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Golden Eagles Hit The Road to Take On No. 8 MSU Moorhead and Northern State



CROOKSTON, Minn. - The University of Minnesota Crookston men's basketball team will hit the road this weekend to take on No. 8 Minnesota State University Moorhead Fri., Jan. 23 at 8 p.m. and Northern State University Sat., Jan. 24 at 7 p.m.

GAME NOTES

The Golden Eagles are 6-10 (4-8 NSIC) on the season, while MSU Moorhead comes into the weekend with a 20-1 (11-1 NSIC) mark and a No. 8 national ranking. Northern State is 15-3 (9-3 NSIC). The Dragons and Wolves come into the weekend as the top two teams in the NSIC North.

On Tap For This Weekend

Fri., Jan. 23
Minnesota Crookston at MSU Moorhead • 8 p.m. • Alex Nemzek Fieldhouse • Moorhead, Minn.

Live Stats: <http://web.mnstate.edu/livestats/basketball/xlive.htm>

Live Video: <http://portalstretchinternet.com/msum/>

Radio: 1260 KROX AM (Matt Bishop, Play by Play)

Sat. Jan. 24

Minnesota Crookston at #15 Northern State • 7 p.m. • Barnett Center • Crookston, Minn.

Live Stats: <http://sidearmstats.com/northern/mbball/>

Live Video: <http://portalstretchinternet.com/northern/>

Radio: 1260 KROX AM (Matt Bishop, Play by Play)

#COMINGINTOISOWN

UMC senior point guard is averaging 11.1 points and 4.1 rebounds over the last seven games for the Golden Eagles as he has really come into his own. Prior to the last seven games, the New Ulm native was averaging just 6.7 points and 3.1 rebounds per game. Larson tallied 15 points against Concordia-St. Paul and versus St. Cloud State.

11.1 POINTS/GAME OVER LAST 7 GAMES

4.1 REBOUNDS/GAME OVER LAST 7 GAMES



14 KEVIN LARSON

#OFFTHEBENCH

UMC senior guard Tim Lubke is averaging 8.3 points per game off the bench for the Golden Eagles over the last 10 games. Lubke, who was known as a shooter for his first three seasons with UMC, has transitioned his game this year. Lubke was averaging just 4.5 points per game for UMC in the first six games of the season.

8.3 POINTS/GAME OVER LAST 10 GAMES



24 TIM LUBKE

#FREETHROWWOES

UMC has struggled from the charity stripe of late. The Golden Eagles got to the line just 17 times in the last three games. UMC is 38-of-60 in their last six games for 63.3 percent. Opponents got to the line 55 times in the last three games, but did struggle, hitting just 41.8 percent.

#DJ

Derrick Redd, Jr. is averaging 13.3 points per game over the last seven games for the Golden Eagles. Redd is one of the keys for the Golden Eagles, scoring an average of 16.2 points per game in UMC's wins this season. The junior is averaging 12.5 points and 4.1 rebounds on the season.

13.3 POINTS/GAME OVER LAST 7 GAMES

16.2 POINTS/GAME IN UMC WINS



10 DERRICK REDD, JR.

#TYWEST

The other key to UMC's success has been Tyler West, Jr. The senior forward is averaging 16.1 points and 10.2 rebounds in UMC's wins this season. West has three double-doubles on the season and has notched four double-figure rebounding performances. He is averaging 10.8 points and 7.6 rebounds per game on the season.

16.1 POINTS/GAME IN UMC WINS

10.2 REBOUNDS/GAME IN UMC WINS



32 TYLER WEST, JR.

#AGAINSTMORHEAD

UMC Head Coach Dan Weisse will reunite with Chad Walthall and MSU Moorhead his former employer. Weisse was an assistant coach at MSU Moorhead over the last three seasons before getting the head coaching job for the Golden Eagles, helping to lay the ground work for the success the Dragons have had this season, as they are currently ranked No. 8 in the nation.

#5STORYLINES

1. Can the Golden Eagles snap their 2015 struggles, as they are just 1-5 in the new year?
2. Will Derrick Redd, Jr. and Tyler West, Jr. be major factors against MSU Moorhead and Northern State?
3. Will Kevin Larson continue his strong play as of late?
4. Can Dan Weisse find success against his former employer?
5. Can the Golden Eagles get to the charity stripe after struggling to do so in the previous three games?

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