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Minnesota Crookston Looks to Halt Road Woes at Southwest Minnesota State and Sioux Falls



The Scoop

The University of Minnesota Crookston men's basketball team will continue a four-game road stand at Marshall, Minn. and Sioux Falls, S.D. this weekend. The Golden Eagles will take on Southwest Minnesota State Fri., Jan. 12 at 8 p.m. and will then face USF for the second time this season Sat., Jan. 13 at 6 p.m.

MBB NOTES

Previewing the Golden Eagles

Minnesota Crookston continues to be off to their best start in the program's history of NCAA Division II play with an 8-8 (5-5 NSIC) mark. The Golden Eagles are currently slotted No. 4 in the NSIC North Division coming into the weekend.

The Golden Eagles look to one of the best scorers in the NSIC and NCAA Division II in [Harrison Cleary](#). Cleary is fifth in the nation and first in the NSIC in scoring with 24.3 points per game. Last weekend, Cleary became only the third player in school history to eclipse 1,000 points, joining all-time leading scorer Joe Hasz and Akeem Cubie. Later in the weekend, he surpassed Cubie for second all-time in scoring. Cleary is the fastest player to 1,000 points, surpassing Hasz, the No. 4 scorer all-time in the NSIC, who reached the accomplishment as a junior.

Joining Cleary in the backcourt are [Alan Hodge, Jr.](#) and [Ben Juhl](#). Hodge is averaging 16.5 points per game, while Juhl is notching 10.4 points per game. All three are potent three-point shooters. Cleary is shooting 47.1 percent from beyond the arc, while Hodge is hitting at a 44.6 percent clip and Juhl at a 35.5 percent clip.

[Darin Viken](#) has stepped up in recent weeks due to injury and has seen starting time during that stretch. The Fosston, Minn., native is averaging 5.8 points and 4.3 rebounds in the last four games. The Golden Eagles have also added [Josh Collins](#), a transfer from University of North Dakota, who averaged 5.0 points and 5.0 rebounds per game during his first weekend of action.

In the post, [Gable Smith](#) continues to show improvement. Smith is one of the best defensive players in the league and the country as he leads the nation and the conference with 4.0 blocks per game. He has started to come on more offensively where he is averaging 8.2 points and 6.8 rebounds per game.

The Golden Eagles are shooting 48.0 percent from the field, 41.6 percent from beyond the arc and 76.7 percent from the charity stripe. Minnesota Crookston is averaging 79.2 points per game, while giving up 73.9 points per game.

Previewing the Mustangs

Southwest Minnesota State comes into the weekend with an 11-5 (7-3 NSIC) mark. The Mustangs look to their point guard Ryan Bruggeman, who is averaging 16.9 points and 5.4 assists per game. In addition to Bruggeman, Southwest Minnesota State looks to 6-8 center Carter Kirk for 13.8 points and 9.9 rebounds per game. K.J. Davis comes in averaging 10.1 points per game. Turner Moen has been dangerous from beyond the arc for the Mustangs as he is hitting at a 41.1 percent clip.

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Previewing the Cougars

Sioux Falls comes into the weekend with a 10-10 (6-6 NSIC) mark. The Cougars look to forward Drew Guebert in the post with 22.3 points and 10.0 rebounds per game. For more details, please visit our privacy policy. Guard Trevon Evans has also been an impact player with 20.4 points and 5.9 rebounds per game. After Guebert and Evans, the production falls off for USF as they have been

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The Golden Eagles picked up an important non-conference victory with a 79-74 win in Crookston earlier this season. The Cougars look to forward Drew Guebert in the post with 22.3 points and 10.0 rebounds per game. For more details, please visit our privacy policy. Guard Trevon Evans has also been an impact player with 20.4 points and 5.9 rebounds per game. After Guebert and Evans, the production falls off for USF as they have been

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missing swing man Jerrod Walton and his 14.1 points per game. At point guard, Zach Wessels is a great facilitator with 6.4 points and 2.9 assists per game.

