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Minnesota Crookston Adds Junior College Running Back Todd As Mid-Year Transfer



CROOKSTON, Minn. – The University of Minnesota Crookston football program announced the addition of Elijah Todd (RB, 6-0 230, Toledo, Ohio/Dakota College at Bottineau) to a National Letter of Intent. Todd is the second mid-year signee for the Golden Eagles joining fellow junior college transfer Ahmad Queider (OL, 6-1 300, Mableton, Ga./Mesabi Range C.C.). Both players will join the program for the second semester and will be eligible to compete for the 2018 football season.

"Elijah is a running back who runs well between the tackles and is great at getting yards after first contact," said Head Coach [Mark Dufner](#). "He will be a great addition to our backfield."

Todd will add size to a backfield that returns [Kevin Evans](#) (Sr., RB, Groveland, Fla.) and [Shavez Hawkins, Jr.](#) (So., RB, Gilbert, Ariz.) for last season. The Golden Eagles were last in the NSIC in rushing yards last season with just 52.4 yards per game on the ground. Evans led the team with 264 yards rushing, while Hawkins notched 193 yards on the season. Todd will look to help aid the rushing attack for the 2018 season for Minnesota Crookston.

The Golden Eagles enter their second season under Head Coach [Mark Dufner](#) going into the 2018 season. Minnesota Crookston will look to take the next steps to improvement in the NSIC as they were competitive in the majority of their games last season. Minnesota Crookston will return a strong core for the 2018 season as they return nine starters on offense and nine starters on defense, bringing back great experience.

The student-athletes listed today as having signed National Letters of Intent or Offers of Admission to play at University of Minnesota Crookston have been verified by the Minnesota Crookston Compliance Office once they sign the National Letter of Intent or once the student-athlete has accepted an Offer of Admission from Minnesota Crookston.

Elijah Todd/RB/6-0 230/Toledo, Ohio/Dakota College at Bottineau

Todd played two seasons at Dakota College at Bottineau in Bottineau, N.D. He had a breakout year for the Lumberjacks in 2017 with 1,121 yards rushing on 112 attempts with 15 touchdowns. He averaged 6.9 yards per carry for the team. In 2016, he tallied 59 rushes for 350 yards with three touchdowns and fifth for rushing touchdowns. Todd was a First Team All-Region pick in 2017 and was named First Team All-MCAC. He earned Most Valuable Player for 2017. Todd was a two-time All-MCAC Player of the Week during the 2017 season. He competed at the prep level for

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Springfield High School in Holland, Ohio. He was a two-time Northern Lakes League MVP and two-time team Offensive MVP. As a senior, Todd was selected Second-Team All-District. He was a three-time Player of the Week honoree in high school. He had 15 touchdowns in his junior and senior seasons at Springfield High School and ran for over 1,500 yards.

He is the son of Ronald J. Todd, Jr. and Florentine A. Todd. Todd was born Nov. 21, 1995.

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#22 Kevin Evans
RB / 5' 10" / Junior

#4 Shavez Hawkins, Jr.
RB / 5' 9" / Freshman

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