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Soccer Looks to Play Spoiler in Final Weekend



Crookston, Minn.- Entering their final weekend of play, the University of Minnesota Crookston soccer team is out of the playoff hunt but they are still a part of the bigger picture as they will play a pair of teams battling for the eighth and final spot in the 2017 NSIC Tournament.

The Golden Eagles will travel to St. Cloud State University for a Friday evening match that is scheduled to start at 7:00 pm in St. Cloud. Crookston will then return home for their final game of 2017 when they host the Bulldogs of the University of Minnesota Duluth at 1:00 pm in Crookston.

Minnesota Crookston has played much better team defense in the second half of the season. Despite an 0-4-2 record over the last three weeks, they are only giving up one goal per game over the six-game stretch. Golden Eagle goalkeeper [Olivia Puttin](#) (Rogers, Minn.) continues to lower her goals against average, which is at a season low of 2.70. The sophomore keeper has made a total of 101 saves through her 15 games played.

Frosh midfielder [Jessica Withrow](#) (Gardnerville, Nev.) continues to lead the UM Crookston squad with a pair of goals, but the offensive standouts as of late are senior [Ellie Brettschneider](#) (Lakeville, Minn.) and frosh [Maggie Peterson](#) (Princeton, Minn.). Brettschneider has scored one goal and assisted on another while Peterson leads the team in shots, with 14.

Friday, October 27 - 7:00 pm at St. Cloud State University

In the Friday evening match, the Golden Eagles will play a Huskies team with a record of 8-7-1 overall, 6-6-1 in NSIC play. St. Cloud has won three of their last four games with the last being a 0-0 tie with Augustana University. SCSU has a fairly balanced attack that features three multi-goal scorers. Hannah Marion (So., Inver Grove Heights, Minn.) has led the team in scoring with four goals, just ahead of Maria Kass (Jr., Pewaukee, Wisc.) and Kate Murphy (Fr., Wauwatosa, Wisc.) who have each chipped in with three goals.

Kelsey Christian (Wyoming, Mich.) has played the bulk of the minutes in goal for the Huskies and she has a record of 7-6-1. The sophomore keeper has a goals against of .98 and has made 44 saves this season.

Sunday, October 29 – 1:00 vs University of Minnesota Duluth

The Bulldogs enter the weekend with a slight hold on the eighth and final playoff spot as their record of 6-5-2 in conference play is just ahead of St. Cloud's 6-6-1. Duluth has a little more offensive punch as they have outscored their opponents 27-18 overall. Destiny Schmitz (Jr., Farmington, Minn.) and Skye Finley (Sr., Forest Lake, Minn.) have been a big part of the UMD offensive effort as Schmitz has netted six goals while Finley has five scores. Natalie St. Martin (Jr., Dellwood, Minn.) has also been a big contributor for the Bulldogs as she has three goals to go along with her eight assists.

Junior goalkeeper Sisley Ng (White Bear Lake, Minn.) has been solid in net and has a goals against that was below 1.00, but she allowed four goals in her last start, a 5-4 win over Wayne State College, and sits with a goals against of 1.13 entering the final weekend.

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PLAYERS MENTIONED ▾

<p>#15 Ellie Brettschneider MF / 5' 6" / Senior</p>	<p>#1 Olivia Puttin GK / 5' 10" / Sophomore</p>
<p>#3 Maggie Peterson F / 5' 2" / Freshman</p>	<p>#22 Jessica Withrow MF / 5' 6" / Freshman</p>

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