The Cougars are averaging 81.1 points per game, while giving up 74.7 points per contest to their foes. Sioux Falls is shooting 46.8 percent from the field on the season. They are hitting at a 37.0 percent clip from beyond the arc and are shooting 71.9 percent from the stripe.

Minnesota Crookston Golden Eagles

Head Coach: [Dan Weisse](#)

Record at UMC: 25-72 Season at UMC: Fourth Season

Southwest Minnesota State Mustangs

Head Coach: Brad Bigler

Record at SMSU: 147-106 Season at SMSU: Ninth Season

Sioux Falls Cougars

Head Coach: Chris Johnson

Record at USF: 166-127 Season at USF: 11th Season

Date: Jan. 12, 2018

Time: 8 p.m.

Opponent: Southwest Minnesota State University

Site: Marshall, Minn. (R/A Facility)

Live Stats: <http://www.sidearmstats.com/smsu/mbball/?path=mbball>

Video: <https://portal.stretchinternet.com/smsu/>

Date: Jan. 13, 2018

Time: 6 p.m.

Opponent: University of Sioux Falls

Site: Sioux Falls, S.D. (Stewart Center)

Live Stats: <http://www.sidearmstats.com/siouxfalls/mbball/>

Video: <https://portal.stretchinternet.com/siouxfalls/>

Radio: 1260 KROX AM/105.7 FM

Officials (Friday): Chad Bjornson, Reggie Jackson, Keswic Joiner

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Last (SMSU): Southwest Minnesota State won 77-74 in Crookston Jan. 13, 2017

Series: Southwest Minnesota State leads all-time series 28-1. Golden Eagles last won Jan. 16, 2004 in Crookston, Minn.

