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UMC Baseball Set for 2016 NSIC Baseball Tournament in St. Cloud May 11-14



Game Day
Wed., May 11 - 3 p.m.
(6) Minnesota Crookston vs. (3) St. Cloud State
Dick Putz Field, St. Cloud, Minn.
[Live Stats](#)
Radio - 1260 KROX AM/105.7 FM (Chris Fee, Play by Play)
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CROOKSTON, Minn. – The University of Minnesota Crookston baseball team will open up the 2016 Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) Baseball Tournament Wed., May 11 in St. Cloud, Minn. The tournament will run from Wed., May 11-Sat., May 14 at the St. Cloud Municipal Athletic Complex. Games for the tournament will be played at Joe Faber Field and Dick Putz Field. UMC will face St. Cloud State University in the first round at 3 p.m. at Putz Field.

Faber Field is a 2,000 seat stadium opened in 1998. The field is located right next to Dick Putz Field and is the home of St. Cloud State University baseball and the St. Cloud Rox of the Northwoods League.

Putz Field is a 2,200 seat stadium opened in 1971. It is the former home of the St. Cloud Rox and the St. Cloud River Bats. Along with Faber Field, it co-hosts the Minnesota State High School League Class AA state baseball tournament and the NSIC Tournament.

The Golden Eagles make their first trip to the NSIC Baseball since 2001. Minnesota Crookston finished the regular season with a 25-19 (18-11 NSIC) mark. Their overall and conference wins were program-bests for Minnesota Crookston. UMC earned the six-seed in the playoffs just two years removed from finishing with back-to-back one win seasons.

UMC has been led all year by their bats as they are hitting .306 on the season. The heart of the Golden Eagle order has been hard to get out this season. They have been led by [Reed Hjelle](#) (Fr., OF/1B, East Grand Forks, Minn.), who is hitting .381 with 36 runs scored, 13 doubles, six home runs and 35 RBI's. Senior [Ryan Haggstrom](#) (1B, Apple Valley, Minn.) has had a stand-out year, hitting .373 with 47 runs, five home runs and 43 RBI's. 6-5 Haggstrom and 5-6 [Kenny Perez](#) (Sr., DH/1B, Orlando, Fla.) have given fits to teams hitting back-to-back. Perez is batting .362 with 27 runs scored, 10 home runs and 47 RBI's.

On the mound, the Golden Eagles have looked to senior [Nolan Wahlberg](#) (RHP, Blaine, Minn.), who is leading the conference in wins with an 8-1 mark. He owns a 4.56 ERA in 75 innings pitched with 40 strikeouts. His fellow senior [Jarad Nelson](#) (Sr., RHP, Karlstad, Minn.) is 6-3 with a 4.55 ERA in 63.1 innings pitched.

Out of the bullpen look out for freshman closer [Zach Seipel](#) (RHP, Eagan, Minn.), who has had a great first season in the Maroon and Gold. Seipel is 2-1 with a 4.50 ERA with a league-leading 11 saves in 16 innings pitched.

The Golden Eagles will open up the tournament against St. Cloud State, their first meeting of the season. The Huskies finished as the three-seed with a 38-8 (23-8 NSIC) mark. The Huskies are currently ranked No. 3 in the nation and were No. 1 earlier in the season. St. Cloud State has one of the best pitching staffs in the league. They have been led by Sheldon Miks with a 7-1 mark and a 1.89 ERA in 71.1 innings pitched, while Reese Gregory is 4-0 with a 2.25 ERA in 32.0 innings pitched.

Out of the pen, St. Cloud State has looked to Logan Spitzack, who is 4-0 with a 1.66 ERA in 38.0 innings pitched.

At the plate, St. Cloud State is hitting .369 as a team. They are led by freshman Judd Davis, who is hitting .448 with 40 runs scored and 35 RBI's. Gregory has also been a great hitter for the Huskies, batting .430 with 43 runs scored, 18 home runs and 59 RBI's.

If the Golden Eagles win they will face the winner of Augustana University and Northern State University, while if they lose they will play the loser of the game. The winning bracket game will be played Thurs., May 12 at 12 p.m. at Dick Putz Field, while the losing bracket game will be played Wed., May 11 at 7 p.m. at Putz Field.

Augustana is 35-15 on the season. They come into the tournament as the second seed. The Vikings split with the Golden Eagles earlier this season with UMC winning one game 7-6 on April 27. Augustana has looked to Patrick O'Donnell, who is hitting .495 with 60 runs scored, 11 home runs and 62 RBI's, while Alex Fink is hitting .381 with 52 runs scored, eight home runs and 71 RBI's.

On the mound, Michael Letkewicz leads the Vikings with a 5-1 mark and a 3.84 ERA in 57.0 innings pitched.

Northern State just found their way into the playoffs by taking 3-of-4 from UMC last weekend. The Wolves are 21-22 on the season. Northern State looks to Jack Schmidt, who is hitting .459 with 43 runs scored and 38 RBI's.

On the mound, Nick Hoffard leads the Wolves with a 6-3 mark and a 3.70 ERA in 58.1 innings pitched.

Time	Game	Field	Teams	Live Stats / Results	B
Wednesday, May 11, 2016 Day 1 Photos					
11 a.m.	1	Faber Field	#8 Sioux Falls vs. #1 Minnesota Duluth	Live Stats	E
11 a.m.	2	Dick Putz	#5 Concordia-St. Paul vs. #4 Minnesota State Mankato	Live Stats	E
3 p.m.	3	Faber Field	#7 Northern State vs. #2 Augustana	Live Stats	E
3 p.m.	4	Dick Putz	#6 Minnesota Crookston vs. #3 St. Cloud State	Live Stats	E
7 p.m.	5	Faber Field	Loser Game 1 vs Loser Game 2	Live Stats	E
7 p.m.	6	Dick Putz	Loser Game 3 vs Loser Game 4	Live Stats	E
Thursday, May 12, 2016					
12 p.m.	7	Faber Field	Winner Game 1 vs Winner Game 2	Live Stats	E
12 p.m.	8	Dick Putz	Winner Game 3 vs Winner Game 4	Live Stats	E
4 p.m.	9	Faber Field	Winner Game 5 vs Loser Game 8	Live Stats	E
4 p.m.	10	Dick Putz	Winner Game 6 vs Loser Game 7	Live Stats	E
Friday, May 13, 2016					
12 p.m.	11	Faber Field	Winner Game 7 vs Winner Game 8	Live Stats	E
3:30 p.m.	12	Faber Field	Winner Game 9 vs Winner Game 10	Live Stats	E
7 p.m.	13	Faber Field	Winner Game 12 vs Loser Game 11	Live Stats	E
Saturday, May 14, 2016					
12 p.m.	14	Faber Field	Winner Game 11 vs Winner Game 13	Live Stats	E
3:30 p.m.	15	Faber Field	If necessary (same teams as in Game 14)		

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PLAYERS MENTIONED

#8 Ryan Haggstrom 1B / 6' 5" / Senior / R	#4 Jarad Nelson RHP / 5' 10" / Senior / R
#29 Kenny Perez DH/1B / 5' 6" / Senior / R	#32 Nolan Wahlberg RHP / 6' 6" / Senior / R
#33 Reed Hjelle 1B/OF / 6' 2" / Freshman / R	#21 Zach Seipel RHP/C / 6' 3" / Freshman / R

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