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Minnesota Crookston Softball Concludes 2019 Season at Home Against Augustana and Wayne State

CROOKSTON, Minn. – The University of Minnesota Crookston softball team will conclude their 2019 season at home at the UMC Softball Field Fri., April 26 and Sat., April 27. The games were moved up a day due to predicted inclement weather on Sun., April 28. The Golden Eagles will take on No. 14 Augustana University at 2 and 4 p.m. Fri., April 26 followed by Wayne State College (Neb.) Sat., April 27 at 1 and 3 p.m. The Golden Eagles will honor their six seniors prior to Saturday's games.

Minnesota Crookston is looking to build upon their historic season as they have posted a 13-37 (2-24 NSIC) record on the 2019 season. The Golden Eagles have been competitive throughout the season losing 12 games by two runs or less.

Minnesota Crookston vs. Augustana
Fri., April 26 – 2/4 p.m.
Minnesota Crookston vs. Wayne State
Sat., April 27 – 1/3 p.m.
Live Stats - https://goldeneaglesports.com/sidearmstats/softball/summary
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Minnesota Crookston
Projected Starters
Jr. C/2B 17 *Malia Pula*, .291 avg., 23 runs, 9 2B, 1 3B, 4 HR, 23 RBIs
Sr. 1B 3 *Rocky Bjorge*, .303 avg., 12 runs, 9 2B, 3 HR, 23 RBIs
Sr. 2B/3B 26 *Maggie Morales*, .270 avg., 10 runs, 7 2B, 3 HR, 24 RBIs
Fr. 3B/DP 12 *Darian Pancirov*, .109 avg., 5 runs, 2 HR, 2 RBIs
Jr. SS 33 Mika Rodriguez, .269 avg., 33 runs, 10 2B, 9 HR, 25 RBIs
Fr. LF 22 *Leah Macias*, .231 avg., 14 runs, 10 2B, 1 HR, 10 RBIs
or So. LF 9 *Tavia Lawson*, .067 avg., 15 runs
Sr. CF 1 *Haley Strachan*, .298 avg., 18 runs, 2 RBIs
Fr. RF 7 *Hannah Macias*, .252 avg., 20 runs, 5 2B, 2 3B, 1 HR, 19 RBIs
Jr. DP/C 29 *Samantha Proctor*, .241 avg., 7 runs, 6 2B, 10 RBIs

Top Pitchers
Jr. RHP 11 *Paige Pitlick*, 6-19 4.57 ERA, 121.0 IP, 91 K, 49 BB
So. RHP 15 *Taylor Graven*, 5-11 4.63 ERA, 124.0 IP, 81 K, 43 BB
Sr. RHP 8 *Mikayla Jones*, 2-7 7.81 ERA, 68.3 IP, 32 K, 31 BB

The Golden Eagles are looking to snap a 15-game losing streak with their final four games of the season. Minnesota Crookston has lost three tilts by two or less runs during the stretch as they look to close in on their elusive 14th win.

The Golden Eagles are hitting .258 on the season guided by *Rocky Bjorge* (Sr., 1B/3B, Prior Lake, Minn.), who is hitting .303 on the year with 12 runs scored, nine doubles, three home runs and 23 RBIs. *Malia Pula* (Jr., UT, Gilroy, Calif.) has also made an instant impact for Minnesota Crookston. Pula is batting .291 on the year with 23 runs scored, nine doubles, one triple, four home runs and 23 RBIs. In addition, *Haley Strachan* (Sr., OF, Phoenix, Ariz.) is hitting .298 on the season with 18 runs scored and two RBIs.

In the circle, Minnesota Crookston comes into the weekend with a 5.54 ERA as a team with 208 strikeouts to 132 walks. The Golden Eagles are paced by *Paige Pitlick* (Jr., RHP, Jordan, Minn.), who has six wins with a 4.57 ERA in 121 innings pitched with 91 strikeouts and 49 walks. *Taylor Graven* (So., RHP, Greene, Iowa) put up five wins with a 4.63 ERA in 124 innings pitched with 81 strikeouts and 43 walks.

Minnesota Crookston will honor seniors Bjorge, Strachan, *Maggie Morales* (Sr., 3B/1B, Tucson, Ariz.), *Mikayla Jones* (Sr., RHP, Huxley, Iowa), *Maycee Trujillo* (Sr., 3B, Sioux Falls, S.D.), and *Sam Parick* (Sr., 2B/SS, East Grand Forks, Minn.). The six seniors will play their final games as Golden Eagles on Saturday.