Last (USF): Minnesota Crookston won 79-74 Nov. 18 in non-conference play

Series: Sioux Falls leads 4-2 in NCAA Division II history

Minnesota Crookston

Projected Starters

So. PG 0 [Harrison Cleary](#), 6-1, Oak Creek, Wis. 24.3 PPG, 4.6 RPG, 3.9 APG

Jr. SG 1 [Alan Hodge, Jr.](#), 6-0, Dallas, Texas 16.5 PPG, 4.4 RPG

Fr. 3G 2 [Ben Juhl](#), 6-1, Clive, Iowa 10.4 PPG, 2.7 RPG

R-Jr. PF 24 [Cable Smith](#), 6-7, Lodi, Wis. 8.2 PPG, 6.8 RPG, 4.0 BPG

So. F/C 44 [Javier Nicolau](#), 6-10, Castellon, Spain 3.6 PPG, 3.1 RPG

Top Bench Players

Jr. G 13 [Darin Viken](#), 6-2, Fosston, Minn. 2.7 PPG, 2.7 RPG

Jr. F 30 [Josh Collins](#), 6-6, Minneapolis, Minn. 5.0 PPG, 5.0 RPG

R-Fr. G 10 [Gabrys Sadaunykas](#), 6-4, Vilnius, Lithuania 1.7 PPG, 1.2 RPG

Southwest Minnesota State

Projected Starters

Jr. PG 3 Ryan Bruggeman, 6-0, Pelican Rapids, Minn. 16.9 PPG, 3.9 RPG, 5.4 APG

Sr. SG 14 K.J. Davis, 6-2, Annandale, Minn. 10.4 PPG, 2.0 RPG

Sr. 3G 21 Turner Moen, 6-4, Lake Mills, Wis. 8.2 PPG, 5.1 RPG

Jr. SF 22 Michael Lee, 6-6, Dawson, Minn. 6.9 PPG, 2.8 RPG

Sr. PF 35 Carter Kirk, 6-8, Mountain Lake, Minn. 13.8 PPG, 9.9 RPG

Top Bench Players

Jr. G 20 Taylor Schafer, 6-3, Bismarck, N.D. 8.5 PPG, 1.9 RPG

R-Fr. G 12 Nick Dufault, 6-0, Waseca, Minn. 7.3 PPG, 0.8 RPG

Fr. G 2 Kenny Byers, 6-3, Olathe, Kan. 4.0 PPG, 2.4 RPG

Jr. F 50 Kolin Bartlett, 6-6, St. Peter, Minn. 3.6 PPG, 3.0 RPG

Sioux Falls

Projected Starters

Sr. PG 11 Zach Wessels, 6-2, Austin, Minn. 6.1 PPG, 3.9 RPG, 2.9 APG

Jr. SG 4 Trevon Evans, 6-0, Wichita, Kan. 20.4 PPG, 5.9 RPG

Jr. 3G 22 Justin Taylor, 6-5, Chicago, Ill. 4.0 PPG, 2.2 RPG

Jr. SF 23 Drew Guebert, 6-8, Apple Valley, Minn. 22.3 PPG, 6.0 RPG

R-Fr. PF 44 Austin Slater, 6-8, Andover, Minn. 2.9 PPG, 4.4 RPG

Top Bench Players

R-Fr. F 5 Teathloach Pal, 6-8, Fridley, Minn. 4.9 PPG, 4.5 RPG

Fr. G 15 Drew Maschoff, 6-4, Ankeny, Iowa 4.4 PPG, 2.1 RPG

R-Fr. G 42 Aaron Rothermund, 6-2, Papillion, Neb. 3.6 PPG, 1.0 RPG

Sr. F 14 Tom Aase, 6-6, Austin, Minn. 2.5 PPG, 2.0 RPG

#5StoryLines

1. Can the Golden Eagles get the ball movement and defense that they have had in several of their wins?
2. Can Minnesota Crookston limit Ryan Bruggeman this weekend for SMSU?
3. Can the Golden Eagles limit USF's pair of Trevon Evans and Drew Guebert?
4. Will [Cable Smith](#) continue to be a pest in the paint with his blocked shots?
5. What will transfer [Josh Collins](#) do in his second week with the team?

#1000PointClub

Minnesota Crookston sophomore guard [Harrison Cleary](#) has had a phenomenal start to his young career. Last weekend against UMD, Cleary became the quickest player to reach 1,000 points in the program's history. He also surpassed Akeem Cubie for No. 2 all-time. Cleary is fifth in the nation in scoring with 24.3 points per game. He has tallied 20 or more points in 10 games this season. He is also the only player in the program's history to shoot 50 percent from beyond the arc.

#Denied

Minnesota Crookston redshirt junior [Cable Smith](#) has taken it to a new level. He has tallied 187 blocks. Smith has taken it to a new level. He has tallied five or more blocks in seven games this season. He has also continued to progress as an offensive player where he is averaging 8.8 points and 6.8 rebounds per game. He is shooting 71.9 percent from the field this season. He has tallied 8.8 points and 8.3 rebounds per contest in the last four games for the

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#NewAddition

The Golden Eagles added 6-6 forward [Josh Collins](#) at semester break. The junior transfer from Division I University of North Dakota played his first games in the Maroon and Gold last weekend. Collins averaged 5.0 points and 5.0 rebounds per game on the weekend. He had a nice showing at St. Cloud State with 10 points and eight boards off of the bench. Collins will continue to acclimate to the Division II game. He will look to continue to be a threat off of the bench for Minnesota Crookston.

#CrownJuhl

Golden Eagle freshman [Ben Juhl](#) has had a strong start to his young career. The Clive, Iowa native is tallying 10.1 points per game. He has scored in double-figures in nine games this season. Juhl is shooting 35.5 percent from beyond the arc. He will look to continue to make a positive impact for the Golden Eagles.

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PLAYERS MENTIONED ▾

#0 Harrison Cleary

G / 6' 1" / Sophomore

#24 Gable Smith

F / 6' 7" / Redshirt Junior

#2 Ben Juhl

G / 6' 1" / Freshman

#1 Alan Hodge, Jr.

G / 6' 0" / Junior

#10 Gabrys Sadaunykas

G/F / 6' 4" / Redshirt Freshman

#13 Darin Viken

G / 6' 1" / Junior

#44 Javier Nicolau

F/C / 6' 10" / Sophomore

#30 Josh Collins

F / 6' 6" / Junior



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