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UMC WOMEN'S SOCCER SIGNS FOUR PLAYERS FOR 2005

(Crookston, Minn.)- The Univ. of Minnesota, Crookston Women's Soccer team has signed four players to a National Letter of Intent. "We are very excited about the new addition to the UMC soccer program. All four players will make a tremendous impact on the field for us this fall," commented fifth year coach Chris Przemieniecki.

Continuing with the UMC soccer tradition of finding players from across the United States, Przemieniecki added South Dakota and Illinois to the program's roster. In addition, two from Minnesota including a local committed to the Golden Eagles.

From Rapid City, South Dakota comes a two-time All-State midfielder Becky Thorbjornsen. Becky is a four-year letter winner in high school and earned the team's Best All Around player for her junior and senior seasons. "Becky comes from a tremendous club program with exceptional coaching, so we will be looking for her to make an immediate impact in the midfield," said Przemieniecki.

Signing from Lake of the Hills, a Chicago, Illinois suburb is defender Elizabeth Kennedy. Elizabeth earned Most Valuable Player honors at her high school. "Elizabeth is a very versatile player. She can play in the defense or as a forward. Another player with exceptional club experience, we are expecting her to make a difference for us this fall," said Przemieniecki.

From Minnesota, the Golden Eagles have signed goalkeeper Megan Fagerhaug from Eden Prairie and a local standout from Crookston, Amber Erdmann. The Golden Eagles lost both goalkeepers from last season, one to pursue a doctorate at Pharmacy school and the other to a career ending injury, so finding goalkeepers has been a major priority for Przemieniecki. "Megan will be an excellent addition and will challenge for a starting position this fall. We are confident that Megan will get the job done in the nets."

Finally, high school standout Amber Erdmann is the latest local player to sign with Coach Przemieniecki and is expected to make an immediate contribution. Erdmann, the Crookston High School Offensive Player of the Year and leading goal scorer during her senior year also holds the record for the most career goals at CHS. "The talent in Crookston is getting better every year" notes Przemieniecki, "Amber has exceptional speed and a strong leg which will be a tremendous asset on the field for us this fall. We are very excited to sign Amber."