



Minnesota Crookston Baseball Ranked 25th in NCBWA Poll; 26th by Collegiate Baseball

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CROOKSTON, Minn. – The University of Minnesota Crookston baseball team was ranked 25th in the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association Division II poll released Wednesday, March 25. The Golden Eagles were also ranked 26th in the Collegiate Baseball Division II poll. The rankings are the first for the UMN Crookston baseball program.

Minnesota Crookston has started the 2021 season with a 13-1 (9-1 NSIC) record. The Golden Eagles are off to their start in their time as a NCAA Division II program. It has been a remarkable climb for the UMN Crookston baseball program. The Golden Eagles have been to 3-of-5 NSIC Tournaments that have been played since 2016. Minnesota Crookston now has 136 wins in the last seven seasons since Head Coach [Steve Gust](#) took over. The Golden Eagles had one just two games during the 2013 and 2014 seasons. Minnesota Crookston is in second place in the NSIC standings behind Minnesota State University..

The Golden Eagles look to continue their strong start Friday, April 2 and Saturday, April 3 in three games against Wayne State College.

2021 NCBWA DIVISION II POLL (MARCH 31)

Rk.	School [1st place]	Location	Record	Pts.	Pvs.
1.	Lindenwood [4]	St. Charles, Mo.	12-0	441	3
2.	Colorado Mesa [2]	Grand Junction, Colo.	16-2	433	4
3.	Tampa [8]	Tampa, Fla.	7-1	431	2
4.	Lee [4]	Cleveland, Tenn.	21-2	418	6
5.	Central Missouri	Warrensburg, Mo.	18-4	392	5
6.	West Texas A&M	Canyon, Texas	21-3	358	10
7.	Mount Olive [1]	Mount Olive, N.C.	19-6	356	8
8.	Azusa Pacific	Azusa, Calif.	14-3	350	7
9.	Seton Hill	Greensburg, Pa.	12-0	311	11
10.	Missouri Southern	Joplin, Mo.	18-3	298	9
11.	Angelo State	San Angelo, Texas	17-3	295	1
12.	North Greenville	Tigerville, S.C.	20-6	260	12
13.	West Florida	Pensacola, Fla.	20-5	246	13
14.	Illinois-Springfield	Springfield, Ill.	14-2	222	14
15.	Northwest Nazarene	Nampa, Idaho	17-3	201	15
16.	Southern New Hampshire	Manchester, N.H.	4-0	198	20
17.	MSU Denver	Denver, Colo.	18-2	178	18
18.	UNC Pembroke	Pembroke, N.C.	19-5	155	RV
19.	Minnesota State	Mankato, Minn.	11-1	112	RV
20.	Tusculum	Greeneville, Tenn.	18-5	94	17
21.	Northwood	Midland, Mich.	8-2	91	t21
22.	St. Thomas Aquinas	Sparkill, N.Y.	6-0	71	RV
23.	Millersville	Millersville, Pa.	9-4	62	RV
24.	UT Tyler	Tyler, Texas	16-7	40	25
25.	Minnesota-Crookston	Crookston, Minn.	11-0	36	NR

Also receiving votes: Shorter (16-8) 26; Franklin Pierce (4-1) 17; North Georgia (18-7) 15; Augustana (S.D.) (9-3) 10; Mercyhurst (11-5) 10; Point Loma (6-6) 9; Quincy (10-6) 5; Rollins (5-3) 1.

Dropped out: Franklin Pierce (16); Augustana (S.D.) (19); Catawba (t21); Mercyhurst (23); Florida Southern (24).

Collegiate Baseball

NCAA Div. 2 Poll

(As Of March 29, 2021)

Rank	Team (2021 Record)	Points
1.	Tampa (7-1)	240
2.	Colorado Mesa (16-2)	232
3.	Angelo St. (17-3)	224
4.	Central Missouri (18-4)	216
5.	Lee (21-2)	208
6.	West Texas A&M (21-3)	200
7.	Tusculum (18-5)	190
8.	North Greenville (20-6)	185
9.	Missouri Southern (18-3)	177
10.	Lindenwood (12-0)	167
11.	West Florida (20-5)	161
12.	Augustana (9-3)	148
13.	Azusa Pacific (14-3)	147
14.	Mount Olive (19-6)	137
15.	Seton Hill (12-0)	128
16.	UNC-Pembroke (19-5)	120
17.	Illinois-Springfield (14-2)	105
18.	Metropolitan State-Denver (18-2)	98
19.	Charleston, WV (9-3)	96
20.	Southern New Hampshire (4-0)	90
21.	Northwest Nazarene (17-3)	79
22.	North Georgia (18-7)	71
23.	Minnesota St.-Mankato (11-1)	67
24.	Columbus St. (12-7)	49
25.	Southern Arkansas (15-5)	47
26.	Minnesota-Crookston (11-0)	38
27.	Northwood (8-2)	36
28.	Wingate (18-7)	23
29.	Millersville (9-4)	18
30.	Catawba (15-6)	9

Also Receiving Votes: Slippery Rock (12-3), Trevecca Nazarene (10-3), Texas-Tyler (16-7), Franklin Pierce (4-1).

Source: NCAA Division II Poll Committee

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