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## Golden Eagle Football Adds Volk and Miller to Coaching Staff



**CROOKSTON, Minn.-** The University of Minnesota Crookston football program announced two additions to their staff. The Golden Eagles hired [Dave Volk](#) as Assistant Coach - Running Backs/Tight Ends and [Tom Miller](#) as Assistant Coach - Safeties.

"We are excited to add both Dave and Tom to our football coaching staff," said UMC Head Coach [Mike Fritze](#). "Both Dave and Tom are guys who know the midwest and have great experience at various levels of college football. We are excited to add them to our staff and truly believe they help to make our staff one of the best in the league."

Volk comes to UMC from Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) rival Wayne State College (Neb.). Volk spent two seasons as a graduate assistant for the Wildcats, working with the offensive line.

Volk was a standout offensive lineman in college at University of Nebraska where he started 37 of 50 games appeared in during his career. He ended his career as a Consensus All-Big 12 Second Team selection in 2001 and was an honorable mention pick in 1999 and 2000. He was part of a Nebraska team that played for the National Championship in the Rose Bowl, where they would lose to the University of Miami (Fla.). Volk went to play in the National Football League (NFL) with the Chicago Bears in 2002 and was a member of the Dallas Cowboys practice squad for two years (2002-03).

Volk served as a co-captain for the Huskers his senior season and helped lead the offensive line to a 15th NCAA rushing title with 314.7 yards per game while the offense ranked seventh in scoring in the nation and 13th in total offense.

Volk earned his bachelor degree from Nebraska in psychology in 2001 and earned a master's degree from Wayne State in sport management.

"[Dave Volk](#)'s presence on our staff will help in so many ways," Fritze said. "He has a great knowledge of our conference, coming to us from Wayne State, and has a midwest background playing football at the University of Nebraska."

Miller comes to UMC after one season at University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, where he worked as the team's linebacker coach and video coordinator. Earn his one season he helped a player to a First Team All Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) pick and had another earn honorable mention. Prior to arriving at Wisconsin-Stevens Point, Miller served as the Head Football Scout for NCSA Athletic Recruiting where he helped to provide student-athletes and families expert advice about the collegiate recruiting process.

Prior to his experience at NCSA, Miller was an assistant coach for one season at Concordia University-Chicago, where he worked with the team's wide receivers and kickers and punters. Miller also served as a student assistant coach at Ripon College.

As a player, Miller competed for Loras College and Ripon, He also helped to found the Ripon College Rugby Football club. He earned his bachelor degree from Ripon in 2008 in exercise science with an emphasis in sport management. Miller is working on his master's degree in coaching and athletic administration from Concordia University-Irvine.

"[Tom Miller](#) comes to us from Wisconsin-Stevens Point," Fritze said. "He is also a midwesterner and will be a big help to us on defense, in recruiting and helping out with the special teams."

The pair of coaches join a staff that returns five members from the 2014 season, including Head Coach Fritze, who enters his third year leading the ship for the Golden Eagles. Also returning is Assistant Head Football Coach and Defensive Coordinator [Mark Dufner](#), who is going into his 14th season with the program. Offensive Coordinator [Robby Case](#) returns for his third season, as does [Levi Bullerman](#), the team's Defensive Line coach and Special Teams Coordinator. [Sean Knox](#) will return for a fifth season and he will oversee the defensive backs with an emphasis on the corner backs. [Taylor Summers](#), who comes over from Bemidji State, was with the team during the Spring and will coach the wide receivers in his first season with the team.

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The University of Minnesota Crookston is a NCAA Division II university located in the Red River Valley of Northwest Minnesota. UMC sponsors 11 intercollegiate athletic teams with membership in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate conference (NSIC) and the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA). The NSIC is a 16-team conference with schools situated in Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska.

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