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Minnesota Crookston Selected 12th in NSIC Women's Tennis Preseason Coaches' Poll



BURNSVILLE, Minn. – The University of Minnesota Crookston women's tennis team was picked to finish 12th in the NSIC Women's Tennis Preseason Poll released Thurs., Jan. 31 by the conference office.

The Golden Eagles received 12 points in the poll, they were slotted behind Southwest Minnesota State University in 11th place. Augustana University was picked to win the conference with 121 points and 11 first-place votes. Minnesota State University Moorhead received one first-place vote and notched 111 points.

Kornelia Staniszewska of Augustana was selected as the NSIC Preseason Player of the Year.

Minnesota Crookston is slated to open the season Feb. 5 at 5 p.m. at Bemidji State University at the Gillett Wellness Center in Bemidji, Minn. The Golden Eagles went 0-13 last season. [Reanne Erickson](#) (Sr., Fargo, N.D.) is the team's NSIC Player to Watch. Erickson played at No. 2 singles last season and was 1-12 at No. 1 doubles with the now-graduated [Whitney Erickson](#). The Golden Eagles also return [Tori Koch](#) (Sr., Bemidji, Minn.), [Karli Renney](#) (So., Detroit Lakes, Minn.), [Hanna Ruckheim](#) (Jr., Parkers Prairie, Minn.), and [Hannah Zhao](#) (Sr., Guangzhou, China). [Ashley Smith](#) (Fr., Staples, Minn.) and [Diane Cilengi](#) (Jr., Johannesburg, South Africa) are in their first years competing for the Golden Eagles. Minnesota Crookston is in their second year under Head Coach [Krayton Nash](#) as they commence the 2019 slate.

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PLAYERS MENTIONED

Reanne Erickson
Junior

Hanna Ruckheim
Sophomore

Diane Cilengi
Sophomore

Karli Renney
Freshman

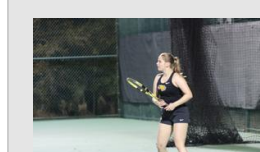
Tori Koch
Junior

Hannah Zhao
Junior

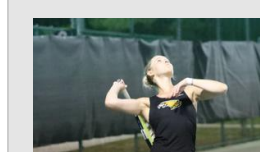
Whitney Erickson
Senior

Ashley Smith
Freshman

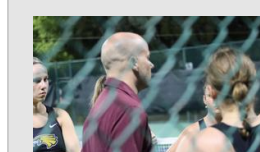
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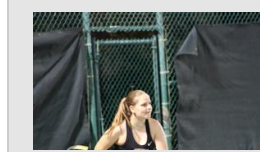
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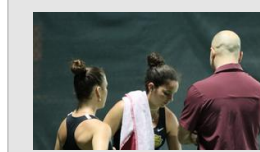
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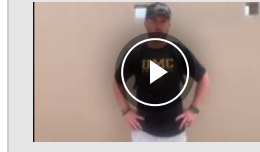
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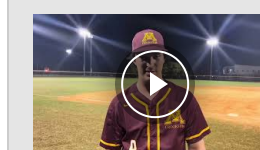
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