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UMC Baseball Wraps Up Regular-Season at Home Against Northern State



CROOKSTON, Minn. – The University of Minnesota Crookston baseball team will wrap up the 2016 season at home Fri., May 6 and Sat., May 7 with a four-game series against Northern State University. The Golden Eagles will take on the Wolves at 2 and 4:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at UMC Baseball Field.

The weekend will also mark Senior weekend for the Golden Eagles as they honor 12 seniors who have meant a lot to program, as they have helped usher in a new era of UMC baseball. [Colt Trebesch](#) (Sr., RHP/3B, Glencoe, Minn.), [Luke Thoma](#) (Sr., RHP, Little Falls, Minn.), [Jarad Nelson](#) (Sr., RHP, Karlstad, Minn.), [Dalton Parks](#) (Sr., OF, West Valley City, Utah), [Ryan Haggstrom](#) (Sr., 1B, Apple Valley, Minn.), [Timothy Scott, Jr.](#) (Sr., OF, Macon, Ga.), [Thomas Kinsella](#) (Sr., 2B, North Branch, Minn.), [Trevor Buttermore](#) (Sr., RHP, North St. Paul, Minn.), Marcus Campbell (Sr., RHP, St. Croix Falls, Wis.), [Colton Haight](#) (Sr., C/OF, Rogers, Minn.), [Kenny Perez](#) (Sr., DH, Orlando, Fla.) and [Nolan Wahlberg](#) (Sr., RHP, Blaine, Minn.) will all play their last games on their home field on Saturday. They will be honored between games Friday. In addition, Wahlberg, Thoma, Haggstrom, Buttermore, Campbell and Haight will be presented as graduates of UMC during Saturday's games.

Minnesota Crookston enters the weekend with a 24-16 (17-8 NSIC) mark on the season. The Golden Eagles have already set records for conference wins and overall wins. In addition, on Wednesday they clinched their first NSIC Tournament playoff berth since 2001. UMC has undergone one of the biggest turnarounds in all of college baseball as they had back-to-back seasons in 2013 and 2014.

The Golden Eagles are currently in fifth place in the NSIC standings. UMC can still finish as high as first if all of the cards fall in place. They can also finish as low as seventh in the standings. The NSIC Baseball Tournament will begin Wed., May 11 in St. Cloud, Minn., with games at Faber Field and Dick Putz Field. The tournament is a double elimination eight-team tournament running from May 11-14.

Minnesota Crookston has been led on the season by Haggstrom, who has had a great senior year, hitting .388 with a team-high 44 runs scored. He is second on the team with 37 RBI's. Haggstrom recently reached 200 hits, becoming the first player in school history to do so. In addition to Haggstrom, [Reed Hjelle](#) (Fr., OF/1B, East Grand Forks, Minn.) is batting .378 on the year with 34 runs scored, 13 doubles and 29 RBI's. Perez enters Friday batting .367 with 24 runs scored, a team-high eight home runs and 44 RBI's.

On the mound, UMC has looked to their senior class. Wahlberg leads the team with an 8-1 mark and a 4.24 ERA. He is tied for first for wins with eight this season. [Jarad Nelson](#) (Sr., RHP, Karlstad, Minn.) had also had a stand-out season with a 6-2 mark and a 4.32 ERA in 58.1 innings pitched. Out of the bullpen, [Zach Seipel](#) (Fr., RHP, Eagan, Minn.) has been one of the best closers nationally as he has 10 saves on the season.

Northern State comes into the weekend with a lot to play for as they sit in ninth place. The top eight teams make it to the NSIC Tournament. Northern State must win at least three of four and have Winona State lose three of four to Concordia University, St. Paul to earn a berth in the NSIC Tournament.

The Wolves enter Friday with an 18-21 (11-15 NSIC) mark. Northern State is led at the plate by Jack Schmidt, who is among the league's best hitters at .459 with four home runs, 43 runs scored and 38 RBI's. The Wolves are hitting .320 as a team this season. In addition to Schmidt, Matt Stubbs is batting .381 with 38 runs scored, eight home runs and 35 RBI's.

On the bump, Northern State looks to Nick Hoffard, the Thief River Falls product who is 6-3 with a 3.70 ERA in 58.1 innings pitched. In addition to Hoffard, Dillion Lee is 0-3 with a 4.44 ERA in 26.1 innings pitched, while Colton Boucher is 4-5 with a 5.28 ERA in 59.2 innings pitched.

This weekend, UMC will also be taking free will donations to go toward helping former UMC baseball player Ben Lazzari and his family, who are going through the most difficult of situations.

Lazzari's 16-day old daughter Everly Mae Lazzari passed away April 24 after being born April 8 with an irregular heart rate. The Golden Eagles are looking to help raise money for Ben and his wife Amber to help them with the medical costs and funeral expenses incurred. A table will be set up at the games over the weekend. If you want to give to the Lazzari family and will not be at the game please visit their GoFundMe page (<https://www.gofundme.com/angeleverly>), which was set-up to assist Amber and Ben with their bills.

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PLAYERS MENTIONED ▾

#14 Trevor Buttermore RHP / 6' 1" / Senior / R	#8 Ryan Haggstrom 1B / 6' 5" / Senior / R
#18 Colton Haight C/OF / 6' 0" / Senior / R	#13 Thomas Kinsella IF / 6' 1" / Senior / R
#4 Jarad Nelson RHP / 5' 10" / Senior / R	#5 Dalton Parks OF / 5' 9" / Senior / R
#29 Kenny Perez DH/1B / 5' 6" / Senior / R	#9 Timothy Scott, Jr. OF / 6' 0" / Senior / R
#16 Luke Thoma RHP / 5' 11" / Senior / R	#3 Colt Trebesch IF/RHP / 5' 10" / Senior / R

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