-0 200, Catalina, Ariz./Ironwood Ridge H.S.), Scott Finberg (3B, 6-2 205, Stillwater, Minn./Century College), Garrett Hohn (RHP, 5-10 170, Wausau, Wis./Century College), Bryce Jorgenson (UT, 6-0 175, Thunder Bay, Ontario/Century College), Luke Kinnunen (IF/RHP, 6-3 210, Grand Rapids, Minn./Grand Rapids H.S.), Matthew Nelson (RHP, 6-5 250, Afton, Minn./St. Croix Lutheran Academy), Jack Peppel (IF 6-4 215, Olivia, Minn./BOLD H.S.), Colton Schrempp (UT, 6-1 171, Victoria, Minn./Chanhassen H.S.) and Landyn Swenson (OF, 5-8 170, Devils Lake, N.D./Lake Region State College).

The Golden Eagles inked seven early signees in November: Phillip Champagne (UT, 5-10 180, Henderson, Minn./LeSueur-Henderson H.S.), Eric Graham (OF, 6-1 170, Casper, Wyo./Natrona County H.S.), Tyler Hegg (RHP/1B, Thompson, N.D./Thompson Public School), Trey Larimer (C/OF, Thompson, N.D./Thompson Public School), Anthony Lupa (LHP, 6-0 175, Brule, Wis./Northwestern H.S.), Alex Mushitz (2B/SS, 5-9 150, East Grand Forks, Minn./East Grand Forks H.S.) and Conner Richardson (RHP, 6-4 215, Grand Forks, N.D./Red River H.S.).

The 17 signees help replace 11 graduating seniors for Minnesota Crookston. The Golden Eagles are looking for depth and competition especially in the field where they have to replace six players who started at least half the games during the 2018 season. Additionally, Minnesota Crookston is seeking to add strength to their pitching staff. The Golden Eagles are looking to improve on a 5.26 ERA on the season. Minnesota Crookston has the benefit of returning 12 players who have been on the hill this season with just three graduates to replace on staff.

The 17 signees, including Chu, give the Golden Eagles versatility at a variety of positions. Chu will help Minnesota Crookston at catcher where [Zach Frazier](#) (R-Sr., C, Grand Rapids, Minn.) has been a staple over his time with the Golden Eagles. Chu will compete with several returnees and newcomer for time behind the dish in 2019.

Chu continues the pipeline for Minnesota Crookston as the Golden Eagles, Minnesota Crookston has brought in Chu, [Jason Angelo](#), [James Cullinane](#) and Zac Carrillo from the City College of San Francisco to the coaching staff for the Rams. The Interim Head Coach Gust at Dakota Wesleyan University.

Bobby Chu (C, 5-10 200, Redwood City, Calif.) Chu has played three seasons at City College of San Francisco. He has hit .286 with 11 runs scored, three doubles, 19 RBIs and 12 walks. Chu has posted a .373 on-base percentage and a .308 slugging percentage. He has stolen four bases on the 2018 season. As a catcher, he has a .975 fielding percentage with 13 runners caught stealing on the season. In 2017, Chu had a short season with just nine at-bats with four runs

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scored and three RBIs. As a freshman in 2016, he was selected as Second Team All-Coast-Golden Gate Conference. Chu hit .250 as a freshman with nine runs scored, one home run and five RBIs. Defensively, he threw out nine runners as a catcher. He was a teammate of current Golden Eagle [James Cullinane](#) during his freshman year at City College of San Francisco. The program has also produced current Minnesota Crookston player [Jason Angelo](#) and former Golden Eagle Zac Carrillo.

Chu is the son of Kevin and Penny Chu. He plans to major in exercise science and wellness. Chu was born April 2, 1997.

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#10 Jason Angelo

2B / 5' 10" / Senior / R

#5 James Cullinane

OF / 6' 1" / Senior / R

#7 Zach Frazier

C / 6' 4" / Redshirt Senior / R



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