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2017 NSIC PRESEASON BASEBALL COACHES POLL Points

1. Minnesota State (10)	192
2. St. Cloud State (4)	178
3. Augustana	171
4. Concordia-St. Paul	156
5. Minnesota Duluth (1)	146
6. Winona State	121
7. Northern State	116
8. Wayne State	106
9. Minnesota Crookston	85
10. Sioux Falls	82
11. Upper Iowa	59
12. Southwest Minnesota State	57
13. Bemidji State	54
14. Minot State	38
15. University of Mary	14

First place votes in ()

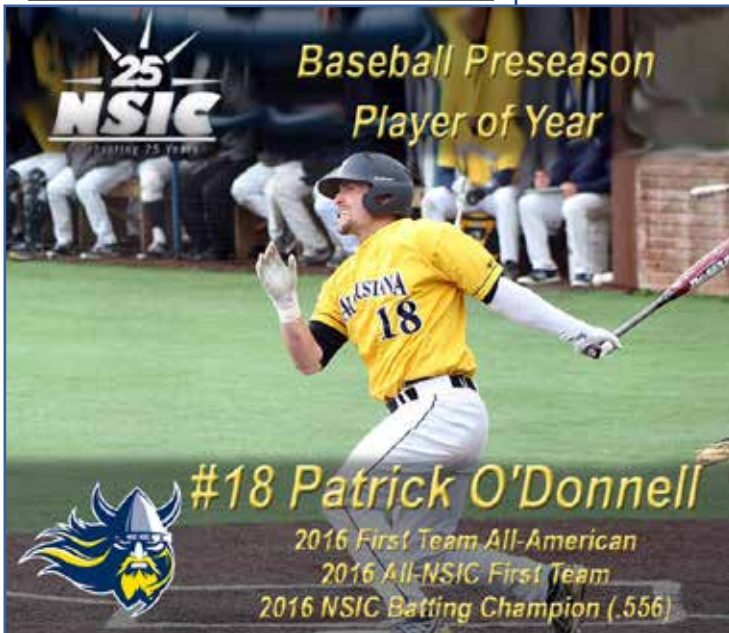
MINNESOTA STATE PICKED IN PRESEASON BASEBALL COACHES' POLL

BURNSVILLE, Minn. - Minnesota State University, Mankato was the top pick in the 2017 NSIC Pre-season Baseball Coaches' Poll. This marks the seventh time in the last eight years that the Mavericks have been picked to win the league. Minnesota State amassed 192 points after receiving 10 first place votes (coaches can't vote for their own team). Defending NSIC Tournament Champions of St. Cloud State, which was picked to win the league last season, was second with 178 points and four first place votes. Augustana was picked third with 171 points, while Concordia-St. Paul was fourth with 156 points. The defending NSIC Champions of Minnesota Duluth were fifth with 146 points and a first place vote.

The preseason coaches' poll is based off each coach ranking each team from 14 to 1 with the top team receiving 14 points, second 13, third 12, etc.

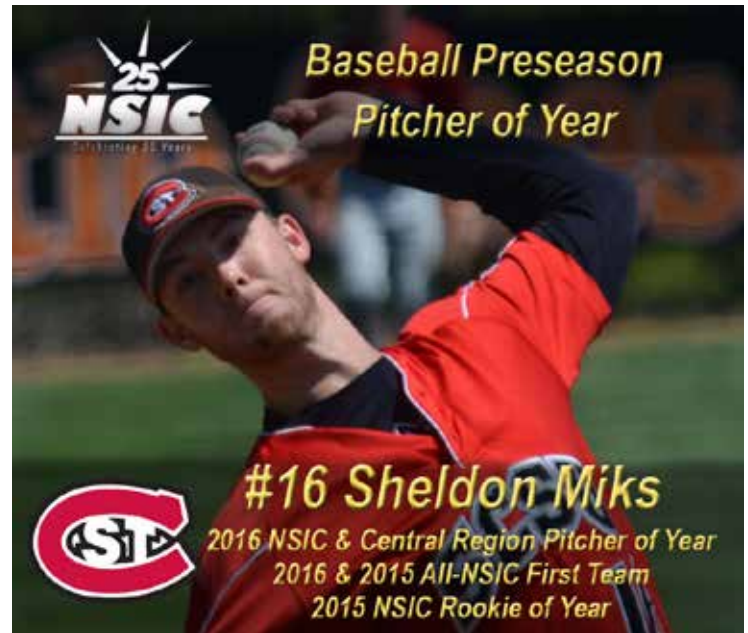
The baseball season gets underway on February 1 with NSIC play beginning on March 18.

