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68 Minnesota Crookston 8-14, 5-11 NSIC
74 Concordia-St. Paul 4-18, 3-13 NSIC

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Minnesota Crookston	32	36	68
Concordia-St. Paul	36	38	74

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Shooting Woes Plague Minnesota Crookston in 74-68 Loss to Concordia-St. Paul



ST. PAUL, Minn. - The University of Minnesota Crookston men's basketball team made a late charge but fell 74-68 Sat., Jan. 27 to Concordia University, St. Paul. The Golden Eagles have struggled to close out late games as they have had eight-straight losses, six of which they have lost by 10 or less points.

Minnesota Crookston falls to 8-14 (5-11 NSIC) with Saturday's loss. Concordia-St. Paul improved to 4-18 (3-13 NSIC) with the victory. The Golden Eagles are in sixth place in the NSIC North, just behind University of Minnesota Duluth, a team they have beaten twice.

The Golden Eagles looked to [Harrison Cleary](#) (So., G, Oak Creek, Wis.), the conference's leading scorer. Cleary averaged an impressive 36.5 points on the weekend after recording his career-high 46 points Friday against Minnesota State University. [Ben Juhl](#) (Fr., G, Clive, Iowa) added 12 points on 3-of-9 from the field and 5-of-6 from the charity stripe. [Josh Collins](#) (Jr., F, Minneapolis, Minn.) added eight points, as did [Darin Viken](#) (Jr., G, Fosston, Minn.). [Alan Hodge, Jr.](#) (Jr., G, Dallas, Texas) added six points, while [Cable Smith](#) (R-Jr., F, Lodi, Wis.) had five points, seven rebounds, four blocks and three steals.

Minnesota Crookston struggled from the Golden Eagles were just 6-of-25 from the well from the charity stripe where they

Concordia-St. Paul looked to a big night Matthews was 5-of-9 from the foul line. Evan Ward added 13 points on 4-of-11 from the field. Evan Wesenberg came off the bench for nine points and

The Golden Bears shot 28-of-49 from the field for 57.1 percent. They were 5-of-11 from beyond the arc for 45.5

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Team Statistics

	UMC	CSP
FG%	.358	.571
3FG%	.240	.455
FT%	.923	.684
RB	25	30
TO	10	17
STL	9	6

Game Leaders

Scoring ▾

#00 Cleary, Harrison

PTS 27	FGM 9
3FGM 3	FTM 6
MIN 40	

#02 Juhl, Ben

PTS 12	FGM 3
3FGM 1	FTM 5
MIN 40	

#13 Viken, Darin

PTS 8	FGM 2
3FGM 2	FTM 2
MIN 16	

#30 Collins, Josh

PTS 8	FGM 2
3FGM 0	FTM 4
MIN 24	

Players Mentioned

- #0 Harrison Cleary**
G / 6' 1" / Sophomore
- #10 Gabrys Sadaunykas**
C/F / 6' 4" / Redshirt Freshman
- #24 Gable Smith**
F / 6' 7" / Redshirt Junior
- #13 Darin Viken**
G / 6' 1" / Junior
- #2 Ben Juhl**
G / 6' 1" / Freshman
- #1 Alan Hodge, Jr.**
G / 6' 0" / Junior
- #30 Josh Collins**
F / 6' 6" / Junior

percent and 13-of-19 from the foul line for 68.4 percent.

Minnesota Crookston forced 17 turnovers, but had just 17 points off those turnovers.

Concordia-St. Paul won the rebounding edge 30-25 led by six boards from Max Keefe and six from Wesenberg.

The Golden Bears got out to a quick 6-3 lead following a Matthews old-fashioned three-point play. Minnesota Crookston was able to pull within 6-5 on a Collins jumper. Concordia-St. Paul responded with a 5-0 run as they took the 10-5 lead following a Matthews jumper. Minnesota Crookston pulled within 10-6 as Smith hit 1-of-2 from the foul line. The Golden Bears responded with a 5-0 run as they extended their lead to 15-6 with 12:37 left in the half. The Golden Eagles would be able to pull within six points as Juhl dropped in a three-pointer to cut the lead to 15-9. Concordia-St. Paul extended their advantage as they used an 8-2 run to move their lead to 23-11. Minnesota Crookston did not throw in the towel as they responded with a 10-0 run led by six points from Cleary to pull within 23-21. The Golden Eagles would fight off the Golden Eagles as they moved to a six-point lead at 34-28 following a Ward bucket. Minnesota Crookston ended the half on a 5-0 run as Viken knocked down a triple and Juhl hit 1-of-2 from the line to pull within 34-32.

Minnesota Crookston looked to 14 first-half points from Cleary on 4-of-9 from the field. Viken added five points off the bench, while Collins and Juhl each had four.

The Golden Eagles shot 7-of-24 from the field for 29.2 percent in the first half. Minnesota Crookston was just 4-of-13 for 30.8 percent from beyond the arc and 14-of-16 from the stripe for 87.5 percent.

Concordia-St. Paul was paced by 16 points from Matthews on 7-of-10 from the field. Newsome added eight points, while Ward added four.

The Golden Bears shot 16-of-23 for 69.6 percent as they had a great offensive half. Concordia-St. Paul was 1-of-2 from beyond the arc for 50.0 percent and 3-of-6 from the foul line.

Minnesota Crookston pulled within 36-34 early in the second half with a Juhl free throw. The Golden Bears countered with a 5-0 run led by a Keefe three-pointer to extend their lead to 41-34. The Golden Eagles came back with a 6-2 run as they cut the lead to 43-40 with 15:52 left in the game. Concordia-St. Paul came back with a 7-2 run to push their lead to 50-42. Minnesota Crookston would get baskets from Juhl and Cleary to pull back within 50-46 with 9:16 left in the game.

Concordia-St. Paul came right back and used a 6-0 run with back-to-back triples as they moved their advantage to 56-46. The Golden Bears moved their advantage to 59-48 with a Matthews triple. The Golden Bears would lead 62-50 following a Matthews bucket with 5:06 left in the game.

Minnesota Crookston did not give in down 12 as they used a 9-0 run to pull within 62-59 led by four points from Cleary and a Viken triple. Concordia-St. Paul moved their lead back out to 67-62 after a Wesenberg old-fashioned three-point play. Minnesota Crookston cut the lead to 67-64 on a Cleary basket, but the Golden Bears came back with a Ward bucket to make it 69-64. The Golden Eagles cut the lead back down to three at 69-66 as [Gabrys Sadaunykas](#) (R-Fr., G/F, Vilnius, Lithuania) hit a pair from the line. After a miss from Matthews, Wesenberg got the put-back to move the lead for the Golden Bears to 71-66. Concordia-St. Paul moved their lead to 73-66 as Ward hit a pair of free throws with 25.7 seconds remaining. The Golden Bears would hang on for the win 74-68 despite the late charge.

Minnesota Crookston will return to play Fri., Feb. 2 against Augustana University at 8 p.m. at Lysaker Gymnasium.

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