



Minnesota Crookston Men's Golf Places Fifth at Hardrocker Invite

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CROOKSTON, Minn. – The University of Minnesota Crookston men's golf team finished fifth out of 10 teams at the 2021 Hardrocker Invite at The Golf Club at Red Rock in Rapid City, S.D. The three round tournament was held Monday, September 20 and Tuesday, September 21.

The Golden Eagles shot a pair of 304's in the final two rounds. The scores beat UMN Crookston previous best of the season of 308 set last week at the Washburn Invitational in Topeka, Kan. Minnesota Crookston's low round of the spring 2021 season was 302.

UMN Crookston defeated NSIC teams Augustana University and University of Mary in the tournament. They also bested Fort Hays State University, Dickinson State University, and the second squad for South Dakota School of Mines. Minnesota Crookston finished just one stroke behind Minnesota State University, Mankato.

The Golden Eagles were guided by [Layton Bartley](#) (Fr., Fargo, N.D.), who finished in a tie for 11th with rounds of 85, 72, and 73. [Connor Humble](#) (R-Sr., Rosemount, Minn.) and [Ben Trostad](#) (Sr., Crookston, Minn.) each finished in a tie for 21st. Humble shot rounds of 77, 80, and 78. Trostad shot rounds of 83, 74, and 78. [Rory Wutzke](#) (Fr., Camrose, Alberta) carded rounds of 78, 78, and 80 to finish 28th. [Keegan Poppenberg](#) (Jr., Esko, Minn.) tallied rounds of 77, 85, and 75 to finish tied for 29th.

[Cade Pederson](#) (R-So., West Fargo, N.D.) and [Devin Kucy](#) (Fr., Camrose, Alberta) both golfed as individuals. Pederson shot rounds of 81, 79, and 81. Kucy finished with rounds of 84, 75, and 82.

Westminster College claimed the team title with a score of 889, beating Montana State University-Billings by five strokes. Minnesota State's Ben Laffen was the individual champion.

The Golden Eagles will next compete Monday, September 27 and Tuesday, September 28 at the J.R. Watkins Invite in Winona, Minn.

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