



Minnesota Crookston Women's Soccer Announces Four Additions in Signing Class

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CROOKSTON, Minn.— The University of Minnesota Crookston women's soccer team announced the signing of four student-athletes to National Letters of Intent. The Golden Eagles have added Teyettin Brodzinski (D, S-F, Veim, Wash./Veim H.S.), Sarah Burgum (F, S-10, Mandan, N.D./Mandan H.S.), Uda Kimba (DM, S-5, Rock Island, Ill./Rock Island H.S.), and Britney Le (MF, 4-10, Lincoln, Neb./Lincoln East H.S.).

"I'm excited to welcome the four new additions to our program," said Head Coach [Dale Halffapp](#). "They are the start of a very exciting and talented class for us. We have a great group here already and now we're able to start building on that. These four players have already benefited so well into the group we have here. We've taken our time with this group as we're very careful how we're building the program. These players will come in and improve us right away from a talent perspective but furthermore, they'll come in and be a part of this team and program moving forward. We talk about how important the mental side of this is and we feel like we've got a great group of incoming players that will help push us closer to where we want to be. Our culture and team identity is so important and we believe in that aspect above all else here and these four players have not only bought into that idea but will improve us in all of those areas."

The quarter of signees address need areas for the Golden Eagles and also just overall strengthen the squad heading into the 2022 season. UMN Crookston was able to find a mix of regional talent (Kimba, Le, and Burgum), with national talent (Brodzinski).

The four signees will join a young core of Golden Eagles who improved throughout the 2021 season. The Golden Eagles had six freshmen and three sophomores on the 2021 roster. All nine players are slated to return. UMN Crookston graduates only one player from this seasons roster, [Gabriella Pizzo](#) (Sr., D, Beaverlton, Ore.). UMN Crookston is led by their young core, including [Dana Halbach](#) (Fr., D, Hartford, S.D.), who became the program's first all-conference player since Samantha Deaton in 2008, earning All-NSIC Second Team accolades. The Golden Eagles also return scoring leaders [Alyssa Peterson](#) (Fr., F, White Bear Lake, Minn.) and [Kaitlyn Lovelace](#) (Fr., F, De Soto, Kan.) in net. UMN Crookston had two underclassmen left time with [Emma Scheraga](#) (Fr., GK, Plymouth, Mich.) and [Alyssa Pizzo](#) (So., GK, Chicago City, Minn.).

In addition to a young core, UMN Crookston will be led in 2022 by upperclassmen [Bryan Bagnard](#) (Dr. GVD, Corcoran, Minn.), [Alyssa Peterson](#) (Dr. DMF, Winnipeg, Manitoba), [Laplatka](#), and [Alyssa Peterson](#) (Dr. D, St. Charles, Mo.).

The student-athletes listed as having signed a National Letter of Intent or Offer of Admission to play women's soccer at the University of Minnesota Crookston have been verified by the Minnesota Crookston compliance office once they sign the National Letter of Intent or once the student-athlete has accepted an Offer of Admission for Minnesota Crookston.

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Teyettin Brodzinski (D, S-F, Veim, Wash./Veim H.S.)

Brodzinski competed for Veim H.S., and played club soccer for OL Reign Academy. She helped her club team to the M. Hood Challenge Championships and 2019. They won the NSL League Championships in 2020. In 2020, they were a PSL National Premier League State Cup finalist. During 2021, her team was the Midland Beaverlton Cup Champion. She was a PSL National Academy selection in 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022. She is a Veim H.S. FFA landscape design winner and landscape installation winner in 2019. She was the Thurston County Fair landscape champion in 2019.

She is the daughter of Brian and Kristin Brodzinski. Brodzinski plans to major in horticulture and turf management at UMN Crookston. Her relative Ryan Jacoby plays football at the University of Pittsburgh.

"Teyettin and I hit it off right away," Halffapp stated. "Things just clicked from the start and it just got better. Her positivity, attitude, and energy is unbelievable! From a teammate standpoint, it was an incredible fit. Her desire to help this program will be unmatched."

Teyettin is an incredibly talented player. She can play in quite a few roles for us, so my challenge will be putting her in a place where she helps us most. She is really good on the ball. She deals with pressure very well and doesn't get rattled into making poor decisions. She's a great ball winner and can flip into attack very quickly. She likes to go forward with pace which is exactly what I'm looking for. The easy part is, on the ball she reads even more. She reads the game really well and will bring a lot of tactical flexibility to our team. I'm very excited to welcome Teyettin to Golden Eagle Nation!"



Sarah Burgum (F, S-10, Mandan, N.D./Mandan H.S.)

Burgum competed on the soccer pitch for Mandan H.S. In addition, she was the third female kicker on the football team in five years for Mandan H.S. Burgum was a Second Team All-State soccer player. She earned WDAA Academic All-Conference in both soccer and field hockey. During 2021, her team was the Midland Beaverlton Cup Champion. She was a PSL National Academy selection in 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022. She is a Veim H.S. FFA landscape design winner and landscape installation winner in 2019. She was the Thurston County Fair landscape champion in 2019.

She is the daughter of Barb and Corey Burgum. She plans to major in exercise science and wellness. Her twin brother Lucas plans to play baseball at Alexandria Technical and Community College. She is a member of the National Honor Society.

"I've liked Sarah's game for quite a while," Halffapp said. "She's someone I identified early in this class and have been talking to for quite some time. We've built a great relationship and I'm really excited to work with her."

Sarah has a great feel for where the goal is and can score in a variety of ways. She's a slicked worker on the field and brings a good energy to the game. She's a team first player and that will be evident as soon as she steps on the field for us. I'm excited she's joining the Nest!"



Uda Kimba (DM, S-5, Rock Island, Ill./Rock Island H.S.)

Kimba was a Western Big 8 All-Conference pick as a junior at Rock Island H.S. She also competed in club soccer for the Muscatine Soccer Club.

"Uda plays the game with such joy and passion that it's infectious," Halffapp remarked. "She's a high energy player that has an incredible engine. She's a great athlete on top of that. She can and will play in multiple spots on the field for us."

Uda has a great sense of what we're doing here and her personality will make us stronger right away. Another team first player that will work incredibly hard for her teammates. Our players will really enjoy playing alongside her! I'm so happy and excited that Uda will be part of Golden Eagle Nation!"



Britney Le (MF, 4-10, Lincoln, Neb./Lincoln East H.S.)

She played high school soccer for Lincoln East H.S. and club soccer for Gelma Elite Academy.

Her full name is Giann Britney Le. She is the daughter of An and Cam Le. She plans to major in marketing at UMN Crookston.

"Britney stood out for me in our first conversation," Halffapp stated. "She has a great personality and desire to be a part of what we're doing here. She instantly took to our current group of players and that is fully appreciated."

On the field Britney is a dynamic attacking player that can break down teams in a variety of ways. Her movement is really good and she's comfortable on the ball. She can play as a number ten as well as out on the wing. She's incredibly very smart and will have a really good impact for us going forward. We're very excited that Britney is joining the Nest!"

