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Minnesota Crookston Football Picked to Finish 16th in NSIC Preseason Coaches' Poll



BURNSVILLE, Minn. – The University of Minnesota Crookston football team was selected to finish 16th in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) Football Preseason Poll. The Golden Eagles were represented by [Jalin Scott](#) (Sr., QB, Houston, Texas/LA Harbor College) and [Joe Warner](#) (Sr., DL, St. Louis Park, Minn./Rochester C.T.C.), as their NSIC Players to Watch.

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Minnesota Crookston is looking to continue to improve as they are coming off a 1-10 record on the 2019 season. The Golden Eagles snapped a losing streak that had dated back to 2018. Minnesota Crookston returns a lot of key pieces for the 2019 season as they return nine starters from 2018 on offense, and eight on defense. On offense, the Golden Eagles are led by Scott, who passed for over 1,000 yards and rushed for nearly 200. In addition, the Golden Eagles return five players who saw starting time on the offensive line along with two of their top pass catchers from 2018. [Andy Groebner](#) (So., WR, Andover, Minn.) leads the way after a phenomenal freshman season in which he amassed 601 yards receiving on 33 catches with three touchdowns. As a junior, [Jonattan Mudd](#) (Sr., WR, Gardena, Calif.) caught 23 passes for 279 yards. Defensively, Warner paces Minnesota Crookston at defensive tackle. He tallied 47 tackles in 2018 with 6.5 tackles for loss and one sack. In addition to Warner, [Trevor Long, Jr.](#) (R-Sr., DB, Brooklyn Park, Minn.) will patrol at safety after notching 79 tackles with seven pass break-ups. [Will Cross](#) (Sr., LB, Turtle Lake, Wis.) is also back in the fold at linebacker after missing the 2018 season due to injury. The Golden Eagles, who are in their third season under Head Coach [Matt Dulmer](#), open their 2019 season Sept. 5 against Minnesota State University Moorhead as they take on the Dragons in the first "NSIC Thursday Night Football Game of the Week" on Midco Sports Network.

Minnesota State University was picked to finish first in the NSIC Preseason Poll with 14 first-place votes. The University of Minnesota Duluth was slotted just behind them at second with two first-place votes, while University of Sioux Falls was selected to finish third. Minnesota State was chosen to finish first in the NSIC South, while Minnesota Duluth was picked first in the NSIC North.

Cabe Ames, a linebacker from Bemidji State University was selected as the NSIC North Division Defensive Preseason Player of the Year. John Larson, the quarterback for University of Minnesota Duluth was picked as the NSIC North Division Preseason Offensive Player of the Year. Nick Pridgeon, a linebacker for Winona State University was selected as the NSIC South Division Preseason Defensive Player of the Year, while Gabriel Watson, a running back for University of Sioux Falls, was picked as the NSIC South Division Preseason Offensive Player of the Year.

Overall		Points	South Division		Points	#NSICFB
1.	Minnesota State (14)	224	1.	Minnesota State (7)	49	
2.	Minnesota Duluth (2)	209	2.	Winona State	39	
3.	Sioux Falls	187	3.	Sioux Falls	37	
4.	Winona State	182	4.	Augustana (1)	34	
5.	Bemidji State	169	5.	Concordia-St. Paul	25	
6.	Augustana	158	6.	Wayne State	18	
7.	MSU Moorhead	153	7.	SIUJU	12	
8.	St. Cloud State	134	8.	Upper Iowa	12	
9.	Concordia-St. Paul	109	North Division		Points	
10.	Northern State	90	1.	Minnesota Duluth (7)	49	
11.	Southwest Minnesota State	79	2.	Bemidji State (1)	42	
	Upper Iowa	79	3.	MSU Moorhead	35	
	Wayne State	73	4.	St. Cloud State	34	
	University of Mary	39	5.	Northern State	24	
	Mnnot State	36	6.	University of Mary	17	
18.	Minnesota Crookston	15	7.	Mnnot State	15	
	first place votes in ()		8.	Minnesota Crookston	7	

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PLAYERS MENTIONED

- #54 Will Cross**
LB / 5'11" / Redshirt Junior
- #11 Jonattan Mudd**
WR / 6'0" / Junior
- #83 Andy Groebner**
WR / 6'2" / Freshman
- #40 Trevor Long, Jr.**
DB / 6'0" / Redshirt Junior
- #68 Joe Warner**
DL / 6'1" / Junior
- #5 Jalin Scott**
QB / 6'3" / Junior

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