Augustana Preview
Augustana comes in with an impressive 44-7 (24-2 NSIC) record and a No. 14 national ranking. The Vikings have locked up the second spot in conference standings as they have only dropped a pair of games to conference leading Winona. Augustana comes in riding a 12 game win streak and is unblemished on the road with a 6-0 record. As a team the Vikings are sporting a high average of .357 and a slugging percentage of .589. The Vikings are a big fan of the long ball, as a team they have hit 64 home run's. The Vikings pitching staff has been practically unhittable this year with a 1.69 ERA and an opponent batting average of .192.

The Vikings bring in 10 hitters who are currently above the .300 mark. Offensively they are led by Kara McDougall who is hitting .467 with 24 runs scored, two home run's, and 16 runs batted in. Maggie Kadrlik also bring in a hot bat as she sports a .421 average on the season. Kadrlik has a .789 slugging percentage, a team leading 15 doubles, 10 home run's, and 52 runs batted in. Shannon Peterson comes in sitting just under .400 with a batting average of .392. Peterson has a team high 54 runs batted in, a team leading 11 home run's, 14 doubles, and a slugging percentage of .709. The Vikings will look to stick to their game plan and rely on the long ball in their matchup with Minnesota Crookston.

Ashley Mickschl leads the pitching staff with a 20-4 record in 25 appearances. Mickschl has 17 complete games under her belt and brings in a 1.71 ERA in 147 innings logged.
Mickschl has 31 punch outs and has only given up 44 walks. Amber Elliot is the game two starter and she brings in a 14-3 record along with a 1.83 ERA in 95.2 innings pitched. Elliot has 107 strikeouts and has only given up 25 earned runs all season. Olivia Wolters has been a strong reliever this season, she has a team low ERA of 1.46 in 81.1 innings pitched. Wolters also has 68 strikeouts and has only given up 17 earned runs. The pitching staff will look to continue holding hitters at bay in their matchup with Minnesota Crookston.

Wayne State Preview
Wayne State brings in a record of 12-31 (3-23 NSIC) and is currently on a two game losing streak. The Wildcats will be looking to finish up their season strong and grab a game or two against Minnesota Crookston. As a team the Wildcats are hitting .277 and bring in 62 extra base hits. The pitching staff brings in a team ERA of 6.12 on the season. The Wildcats will look for solid pitching to end their season on a positive note.

The Wildcats are led offensively by Taylor Menard who is hitting .391. Menard has 14 runs scored, two extra base hits, and 10 runs batted in on the season. Emily Chandler comes in with a hot bat as well as she is hitting .336. Chandler has a slugging percentage of .613, 25 runs scored, three doubles, a team high 10 home run's, and a team leading 37 runs batted in. Abbie Hix is hitting .308 with 14 runs scored, five doubles, four homerun's, and 21 runs batted in. The Wildcats will need their top hitters to get on base and collect timely hits against in their season finale with Minnesota Crookston.

Makenna Adkinson is the game one starter for the Wildcats, she has a 6-14 record in 32 appearances. Adkinson has 115.1 innings logged and has a team high 51 punch outs. Maddie Moser brings in a 3-11 record as the game two starter and has 82 innings pitched on the season. Moser has 36 strikeouts and brings in a 7.60 ERA. Expect to see Riley Vanderveen in this season finale as she has a team low 5.33 ERA and a record of 3-6 in 23 appearances. Vanderveen has 65.2 innings pitched and has racked up 17 strikeouts. The Wildcats will lean on all three pitchers to keep Minnesota Crookston hitters off balance in this matchup.

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PLAYERS MENTIONED

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1B / 5' 7" / Sophomore / R

#26 Maggie Morales
1B/OF / 5' 7" / Junior / R

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C/OF / 5' 8" / Sophomore / R

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3B/C / 5' 0" / Junior / R

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C / 5' 8" / Freshman / R

#8 Mikayla Jones
P / 5' 3" / Junior / R

#11 Paige Pitlick
P/1B / 5' 7" / Sophomore / R

#13 Sam Rarick
2B/3B / 5' 3" / Junior / R

#1 Haley Strachan
OF / 5' 2" / Junior / L

#7 Hannah Macias
OF / 5' 2" / Freshman

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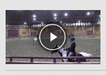
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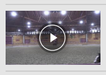
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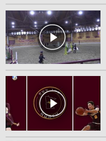
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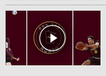
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