The 2017 NSIC Baseball Tournament will take the top eight teams in the final NSIC Standings. The double elimination tournament takes place May 10-14 at the MAC in St. Cloud, Minnesota.



#18 Patrick O'Donnell (OF, 5-9, 186, Sr., R/L, Andover, Minn. / Andover HS)
Augustana

- 2016 D2CCA & Rawlings/ABCA First Team All-American
- 2016 NCBWA Second Team All-American
- 2016 All-NSIC First Team
- Tino Martinez Player of the Year Semi Finalist
- Third in the country in batting average at .468
- Earned 102 hits, 23 doubles, four triples, 11 home runs, 63 RBIs and scored 61 runs



#16 Sheldon Miks (LHP, 6-4, 210, Jr., Shakopee, Minn. / Shakopee HS)
St. Cloud State

- 2016 Consensus Division II Central Region Pitcher of the Year
- 2016 NSIC Pitcher of the Year
- Two-Time All-American & All-NSIC selection
- 2016 Brett Tomko Award Finalist
- Went 8-3 with a 1.96 ERA in 2016 with 79 strikeouts in 87.1 innings
- 2015 NSIC Rookie of the Year

NSIC Baseball is a 15-team, NCAA Division II Conference with teams located in Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota.



• Augustana • Bemidji State • Concordia -St. Paul • University of Mary • Minnesota Crookston • Minnesota Duluth • Minnesota State University, Mankato • Minot State • Northern State • Sioux Falls • Southwest Minnesota State • St. Cloud State • Upper Iowa • Wayne State • Winona State •



2001 PRESEASON NSIC BASEBALL COACHES POLL

	<u>Points</u>
1. Winona State	76
2. Southwest State	71
3. Wayne State	67
4. Minnesota-Duluth	51
5. Bemidji State	42
6. Concordia-St. Paul	38
7. Minnesota-Crookston	24
8. Minnesota-Morris	21
9. Northern State	15

Preseason Player of the Year

Not Selected

Pitcher of the Year

Not Selected

2002 PRESEASON NSIC BASEBALL COACHES POLL

	<u>Points</u>
1. Southwest State (4)	75
2. Winona State (3)	74
3. Wayne State (2)	69
4. Concordia-Saint Paul	55
5. Minnesota-Duluth	53
6. Bemidji State	48
7. Minnesota-Crookston	38
8. Minnesota-Morris	30
9. Northern State	26

Preseason Player of the Year

Brett Spaeth, Minnesota-Duluth

Joe Shallenberger, Concordia-St. Paul

Pitcher of the Year

Dan Weinkauff, Winona State

2003 PRESEASON NSIC BASEBALL COACHES POLL

	<u>Points</u>
1. Southwest State (7)	61
2. Wayne State (1)	54
3. Winona State (1)	52
4. Minnesota-Duluth	43
5. Concordia-Saint Paul	37
6. Bemidji State	30
7. Minnesota-Crookston	24
8. Northern State	14
9. Minnesota-Morris	9

Preseason Player of the Year

Travis Irwin, Southwest State

Pitcher of the Year

Pat O'Brien, Southwest State

2004 PRESEASON NSIC BASEBALL COACHES POLL

	<u>Points</u>
1. Wayne State (4)	65
2. Minnesota Duluth (3)	63
3. Southwest Minnesota State (1)	57
4. Concordia-St. Paul	53
5. Winona State	52
6. Bemidji State	38
7. Northern State	35
8. Minnesota-Crookston	29

Preseason Player of the Year

Tim Battaglia, Minnesota Duluth

Pitcher of the Year

Travis McCarter, Wayne State

2005 PRESEASON NSIC BASEBALL COACHES POLL

	<u>Points</u>
1. Wayne State (4)	57
2. Winona State (2)	55
3. Southwest Minnesota State (1)	52
4. Concordia-St. Paul	46
5. Northern State	38
6. Bemidji State	37
7. Minnesota-Crookston	30

