

News Release

Golden Eagle Softball Earns First NSIC Win of the Season

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(Crookston, Minn.)- The Golden Eagle Women's Softball team traveled to Bismarck, N.D. on April 19-20 to take part in the final NSIC Crossover of the season. Minnesota, Crookston struggled to get the offense going losing three games on Saturday by scores of 10-1, 7-0, 9-0 to SW Minnesota State, Wayne State and Winona State.

On Sunday, the Golden Eagles took on Upper Iowa University in the first game of the day. UMC only had three hits, but scored one run on a squeeze play in the bottom of the fifth inning to earn a 1-0 NSIC victory, the teams first of the season. Steph Thomas (Fr, P, St. Albert, Alberta) pitched an outstanding game for the Golden Eagles. Thomas threw all seven innings, giving up five hits while striking out four and not walking a UIU batter. Offensively, Amy Burke (So, OF, Crookston, Minn.), Mallory Watson (Fr, C, Calgary, Alberta) and Lorelei McGee (Jr, OF, Moose Lake, Minn.) each had a hit for the Golden Eagles. In the fifth inning, Watson led off with a single, Shawna Steinbrink (Jr, 3B, Crookston, Minn.) put down a sacrifice bunt to advance Watson to second. Watson moved to third on a UIU error and McGee laid down a perfect bunt on a safety squeeze play to score Watson for the eventual game winner. The Peacocks threatened in the seventh inning but solid Golden Eagle defense helped UMC hold on to the 1-0 victory.

In the afternoon game, Concordia- St. Paul defeated Minnesota, Crookston by a score of 6-0 with only two runs being earned in the contest.

The Golden Eagles are 7-19 overall and 1-13 in NSIC play. Minnesota, Crookston travels to Aberdeen, S.D. on Wednesday, April 23 to play Northern State University. The team then heads to Bismarck, N.D. on Thursday, April 24 to play the University of Mary. Both double-headers are NSIC games and start at 2:00 p.m.

For more information, visit the Golden Eagle Athletics website at www.goldeneaglesports.com.

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

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