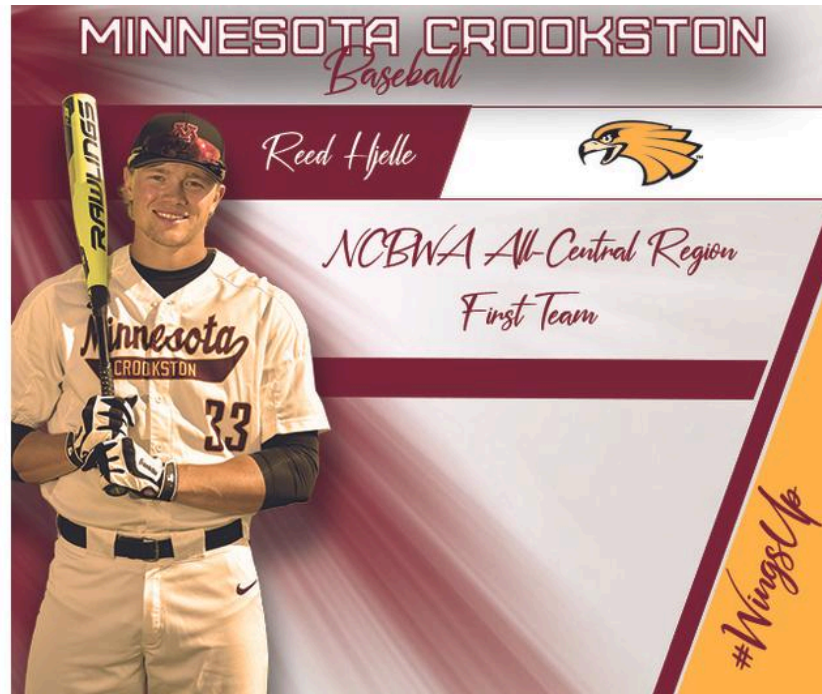


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Hjelte Named NCBWA All-Central Region First Team



ST. CLOUD, Minn. – University of Minnesota Crookston baseball player [Reed Hjelte](#) (Sr., 18, East Grand Forks, Minn.) was selected to the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) Division II All-Central Region First Team. Hjelte is a back-to-back NCBWA All-Central Region First Team selection, earning the accolade in 2018, as well.

Hjelte was joined on the All-Central Region First Team by fellow NSIC players Max Steffens (Augustana), Dominic Austing (St. Cloud State), Teddy Nielsen (Minnesota State), Jordan Barth (Augustana), and Jordan Hart (Minnesota State). Steffens was named All-Central Region Pitcher of the Year, while Tim Huber of Augustana was selected as the NCBWA All-Central Region Coach of the Year.

Hjelte ended his career as a Golden Eagle as the best player in school history, setting numerous records including hits, runs, home runs and RBIs. Hjelte was a 2018 NCBWA All-America Third Team selection. He was named 2018 ABCA/Rawlings All-America Third Team. Hjelte was the ABCA/Rawlings Position Player of the Year. He was also ABCA/Rawlings All-Region First Team, and NCBWA All-Region First Team as a junior. As a senior, Hjelte led Minnesota Crookston by hitting .356 with 42 runs scored, three doubles, three triples, 11 home runs and 41 RBIs. Hjelte had an astounding .638 slugging percentage and a .530 on-base percentage. He posted a 1.168 OPS for Minnesota Crookston. He also displayed some speed with 12 stolen bases on 17 attempts. Hjelte led the NSIC in 2019 in walks with 46. Hjelte helped Minnesota Crookston to their most successful stint in program history as they won 101 games in four years with three appearances in the NSIC Tournament. He was also a two-time All-NSIC First Team pick. Hjelte was also a stand-out in the classroom, earning the NSIC Butch Raymond Scholarship. Hjelte earned his degree in exercise science and wellness from the University of Minnesota Crookston.

Hjelte and Kenny Perez are the program's only two All-Region selections during the NCAA Division II era. Perez was a D2CCA All-Central Region Second Team selection in 2016. Hjelte was also selected D2CCA All-Central Region First Team earlier this month. He is currently eligible for All-America accolades from both D2CCA and NCBWA. Hjelte is the program's only All-American selection in the Division II era.

All-NCBWA Division II Central Region First Team:

Starting Pitcher:

Zach Parrish, Missouri Southern, Junior
Max Steffens, Augustana, Junior
Dominic Austing, St. Cloud State, Senior

Relief Pitcher:

Jonathan Spinikie, Central Missouri, Sophomore

Catcher:

Samuel Enriquez, Oklahoma Baptist, Junior

First Base:

Reed Hjelte, Minnesota Crookston, Senior

Second Base:

Teddy Petersen, Minnesota State, Junior

Third Base:

Fredkie Landers, Missouri Southern, Senior

Shortstop:

Caleb Sneed, Southwest Baptist, Senior

Utility Player:

Jordan Barth, Augustana, Sophomore

Designated Hitter:

Kane Koenigsneider, Southern Arkansas, Senior

Outfield:

Erik Webb, Central Missouri, Junior
Jordan Hart, Minnesota State, Senior
Johnuelle Ponce, Northwest Oklahoma State, Senior

Player of the Year: Erik Webb, Central Missouri, Junior
Pitcher of the Year: Max Steffens, Augustana, Junior
Coach of the Year: Tim Huber, Augustana

All-NCBWA Central Region Second Team:

Starting Pitcher:

Dylan Hall, Central Oklahoma, Junior
Anthony Castaneda, Missouri Western, Senior
Matt Lunde, Arkansas Monticello, Junior

Relief Pitcher:

Matt Kortendick, Southern Arkansas, Junior

Catcher:

Hunter Hisky, Southwest Baptist, Senior

First Base:

Connor Quick, Northwest Missouri State, Junior

Second Base:

JT McAugustana, Sophomore

Third Base:

Tristan Thomas, Arkansas Tech, Junior

Shortstop:

Nick Altermatt, Minnesota State, Freshman

Utility Player:

Cam Kline, Minnesota State, Sophomore

Designated Hitter:

Andrew Hanson, Wayne State, Sophomore

Outfield:

Mason Jarvin, Central Missouri, Junior
Michael Best, Minot State, Senior
Jake Crozzo, Oklahoma Baptist, Senior

All-NCBWA Central Region Honorable Mention Selections:

Catcher:

Tom Mihale, Minnesota State, Senior
Will Olson, Augustana, Sophomore

First Base:

Mathew Meyer, St. Cloud State, Senior

Second Base:

Austin Baker, Southern Arkansas, Junior

Third Base:

Kyle Thompson, Wayne State, Senior

Shortstop:

Jordan Joseph, St. Cloud State, Senior

Utility Player:

Dylan McQuinn, Arkansas Tech, Senior

Designated Hitter:

P.J. Harris, Oklahoma Baptist, Senior
Rafael Villela, Southwest Oklahoma State, Junior

Outfield:

Riley Johnson, Augustana, Junior
Mitch Malek, St. Cloud State, Senior
D.J. Miller, Lindwood, Senior

Starting Pitcher:

Ryan Obrecht, Wayne State, Freshman
Isaac Hale, Arkansas Tech, Senior
Luke Chevallier, Northern State, Senior

Relief Pitcher:

Ryder Yaskel, Harding, Junior

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