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Minnesota Crookston Soccer Unveils 2017 Schedule



2017 Schedule

CROOKSTON, Minn. – The University of Minnesota Crookston soccer program officially released their 2017 schedule Thurs., May 25. The Golden Eagles will play an 18-game schedule including 15 conference matches and three non-conference tilts. The U of M Crookston will play eight home games at UMC Soccer Field.

"I am looking forward to getting back on track with the 2017 season," said Head Coach [Joe Alianiello](#). "We assembled a great recruiting class and a challenging non-conference schedule to push our team and ready us for the rugged NSIC. Once again, we are playing an entire schedule of Division II opponents and it will be nice to take on new opponents that we have not played before."

The Golden Eagles are entering their sixth season under Head Coach [Joe Alianiello](#), who has spent the last 11 seasons working in the NSIC including five years leading the ship for Concordia University-St. Paul. Minnesota Crookston had a down year in 2016 with a 3-13-2 mark, but look to get back on track after missing the NSIC Tournament by just one spot in 2014 and 2015.

Minnesota Crookston returns 12 players from last season's roster and adds to a strong core with an incoming class that will help to fill in the gaps. The Golden Eagles return four starters last season led by seniors [Ellie Brettschneider](#) (D-MF, Lakeville, Minn.) and [Nicole Corbin](#) (D, Ramsey, Minn.). Brettschneider has been a lynchpin in the line-up in her three seasons, playing both in the center of the pitch and in the back four. Corbin has improved each season and has been strong in the back four for Minnesota Crookston. Also returning are [Lindsey Dami](#) (So., D-MF, North Pole, Alaska), who had two goals last season, and [Madison Korus](#) (R-Jr., D, Lexington, Minn.), who was strong in the back for U of M Crookston. Seniors [Nikki Dogan](#) (D/MF, Grand Forks, N.D.) and [Gabby Kekke](#) (Sr., MF/F, Argyle, Minn.) also return and will look to make an impact during the 2017 campaign.

Augustana
Minnesota Crookston will face Augustana at home at UMC Soccer Field Oct. 14 at 1 p.m. The Vikings went 13-5-3 on the 2016 season, advancing to the finals of the NSIC Tournament where they lost 1-0 to Minnesota State University-Mankato. The Golden Eagles played Augustana tough last year, but fell 2-1 to the Vikings in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Bemidji State
The Golden Eagles will face the Beavers on the pitch at UMC Soccer Field Sept. 5 at 5 p.m. Bemidji State finished the 2016 season with a 14-5-1 record. Minnesota Crookston fell 5-1 to the Beavers last season.

Concordia-St. Paul
Minnesota Crookston will face Concordia-St. Paul Oct. 1 at 1 p.m. in St. Paul, Minn. The Golden Eagles tied with the Golden Bears 0-0 last season. Concordia-St. Paul went 5-9-4 during the 2016 season.

Lindenwood
The Golden Eagles will open up the 2017 season Sept. 1 at 4 p.m. against Lindenwood University at Sea Foam Stadium in St. Paul, Minn. The Lions posted a 10-8-1 mark last season.

Maryville
Minnesota Crookston will take on Maryville University Sept. 3 at 11 a.m. at Sea Foam Stadium in St. Paul, Minn. The Saints went 6-11 during the 2016 campaign.

Minnesota Duluth
Minnesota Crookston will take on Minnesota Duluth Oct. 29 at 1 p.m. at UMC Soccer Field to conclude the 2017 regular season. UMD went 8-6-5 on the 2016 season. The Bulldogs defeated the U of M Crookston 4-0 last season.

Minnesota State
Minnesota State University-Mankato won the NSIC Tournament in 2016 and went on to the NCAA Tournament, where they lost in the second round to Fort Hays State University. The Golden Eagles will take on the Mavericks Sept. 29 at 4 p.m. in Mankato, Minn. Minnesota State defeated Minnesota Crookston 4-0 last season.

Minot State
The Golden Eagles will take on the Beavers on the road in Minot, N.D. Sept. 22 at 7 p.m. The Beavers are coming off a 16-3-1 mark, in which they won the NSIC regular-season title. Minot State would make it to the NCAA Central Regional, where they lost in the first round to University of Central Oklahoma. Minnesota Crookston fell in a close tilt with the Beavers last season 2-1.

MSU Moorhead
The Golden Eagles will take on the Dragons Oct. 6 at 4 p.m. in Moorhead, Minn. MSU Moorhead is in their second season under the leadership of former U of M Crookston soccer player Christie Chappell. The Dragons went 3-14 on the 2016 season. The Golden Eagles defeated the Dragons 1-0 in non-conference play, but fell 1-0 to MSU Moorhead in conference action.

Northern State
Minnesota Crookston will face Northern State University Oct. 8 at 1 p.m. at UMC Soccer Field. The Wolves posted a 9-9 mark on the 2016 season. The Golden Eagles fell 1-0 in overtime to Northern State during the 2016 slate.

Rollins
Minnesota Crookston will trek to Winter Park, Fla., to play Rollins College Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. Rollins was the No. 3 ranked team in the South Region in 2016. The Tars went 11-4-3 last season.

Sioux Falls
The Golden Eagles will take on University of Sioux Falls Oct. 2 at 1 p.m. in Sioux Falls, S.D. The Cougars posted a 3-13-2 mark on the 2016 season. The Golden Eagles and Cougars tied 0-0 last season at UMC Soccer Field.

Southwest Minnesota State
The Golden Eagles will head to Marshall, Minn. to face Southwest Minnesota State University Oct. 21 at 1 p.m. The Mustangs went 6-11-1 during the 2016 season. The Golden Eagles picked up a big 1-0 win over SMSU last season.

St. Cloud State
Minnesota Crookston will face St. Cloud State University Oct. 27 at 7 p.m. in St. Cloud, Minn. The Huskies posted a 7-8-4 mark on the 2016 season. The U of M Crookston fell 2-0 to St. Cloud State last season at UMC Soccer Field.

U-Mary
Minnesota Crookston will take on the Marauders Sept. 24 at 1 p.m. at UMC Soccer Field. U-Mary went 4-10-3 during the 2016 season. The Golden Eagles fell 2-0 to the Marauders in 2016.

Upper Iowa
The Golden Eagles will face Upper Iowa University Sept. 17 at 1 p.m. at UMC Soccer Field. The Peacocks went 8-10 during the 2016 campaign. Minnesota Crookston picked up a 1-0 win over Upper Iowa in Fayette, Iowa last season.

Wayne State
Minnesota Crookston will take on the Wildcats Oct. 15 at 1 p.m. at UMC Soccer Field. The Wildcats are in their first season under Joe Cleary, who served as an assistant coach for Wayne State the last two seasons. The Wildcats posted a 9-6-3 mark during the 2016 season. They narrowly defeated the Golden Eagles 1-0 last season in Wayne, Neb.

Winona State
The Golden Eagles will face Winona State University Sept. 16 at 1 p.m. at UMC Soccer Field. The Warriors posted an 8-9-1 record on the 2016 season. The Golden Eagles fell 4-0 to the Warriors.

For more information, visit the Golden Eagle Athletics website at www.goldeneaglesports.com.

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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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PLAYERS MENTIONED ▾

#15 Ellie Brettschneider MF / 5' 6" / Senior	#4 Nicole Corbin D/MF / 5' 7" / Senior
#18 Nikki Dogan D/MF / 5' 4" / Senior	#11 Gabby Kekke MF/F / 5' 6" / Senior
#27 Madison Korus D / 5' 4" / Redshirt Junior	#14 Lindsey Dami D/MF / 5' 4" / Sophomore

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