

## REED MILLER

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# Minnesota Crookston Signs Wisconsin Prep Reed Miller to NLI



**CROOKSTON, Minn.** – The University of Minnesota Crookston men's basketball program announced the signing of Reed Miller (G/F, 6-6 205, Appleton, Wis./Kimberly H.S.) to a National Letter of Intent. Miller is the third signee for the Golden Eagles. He joins Quintin Winterfeldt (G, 6-4 195, Waupun, Wis./Waupun H.S.) and Tyrese Shines (G, 6-3 190, La Grange, Ill./Lyons Township H.S.).

"I am very excited to welcome Reed Miller to our basketball family," said Head Coach [Dan Weisse](#). "Reed fits what we are looking for in a player on the floor and off. He can step out on the perimeter and shoot, and also is a very good passer. In addition, Reed is also improving his ability to put the ball on the floor and drive. He has a high basketball IQ, and has the ability to guard multiple positions. Reed is also just a great person that will benefit our program and our university, as a whole. I am excited to coach Reed for the next four years."

Miller gives the Golden Eagles great versatility on the wing with his size and length and ability to shoot. He joins a wing position that currently includes [Malcolm Cohen](#) (R-Jr., G/F, Detroit, Mich.), [Brian Sitzmann](#) (R-Fr., G, Savage, Minn.) and [Demarion Bariffe-Smith](#) (Fr., G/F, Skokie, Ill.), for next year. Minnesota Crookston will have to replace a key player on the wing with the graduation of [Chase Knickerbocker](#) (Sr., G/F, Annandale, Minn.), who is averaging 11.8 points and 4.0 rebounds per game. Miller helps address that need for the Golden Eagles.

Miller joins a strong group of players from the state of Wisconsin that includes fellow signee Winterfeldt, [Harrison Cleary](#) (Jr., G, Oak Creek, Wis.), [Chase Johnson](#) (R-So., F, La Crosse, Wis.), [Sergio Nanu](#) (Fr., F/C, Kenosha, Wis.), and [Joey Meyer](#) (R-Fr., F/C, Shullsburg, Wis.). The Golden Eagles also have [Cable Smith](#) (R-Sr., F/C, Lodi, Wis.), who will graduate at the conclusion of this year. Smith is the defending NSIC Defensive Player of the Year, along with the all-time leading rebounder in Minnesota Crookston history. The Golden Eagles have continued to make strides in Wisconsin with strong connections to the basketball community in the Badger State. Coach Weisse (Oshkosh), along with assistant coaches [Bryan Beamish](#) (Wisconsin Rapids), and [Krayton Nash](#) (Mequon), are all natives of Wisconsin.

The commitment to Wisconsin goes in line with Weisse's commitment to finding the best players in the region. The Golden Eagles currently are made up of players from Minnesota (5), Wisconsin (5), North Dakota (1), Illinois (1), Iowa (1), and Michigan (1). They only have one player from outside the Midwest region in [Javier Nicolau](#) (Jr., F/C, Castellon, Spain).

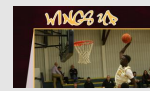
Minnesota Crookston is currently off to their best start in the program's 20 years as a NCAA Division II affiliate, as they are 4-1 entering their final week of non-conference play. Weisse and the Golden Eagles have built a strong roster over his five seasons in Crookston. The Golden Eagles currently have eight upperclassmen on their roster, but they also have a strong core of young talent with seven freshmen and sophomores.

Minnesota Crookston is set to graduate five seniors following the 2017-18 season, including reigning NSIC Defensive Player of the Year [Cable Smith](#) (R-Sr., F/C, Lodi, Wis.). The Golden Eagles also lose [Knickerbocker](#), [Darin Viken](#) (Sr., G, Fosston, Minn.), [Josh Collins](#) (Sr., F, Minneapolis, Minn.), and [Aaron Hollcraft](#) (Sr., G, Crookston, Minn.).

### Reed Miller (G/F, 6-6 205, Appleton, Wis./Kimberly H.S.)

Miller recently made the move to Kimberly High School after competing for Marshfield High School for his freshman, sophomore, and junior campaigns. Miller was a Second team All-Wisconsin Valley Conference selection as a junior. He averaged 12.0 points, 6.2 rebounds, and 3.0 assists per game for Marshfield High School as a junior. As a sophomore, Miller notched 8.0 points, 4.0 rebounds, and 2.0 assists per game. Miller shot 39.1 percent from three-point range during his junior campaign. He helped Marshfield High School to the WIAA

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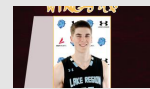
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Miller was born Dec. 24, 2000. He is the son of Jay and Sarah Bennett, and Evan and Michelle Miller. Miller is undecided on his major. Miller has lived in Steven Point, Wis., Des Moines, Iowa, La Crosse, Wis., and Marshfield, Wis., before moving to Appleton, Wis. His step-dad Jay Bennett played basketball at Wisconsin-Stevens Point. His uncle Nick Bennett also played collegiately at Wisconsin-Stevens Point. His grandfather Jack Bennett ended his career as a coach at Wisconsin-Stevens Point as the all-time winningest coach in program history. Jack Bennett helped the Pointers to five NCAA Tournaments, including back-to-back NCAA Division III National Championships. His great uncle Dick Bennett coached basketball for the University of Wisconsin and Washington State University. Bennett helped his teams to 12 NCAA Division I Tournaments, including the NCAA Division I Final Four in 2000. His second cousin Kathi Bennett has coached women's basketball at University of Evansville, Indiana University, and Northern Illinois University. His other second cousin Tony Bennett played in the NBA for the Charlotte Hornets and is currently the head coach at University of Virginia, and was previously the coach at Washington State. Tony Bennett is a two-time Naismith College Coach of the Year and AP National Coach of the Year. He has helped his team to 18 NCAA Division I National Tournaments.

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**#0 Harrison Cleary**

G / 6' 1" / Sophomore

**#21 Chase Johnson**

F / 6' 8" / Sophomore

**#24 Gable Smith**

F / 6' 7" / Redshirt Junior

**#14 Brian Sitzmann**

G / 6' 4" / Freshman

**#12 Malcolm Cohen**

G/F / 6' 6" / Junior

**#22 Aaron Hollcraft**

G / 6' 0" / Junior

**#25 Chase Knickerbocker**

G/F / 6' 7" / Junior

**#13 Darin Viken**

G / 6' 1" / Junior

**#20 Joey Meyer**

F/C / 6' 8" / Freshman

**#44 Javier Nicolau**

F/C / 6' 10" / Sophomore



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