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## Cleary and Hughes Named UMC Teambackers Student-Athletes of the Month for December



### Video Interviews

Hughes - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8OnL9mQEkDE>

Cleary - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XzFeM-gmvh8>

**CROOKSTON, Minn.** – The University of Minnesota Crookston athletic department named [Harrison Cleary](#) (Fr., G, Oak Creek, Wis.) from the men's basketball team and [Alison Hughes](#) (So., G, Janesville, Wis.) from the women's basketball team as UMC Teambackers Athletes of the Month. They are both repeat performers after each earning the award in November, as well. Cleary and Hughes were chosen for the month of December for their outstanding performances for their respective teams.



Cleary averaged 20.3 points per game as he continued his impressive start to his young collegiate career. The freshman from Oak Creek, Wis. shot 45.7 percent from the field for the month and 30.8 percent from beyond the arc. He tallied 20 or more points on four occasions, including tying his career high with 34 points against Bemidji State University. He also tallied 25 points against University of Minnesota Duluth and 24 versus St. Cloud State University. Cleary was 32-of-39 from the charity stripe for 82.1 percent for the month of December.



Hughes had a strong month of December as she averaged 14.7 points per game to lead the Golden Eagles. She was selected NSIC North Player of the Week for the first time in her career after 22 points on 6-of-8 from the field against Bemidji State University Dec. 15. Hughes also had a big game for UMC against Upper Iowa University last Saturday as she tallied 23 points on 5-of-11 from the field and 5-of-9 from beyond the arc. The sophomore from Janesville, Wis., shot 35.8 percent from the field for the month, but was especially effective from beyond the arc. She finished the month shooting 38.1 percent from behind the three-point line. She also showed off her prowess on the charity stripe, where she currently leads the NSIC in percentage. Hughes would go 39-of-42 for 92.9 percent on the month.

The UMC Teambackers Student-Athlete Award has now been made a monthly award after being awarded on a weekly basis for the past three years. Hughes and Cleary are the first repeat performers for the monthly award.

#### UMC Teambackers Student-Athletes of the Month

September - Maggie Perrel (volleyball) and [Adam Connette](#) (football)

October - [Monika Frame](#) (hunt seat equestrian) and [Will Cross](#) (football)

November - [Alison Hughes](#) (women's basketball) and [Harrison Cleary](#) (men's basketball)

December - [Alison Hughes](#) (women's basketball) and [Harrison Cleary](#) (men's basketball)

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#### PLAYERS MENTIONED ▾

##### #11 Adam Connette

WR / 5' 10" / Junior

##### #54 Will Cross

LB / 5' 11" / Redshirt Freshman

##### #0 Harrison Cleary

G / 6' 1" / Freshman

##### #14 Alison Hughes

G / 5' 7" / Sophomore

##### Monika Frame

Junior

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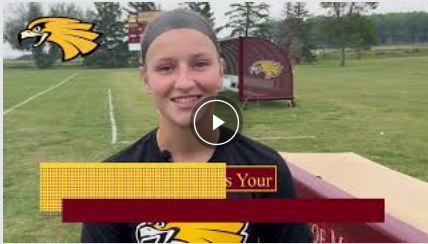
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