



Men's Basketball | 10/15/2014 2:32:00 PM | Shawn Smith, Sports Information Director

## Golden Eagles Picked 16th in NSIC Men's Basketball Preseason Poll



**BURNSVILLE, Minn.** – The University of Minnesota Crookston men's basketball team was picked to finish 16th in the 2014-15 Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) Men's Basketball Preseason Poll released Wednesday afternoon by the conference office. The Golden Eagles received 15 points in the poll.

Minnesota State University, Mankato was picked first overall in the poll with 15 first-place votes and 225 overall points. Augustana College (S.D.) received one first-place vote with 205 overall points. Minnesota State University Moorhead was picked first in the NSIC North Division, while Minnesota State was picked first in the South Division.

Bemidji State University's Brock Lutes was selected the NSIC North Preseason Player of the Year after averaging 22.2 points per game in his first season with the Beavers and securing Daktronics All-Central Region Second Team honors and NSIC Newcomer of the Year. Minnesota State University Mankato's Zach Monaghan was selected NSIC South Division Player of the Year after being named NSIC Player of the Year last season after averaging 15.4 points per game and earning Daktronics All-American Second Team honors.

UMC's [Kevin Larson](#) (Sr., G, New Ulm, Minn./) was picked as the Golden Eagles' Player to Watch. He was the only UMC player to start all 27 games last season. Larson averaged a team-high 30.4 minutes last season and averaging 4.4 points, 3.0 rebounds and 3.6 assists. He dished out five assists against Bemidji State, St. Cloud State, Minnesota State University Moorhead, Winona State University and Minnesota State University.

The Golden Eagles are in their first season under new head coach [Dan Weisse](#), who comes over from MSU Moorhead where he was an assistant. Weisse has brought in a new mindset to the UMC locker room as the Golden Eagles look to turn things around starting with the 2014-15 season. UMC returns [Derrick Redd, Jr.](#) (Jr., G, Menifee, Calif./Sports and Rec Management), who averaged 10.2 points per game, and [Tyler West, Jr.](#) (Sr., G/F, Portland, Ore./Communications) who averaged 9.1 points and 5.7 rebounds per game. In addition, UMC has seven seniors on the roster including Larson and West.

The Golden Eagles open up regular-season play in Seattle, Wash. against Central Washington University Nov. 14 at 5 p.m.

For more information, visit the Golden Eagle Athletics website at [www.goldeneaglesports.com](http://www.goldeneaglesports.com).

Follow the Golden Eagles on Facebook at Golden Eagle Sports and on Twitter at @UMCAthletics.

The University of Minnesota, Crookston is an NCAA Division II Institution and a member of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC). The Golden Eagle Equestrian team is a member of the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA).

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PLAYERS MENTIONED ▾

**#32 Tyler West, Jr.**  
F / 6' 6" / Junior

**#14 Kevin Larson**  
G / 6' 2" / Senior

**#10 Derrick Redd, Jr.**  
G / 6' 0" / Redshirt Junior

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