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Minnesota Crookston Softball Opens Home Slate with Minnesota Duluth Wednesday



CROOKSTON, Minn. – The University of Minnesota Crookston softball team will return to action Wed., April 3 as they take on University of Minnesota Duluth at 1 and 3 p.m., at the UMC Softball Field in Crookston, Minn. The doubleheader will serve as the conference home opener for Minnesota Crookston.

The Golden Eagles enter the week one win shy of setting the program mark for wins. Minnesota Crookston tied the school record for victories with 12 as they picked up a 1-0 victory over University of Sioux Falls on Sun., March 31. Wednesday's games open up a six-game home stand for the Golden Eagles.

Minnesota Duluth at Minnesota Crookston Wed., April 3 - 1/3 p.m.
Live Stats - <https://goldeneaglesports.com/sidearmstats/softball/summary>
Video - <https://portal.stretchinternet.com/crk/sliverEventTab>

Minnesota Crookston Preview
 Minnesota Crookston enters the week with a 12-18 (1-5 NSIC) record. The Golden Eagles are hitting .273 as a team coming into the games on Wednesday. Minnesota Crookston has scored 112 runs this season with 42 doubles, three triples, 13 home runs and 104 RBIs. The Golden Eagles are led by [Jordan Peterson](#) (So., C., Lakeville, Minn.), who is hitting .368 with six runs scored, three doubles and eight RBIs. [Malia Pula](#) (Dr., UT, Gilroy, Calif.) has made an instant impact for Minnesota Crookston and is batting .343 with 19 runs scored, eight doubles, one triple, three home runs, and 21 RBIs. [Maggie Morales](#) (Sr., SB/FB, Tucson, Ariz.) has a .312 batting average on the season with eight runs scored, six doubles, three home runs and 21 RBIs, while her fellow senior [Haley Strachan](#) (Sr., OF, Phoenix, Ariz.) is hitting .304 on the season with 11 runs scored and an RBI.

In the circle, [Paige Pitlick](#) (Jr., RHP, Jordan, Minn.) has guided the Golden Eagles with a 2.91 ERA in 86.2 innings pitched. Pitlick is 5-11 on the season, but her record has not been indicative of her performance, as she has kept Minnesota Crookston in many contests this season. Pitlick has 74 strikeouts to just 26 walks on the season. [Taylor Craven](#) (So., RHP, Greene, Iowa) has a 5-3 record with a 3.17 ERA in 84.0 innings pitched with 51 strikeouts and 25 walks.

Minnesota Duluth Preview
 Minnesota Duluth owns a 13-12 (4-2 NSIC) record. The Bulldogs are coming off wins on Sunday over Wayne State College. UMD has been propelled by Taylor Koehnen, who is hitting .355 with 12 runs scored, three doubles, two triples, one home run and 13 RBIs. Jordyn Thomas is batting .320 with 10 runs scored, seven doubles, one triple, four home runs and 16 RBIs.

The Bulldogs are hitting .265 as a team with 107 runs scored, 34 doubles, nine triples, 17 home runs and 101 RBIs.

In the circle, Minnesota Duluth is led by Sam Pederson, who is 7-4 with a 2.77 ERA in 68.1 innings pitched with 32 strikeouts to 27 walks. Breanna Swint owns a 6-7 mark with a 3.26 ERA in 88.0 innings pitched with 53 strikeouts and just 30 walks. The Bulldogs have a 3.11 ERA as a team with 67 strikeouts to 64 walks.

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PLAYERS MENTIONED	
#26 Maggie Morales 1B/OF / 5' 7" / Junior / R	#11 Paige Pitlick P/IB / 5' 7" / Sophomore / R
#2 Jordan Peterson C/UT / 5' 7" / Freshman / L	#1 Haley Strachan OF / 5' 2" / Junior / L
#17 Malia Pula UT / 5' 4" / Junior	#15 Taylor Craven P / 5' 8" / Sophomore / R

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