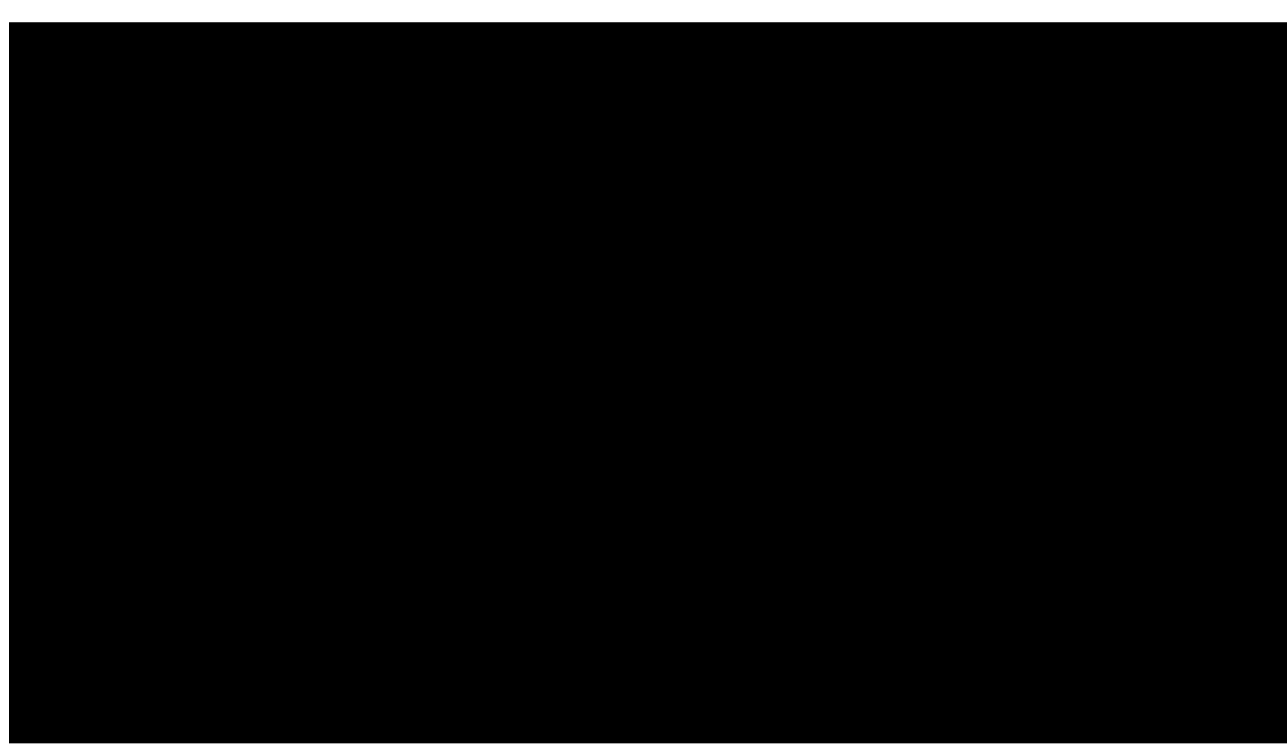




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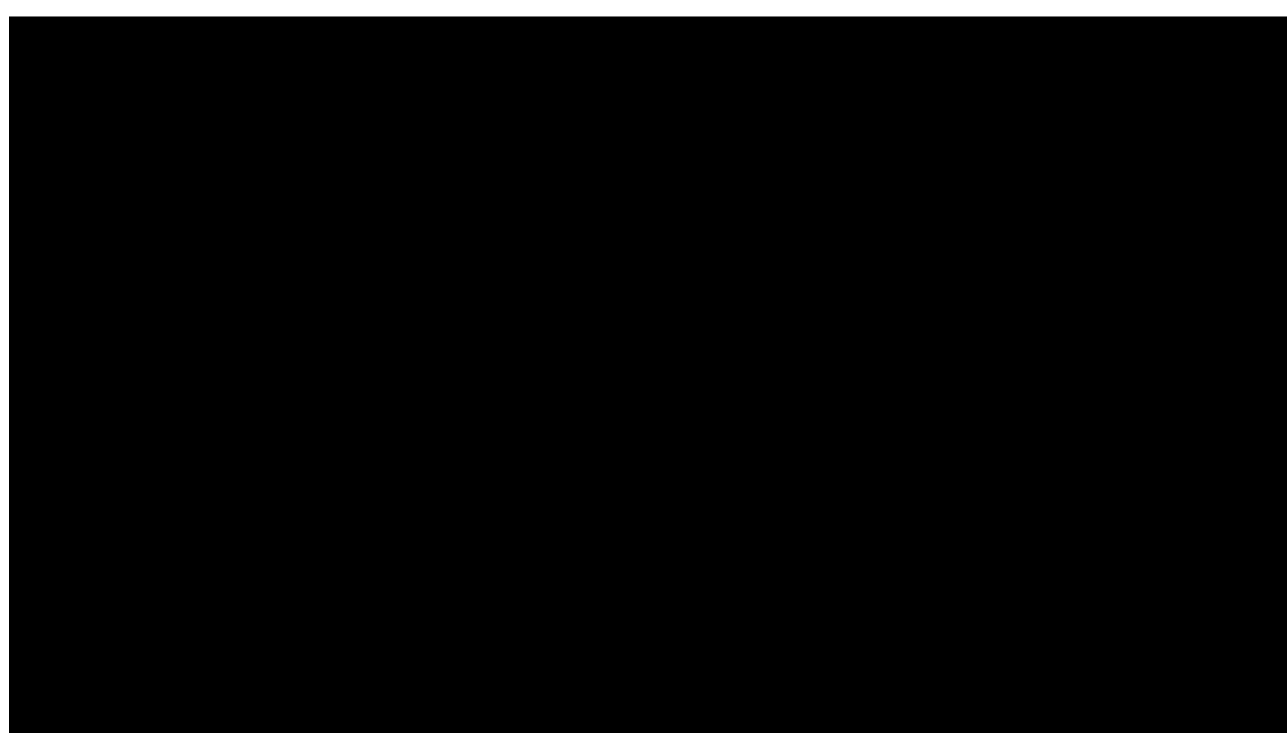
Minnesota Crookston Football Check-In Day



CROOKSTON, Minn. - The University of Minnesota Crookston football team officially opened up camp for the 2017 season on Tues., Aug. 8 with check-in day. The Golden Eagles had 89 student-athletes arrive on campus to start team meetings and get their gear for the season. The 2017 season will be the first for Minnesota Crookston under Head Coach [Mark Dufner](#), who served the previous 15 seasons as an assistant coach for four different head coaches. Dufner kept much of the staff intact from last season with the retention of assistant coaches [Levi Bullerman](#), [Dave Volk](#), [Tom Miller](#) and [Sam Smith](#). He added assistant coaches [Michael Orts](#) and [Derek Derr](#) to the staff prior to the start of the 2017 season.

Dufner is feeling excited to get camp under way. The Golden Eagles will hit the practice fields for their first practice on Thurs., Aug. 10 at 1:30 p.m. Minnesota Crookston will continue to have one-a-day practices until their first scrimmage Tues., Aug. 15 at 1:30 p.m. The Golden Eagles will also hold a scrimmage Sat., Aug. 19 at 1:30 p.m. Minnesota Crookston will officially open the season with their first game Thurs., Aug. 31 at 4 p.m. versus Upper Iowa University.

"This time of year is always exciting," Dufner said. "It is my favorite time of the year. Guys are coming back and we are able to see how they developed over the summer and it is good to see our guys come back to campus. The hay is in the barn, as they say. We spend a lot of time in the summer getting ready for fall camp and it is great to get moving forward with Golden Eagle football 2017."



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