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Minnesota Crookston Softball Heads Down Highway 2 For Mid-Week Games at Minnesota Duluth



CROOKSTON, Minn. – The University of Minnesota Crookston softball team will head down U.S. Highway 2 to Duluth, Minn. for a mid-week doubleheader against University of Minnesota Duluth. The Golden Eagles will play the Bulldogs Wed., April 11 at 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. at James S. Malosky Stadium.

Minnesota Crookston comes into Wednesday with a 5-23 (1-5 NSIC) record. The Golden Eagles have been competitive in their first six games including a 7-4 win over Minnesota State University Moorhead to open up conference play. The Golden Eagles have lost three games by three runs or less.

Minnesota Duluth comes into the mid-week doubleheader with a 25-8 (7-3 NSIC) mark. The Bulldogs are coming off a pair of wins over defending NCAA Division II National Champion Minnesota State University, Mankato last Sunday.

Minnesota Crookston at Minnesota Duluth
Wed., April 11, 12:30/2:30 p.m., James S. Malosky Stadium
Live Stats - <http://www.sidearmstats.com/umd/softball/xlive.htm>
Video - <https://portal.stretchinternet.com/umd/>

Minnesota Crookston Projected Starters

- Sr. C 6 [Gabriel Antolak](#), .318, 14 runs, 5 2B, 2 HR, 9 RBIs
- Jr. 1B/LF 26 [Maggie Morales](#), .333, 13 runs, 8 2B, 2 HR, 15 RBIs
- or So. 1B/C 29 [Samantha Proctor](#), .241, 2 runs, 1 2B, 4 RBIs
- Sr. 2B 12 [Jenna Boardman](#), .381, 10 runs, 9 2B, 2 3B, 10 RBIs
- So. 3B 3 [Rocky Bjorge](#), .309, 7 runs, 3 2B, 12 RBIs
- So. SS 33 [Mikaela Rodriguez](#), .333, 13 runs, 8 2B, 2 HR, 15 RBIs
- Fr. LF/DP 9 [Taylor Allen](#), .270, 11 runs, 4 2B, 1 3B, 5 RBIs
- Sr. CF 25 [Khailyn Neumayer](#), .286, 8 runs, 3 2B, 6 RBIs
- Sr. RF 7 [Victoria Boyliss](#), .279, 16 runs, 1 2B, 3 RBIs
- Jr. LF/DP 1 [Haley Strachan](#), .217, 9 runs, 1 2B, 2 3B, 1 RBI

Top Pitchers

- Jr. RHP 22 [Luisa Silvain](#), 1-4 3.18 ERA, 39.2 IP, 15 K, 3 BB
- So. RHP 11 [Paige Pitlick](#), 1-7 3.76 ERA, 41.0 IP, 19 K, 20 BB
- Sr. RHP 99 [Heather Cunningham](#), 0-0 4.54 ERA, 17.3 IP, 3 BB
- Jr. RHP 8 [Mikayla Jones](#), 3-4 5.35 ERA, 51.0 IP, 23 K, 22 BB

Minnesota Crookston has been swinging in 10 games, hitting 47 runs, 47 doubles, five triples, four home runs, and 14 RBIs. Senior [Jenna Boardman](#) (2B/SS, Genoa, Wis.) who is hitting .381 with 10 runs, 9 2B, 2 3B, and 10 RBIs. Sophomore [Mikaela Rodriguez](#) (So. SS/2B, Laveen, Ariz.) is hitting .333 with 13 runs, 8 2B, 2 HR, and 15 RBIs. [Rocky Bjorge](#) (So., 1B/3B, Prior Lake, Minn.) is hitting .309 with seven runs, three doubles, and 12 RBIs.

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In the circle, the Golden Eagles have shown vast improvement as a staff with a 4.54 ERA on the season. [Luisa Silvain](#) (Jr., RHP, Tucson, Ariz.) paces Minnesota Crookston with a 3.18 ERA in 39.2 innings pitched with 15

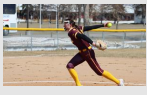
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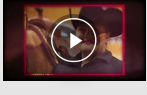
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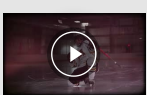
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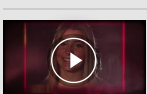
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strikeouts and just three walks. [Paige Pitlick](#) (So., RHP, Jordan, Minn.) has also been strong with a 3.76 ERA in 41.0 innings pitched with 19 strikeouts on the season.

Minnesota Duluth

Fr. C/DP 21 Jessica Bren, .402, 32 runs, 5 2B, 1 3B, 14 HR, 40 RBIs
or So. C 10 Lexi Janigo, .222, 9 runs, 3 2B, 1 HR, 5 RBIs
Jr. 1B/RF 11 Kalynn Tilton, .295, 15 runs, 8 2B, 4 HR, 25 RBIs
Sr. 2B 3 Natalie Wright, .374, 32 runs, 10 2B, 1 3B, 3 HR, 31 RBIs
So. 3B 22 Lauren Oberle, .278 29 runs, 5 2B, 2 3B, 3 HR, 20 RBIs
Sr. SS 9 Becky Smith, .357, 30 runs, 9 2B, 1 3B, 8 HR, 40 RBIs
Jr. LF 8 Sammi Sadler, .404, 24 runs, 10 2B, 1 3B, 19 RBIs
Sr. CF 5 Hannah Schmoll, .465, 42 runs, 5 2B, 2 3B, 1 HR, 26 RBIs
So. RF 13 Lauren Greeder, .270, 14 runs, 2 RBI
Fr. DP/1B 12 Jordyn Thomas, .339, 13 runs, 3 2B, 7 HR, 24 RBIs

Top Pitchers

So. RHP 26 Breanne Swint, 13-2 2.62 ERA, 93.1 IP, 49 K, 34 BB
Jr. RHP 20 Valerie Hohol, 10-4 3.57 ERA, 84.1 IP 58 K, 34 BB

Minnesota Duluth currently sits in a tie for fourth in the NSIC standings entering Wednesday's games. The Bulldogs are one of the best power hitting teams in the league as they come in hitting .344 with 44 home runs and 318 doubles. Hannah Schmoll is an excellent leadoff for UMD as she is hitting .465 on the season with 42 runs and 26 RBIs. Jessica Bren is off to a fantastic freshman season as she is hitting .402 and leads the team with 14 home runs and 40 RBIs. Becky Smith is batting .357 with eight home runs and 40 RBIs.

In the circle, the Bulldogs look to Breanna Swint with a 13-2 mark and a 2.62 ERA with 49 strikeouts and 34 walks. Valerie Hohol is also off to a strong start for UMD. She is 10-4 with a 3.57 ERA in 84.1 innings pitched with 58 strikeouts and 34 walks.

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PLAYERS MENTIONED ▾

#6 Gabriel Antolak

C/3B / 6' 0" / Senior / R

#3 Rocky Bjorge

1B / 5' 7" / Sophomore / R

#99 Heather Cunningham

P / 5' 8" / Senior / R

#26 Maggie Morales

1B/OF / 5' 7" / Junior / R

#11 Paige Pitlick

P/1B / 5' 7" / Sophomore / R

#7 Victoria Bayliss

OF/2B / 5' 1" / Senior / L

#12 Jenna Boardman

SS/2B / 5' 4" / Senior / L

#8 Mikayla Jones

P / 5' 3" / Junior / R

#25 Khailyn Neumayer

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#29 Samantha Proctor

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



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