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UMC Men's Basketball Hosts Minnesota Duluth and St. Cloud State in Weekend Contests



CROOKSTON, Minn. - The University of Minnesota Crookston men's basketball team will open up their Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) home slate as they host the University of Minnesota Duluth Dec. 5 at 8 p.m. and St. Cloud State University Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. at Lysaker Gymnasium in Crookston, Minn. The Golden Eagles come into the weekend with a 2-3 (0-1 NSIC) mark. UMD enters Friday with a 3-4 (0-1 NSIC) record, while St. Cloud State is 4-2 (1-0 NSIC) on the season.

On Tap For This Weekend Fri., Dec. 5

Minnesota Duluth at Minnesota Crookston • 8 p.m. • Lysaker Gymnasium • Crookston, Minn.

Live Stats: <http://www.sidearmstats.com/umcrookston/mbball/>

Live Video: <http://client.stretchinternet.com/client/crk.portal/#>

Sat. Dec. 6

St. Cloud State at Minnesota Crookston • 6 p.m. • Lysaker Gymnasium • Crookston, Minn.

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#UMCMBBNOTES

#WEGOWEST

UMC senior forward Tyler West, Jr. has come on strong of late for the Golden Eagles. West is averaging 15 points and 10.7 rebounds over the last three games for the Golden Eagles. West's breakout game was against Crossroads College, where he had 26 points and 18 rebounds. West will be a crucial factor for the Golden Eagles and the amount of success they are able to have this season.

15 POINTS/GAME OVER LAST THREE GAMES

10.7 REBOUNDS/GAME OVER LAST THREE GAMES



32 TYLER WEST, JR.

#CHANNELINGTHEEXHIBITIONS

Two of UMC's best showings this season came in their exhibitions against NCAA Division I opponents. The Golden Eagles held close to University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for much of the game before falling 75-54 and then nearly upset North Dakota State 64-63. Between the two games, UMC shot 35.9 percent from the field and an amazing 50 percent from beyond the arc, averaging 10 three-pointers a game between the two games. In their five games that have counted, UMC is shooting 35.4 percent from the field but just 23.7 percent from three. They are averaging just 4.4 treys per game in the five regular-season games.

10 THREES PER GAME IN DIVISION I EXHIBITIONS

50.0 PERCENT FROM THREE IN THOSE GAMES

#SEEKINGFIRSTNSICWIN

UMC head coach Dan Weisse is seeking his first NSIC win as a head coach. Weisse was an assistant for three seasons for MSU Moorhead before coming over to UMC for the 2014-15 season. Weisse is 2-3 overall coming into the weekend. The Golden Eagles lost their first NSIC game of the season 78-50 to Bemidji State.



DAN WEISSE

2014-15 - UMC - Head Coach

2011-14 - MSU Moorhead - Assistant Coach

2007-11 - North Dakota State - Director of Operations

2005-07 - Middle Tennessee - Graduate Assistant

#SWEETLOU

UMC senior guard Lucas Reller has worked his way into the line-up recently, earning starts in the last two games. Reller adds strong defense to the starting-lineup, while also averaging 9 points over the last three games. Reller will look to build upon the last three games as the Golden Eagles head into games against UMD and St. Cloud State this weekend.



2 LUCAS RELER

9 POINTS/GAME OVER LAST THREE FOR GOLDEN EAGLES

#DJ

UMC junior guard Derrick Redd, Jr. has led the way for all Golden Eagle players this season, averaging 11.6 points and 5.6 rebounds per game. Redd's strongest game came against Jamestown with 22 points on 7-of-10 shooting from the field and 3-of-3 from beyond the arc. Redd has become more of a threat from beyond the arc this season, shooting 46.2 percent from three for the Golden Eagles. Last season, Redd was also a 46.2 three-point shooter but he attempted just 26 threes on the season. Redd has already attempted 13 three-pointers through five games.

11.6 POINTS/GAME THIS SEASON

46.2 PERCENT FROM THREE



10 DERRICK REDD, JR.

#SSTORYLINES

1. Can the Golden Eagles shut down the posts (Brett Ervin and James Fort) for UMD and St. Cloud State?
2. Can Tyler West, Jr. be an impact in both the scoring column and on the glass?
3. Can the Golden Eagles get production from beyond the arc?
4. Will Derrick Redd be a major factor for the Golden Eagles. He struggled against Bemidji State, but played strong in the last two non-conference games?
5. UMC is averaging just 59.4 points per game and giving up 75.4 points to their opponents. Can they tally more points and defensively shut down UMD and St. Cloud State?

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