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## Headed Out West: Part 6



**Headed Out West** is a travel blog by Sports Information Director [Shawn Smith](#) chronicling his experiences during men's and women's basketball trips to Seattle, Wash., Milwaukee, Wis. and Honolulu, Hawai'i.

Part 6 - When I left off the UMC men's basketball team was getting ready to take on Division I opponent Milwaukee in an exhibition. Milwaukee came away with the win, but not without a fight with the Golden Eagles. UMC hung with the Panthers throughout the first half and a [Lucas Reller](#) three cut the lead to 10 going into the break. Milwaukee ended up winning by 21 but Coach Weisse saw a lot of good things from his team. From my perspective, it was a big game for the Golden Eagles. First thing, we saw a TEAM. In Seattle, the Golden Eagles looked more like a bunch of individuals and for the first time the Golden Eagles looked like a TEAM in a lot of ways. From the way they moved the ball, to the way they rebounded, to the way the bench had everyone's back.

Now UMC needs to find a way to spring board off of the Milwaukee performance as they move forward this season, because it could be a good starting point and a point where Coach Weisse can look back to where the rebuild really started. The Seattle Pacific game was a hard one, but it could end up being an eye-opening experience for the Golden Eagles as they get ready for a tough NSIC slate.

The Milwaukee experience was a good one. Coach Weisse seemed to thoroughly enjoy being able to coach in front of family, former teammates and friends. It was nice to meet his parents and other family and friends of Dan. They all seemed a lot like Coach Weisse, genuinely nice people.

From Milwaukee, we boarded the bus for a nearly 11 hour drive, which ended up turning into about a 10 and a half or 10 hour drive thanks to Dale, who took over in Fergus Falls and always seems to get teams home quicker than you would ever expect. Everyone loves Dale! It was a long drive but we luckily had satellite TV on the bus and had a sleeper bus, so the guys were able to sleep on the beds. I was luckily able to get six hours of not the best, but okay sleep. Which was needed, as I ready for the trip to Hawai'i, which we leave for at 2:45 a.m. Wednesday. I am going the night without sleep, hoping to make up for it on plane rides.

When we got back to Crookston, I headed back to my apartment and was able to get a couple more hours of sleep before heading to work around noon. I had a productive day, getting a lot of releases done and setting up tomorrow's men's basketball game against Jamestown. It was a much-needed catch-up day.

After work, I was able to hang out with my girlfriend Kayla, who lives in Bemidji and is a teacher. She came down after work and we spent a nice evening together, just having dinner and relaxing. I then was able to finally connect with my new roommate, Matt Bishop, who was just hired at KROX and will be doing a lot of play-by-play for basketball and football. He moved in last Friday but this was the first chance I had to connect with him.

Well I am going to go finish packing for Hawai'i. Next time, I will be in Honolulu. I will miss home but will not miss the weather!

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#2 **Lucas Reller**  
G / 6' 0" / Junior

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