

News Release

Golden Eagles Put Scare into #8 Mustangs

By Mitch Bakken on Saturday, October 6, 2007

(Crookston, Minn.)- The University of Minnesota, Crookston women's volleyball team matched up against the #8 ranked Mustangs from Southwest Minnesota State University at Lysaker Gymnasium tonight. After losing in three last night to Wayne State College, the team was looking to turn over a new leaf against a ranked opponent. The Golden Eagles dropped game one 30-22, but came out and won the second game in a nail biter 31-29. UMC could not hold off the Mustangs firepower and lost the next two games by the same score of 30-19. SMSU used consistent attacking and out-killed UMC 65-43 in the match.

Heather Foreman (Jr. OH, Brandon, Manitoba) led the Golden Eagles in kills with 12 and recorded 14 digs in the match. Katie Bonine (Fr. OH, Cottage Grove, Minn.) chalked up an impressive 11 kills, 15 digs, and two service aces. Jaclyn Slepicka (So. Lib, Crystal Lake, IL.) led the team in digs with 19 and tallied one service ace. Defensively, the Golden Eagles out blocked the Mustangs 14-5 in the match. Amber Meyer (Fr., MH, Paxton, Neb.) knocked down six assisted blocks and two solo blocks. Allison Zajicek (Jr., MH, Beatrice, Neb.) stuffed Mustang attackers with six assisted blocks and one solo block.

Erin Contons led the Mustangs with 16 kills and 23 digs. Laura Hegerle recorded 13 kills and close behind was Leah Ashburn and Tricia Ingvalson with 12 kills a piece. Setter Sara Graf assisted on 55 SMSU kills.

The University of Minnesota, Crookston now has a team record of 4-16, and is 2-8 in the NSIC. The Mustangs are now 18-4 on the season, and an impressive 9-1 in the NSIC. The Golden Eagles will play next against Northern State at home on October 12. Game time is set for 7:00 p.m.

For more information, visit the Golden Eagle Athletics website at: www.goldeneaglesports.com

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