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# Golden Eagle Men's Basketball Hosts Bemidji State to Close Out 2014 Part of Schedule



**CROOKSTON, Minn.** - The University of Minnesota Crookston men's basketball team will look to finish the year out on a good note as they host Bemidji State University Fri., Dec. 19 at 7 p.m. at Lysaker Gymnasium in Crookston, Minn. The Golden Eagles are looking to wrap up 2014 with one of their best starts in recent history. UMC enters Friday with a 4-5 (2-3 NSIC) mark, while Bemidji State is 6-3 (2-3 NSIC).

## GAME NOTES

**On Tap For This Weekend**  
**Fri., Dec. 19**  
**Bemidji State at Minnesota Crookston • 7 p.m. • Lysaker Gymnasium • Crookston, Minn.**  
**Live Stats:** <http://www.sidearmstats.com/umcrookston/mbball/>  
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### #TYWEST

UMC senior forward Tyler West, Jr. has been the most consistent player for the Golden Eagles in the last seven games. West is averaging 15.9 points and 10.6 rebounds per game since the Golden Eagles have returned from Seattle. West has tallied over 20 points twice, tallying 27 against St. Cloud State and 26 versus Crossroads. West currently leads the entire NSIC in rebounding during conference play with 9.4 rebounds per game.

**15.9 POINTS/GAME OVER LAST 7 GAMES**

**10.6 REBOUNDS/GAME OVER LAST 7 GAMES**



### #BREAKOUTPERFORMANCE

UMC senior point guard Kevin Larson had his strongest game of the season in the win over Wayne State last Friday. Larson had 16 points on 7-of-11 shooting from the field for the Golden Eagles.

**16 POINTS AGAINST WAYNE STATE**

**7-OF-11 FROM THE FIELD AGAINST WSC**



### #BACKTOBACKWINS

The Golden Eagles picked up back-to-back conference victories this season against St. Cloud State and Wayne State, marking the first time since February of 2005 that the Golden Eagles have won back-to-back NSIC games. The Golden Eagles have already made strides in the program since Dan Weisse took over the program and are looking to make even bigger waves as the season progresses.

### #42

UMC junior John Hughes has been a bigger factor in UMC's games as of late. The Golden Eagle forward is averaging 8.0 points and 4.5 rebounds per game over the last six games. Hughes' biggest game came in the major upset of St. Cloud State University, a perennial NSIC power. Hughes was 2-of-5 from three-point range and had 14 points and six rebounds.

**8.0 POINTS/GAME OVER LAST 6 GAMES**

**4.5 REBOUNDS/GAME OVER LAST 6 GAMES**



### #THREEPOINTDIFFERENTIAL

The three-pointer has been a huge difference maker in UMC's four wins this season. In the Golden Eagle's four wins this year they are shooting 36-of-92 for 39.1 percent from beyond the arc, while UMC is 17-of-91 for 18.7 percent in their five losses.

**36-OF-92 FOR 39.1 PERCENT IN WINS**  
**17-OF-91 FOR 18.7 PERCENT IN LOSSES**

### #FAMILYTIES

UMC freshman Jim Warmack has a connection to Bemidji State. Warmack's older sister Kate Warmack was a center for Bemidji State University from 2010-14 and was an All-NSIC Second Team selection for the Beavers last season. Warmack is in his first season with the Golden Eagles during the 2014-15 campaign. He is averaging 5.3 points and 2.4 rebounds per game for the Golden Eagles so far this season.



### #STORYLINES

1. Can the Golden Eagles move to 3-1 in the last four games with a win over Bemidji State?
2. Can Tyler West, Jr. continue his strong play of late, as he is currently averaging a double-double over the last seven games?
3. Will the Golden Eagles, shoot the three-ball well against BSU? UMC is shooting 39 percent in wins, while they are shooting just 18 percent from beyond the arc in games they lose.
4. Can the Golden Eagles control Brock Lutes? Lutes is the x-factor for the Bemidji State offense and is averaging over 18 points a game this season for the Beavers.
5. Can Derrick Redd be a factor for UMC? Redd is averaging just 5.5 points in the last two games, after averaging 14 points per game through the first seven games.

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