Preseason Player of the Year

Colby Pack, SMSU & Ben Vazquez, WSU

Pitcher of the Year

Travis McCarter, WSC & Josh Schultz, WSU

2006 PRESEASON NSIC BASEBALL COACHES POLL

	<u>Points</u>
1. Wayne State (6)	60
2. Concordia-St. Paul (1)	51
3. Winona State	50
4. Southwest Minnesota State	49
5. Northern State	39
6. Bemidji State	36
7. Minnesota-Crookston	30

Preseason Player of the Year

Colby Pack, Southwest Minnesota State

Pitcher of the Year

Nick Schumacher, Wayne State

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2007 PRESEASON NSIC BASEBALL COACHES POLL

	Points
1. Wayne State (8)	80
2. Winona State	67
3. Concordia-St. Paul	65
4. Southwest Minnesota State (1)	63
5. Upper Iowa	55
6. University of Mary	42
7. Bemidji State	38
8. Northern State	34
9. Minnesota, Crookston	24

Preseason Player of the Year

Adam Kampsen, Northern State

Pitcher of the Year

Travis Mortimore, Wayne State

2008 PRESEASON NSIC BASEBALL COACHES POLL

	Points
1. Wayne State (6)	78
2. Winona State (3)	75
3. Southwest Minnesota State	57
4. Upper Iowa	55
University of Mary	55
6. Concordia-St. Paul	54
7. Bemidji State	39
8. Northern State	31
9. Minnesota, Crookston	24

Preseason Player of the Year

Adam Kampsen, Northern State

Pitcher of the Year

Bryan Ruff, Winona State

2009 PRESEASON NSIC BASEBALL COACHES POLL

	Points
1. Wayne State (6)	149
2. Minnesota State (4)	142
3. Concordia-St. Paul (3)	135
4. Winona State	113
5. Upper Iowa	105
6. St. Cloud State	102
7. Southwest Minnesota State	101
8. Minnesota Duluth	75
9. Bemidji State	70
10. U-Mary	59
11. Augustana	58
12. Northern State	37
13. Minnesota, Crookston	24

Preseason Player of the Year

Brenden Furrow, Concordia-St. Paul

Pitcher of the Year

Jake Schmidt, Concordia-St. Paul

2010 PRESEASON NSIC BASEBALL COACHES POLL

	Points
1. Minnesota State (7)	151
2. Wayne State (5)	148
3. Southwest Minnesota State	120
4. Winona State	118
5. St. Cloud State (1)	114
6. Augustana	106
7. Upper Iowa	92
8. Concordia-St. Paul	82
9. Minnesota Duluth	76
10. University of Mary	53
11. Bemidji State	51
12. Minnesota, Crookston	30
13. Northern State	29

Preseason Player of the Year

Joe Wendte, Wayne State

Pitcher of the Year

Adam Schrader, SMSU

2011 PRESEASON NSIC BASEBALL COACHES POLL

	Points
1. Minnesota State (11)	155
2. Winona State (2)	137
3. St. Cloud State	133
4. Augustana	118
5. Wayne State	109
6. Minnesota Duluth	101
7. Southwest Minnesota State	98
8. Concordia-St. Paul	86
9. Upper Iowa	62
10. University of Mary	57
11. Bemidji State	55
12. Northern State	34
13. Minnesota, Crookston	25

Preseason Player of the Year

Jordan Smith, St. Cloud State

Pitcher of the Year

Blake Schwartz, Minnesota State

2012 PRESEASON NSIC BASEBALL COACHES POLL

	Points
1. Minnesota State (4)	133
2. St. Cloud State (6)	132
3. Winona State (3)	130
4. Wayne State	105
5. Augustana	104
6. Minnesota Duluth	86
7. Concordia-St. Paul	80
8. Upper Iowa	63
9. Southwest Minnesota State	53
10. Bemidji State	50
11. Northern State	39
12. University of Mary	27
13. Minnesota, Crookston	12

First place votes in ()

Preseason Player of the Year

Bryan Lippincott, Concordia-St. Paul

Pitcher of the Year

Kodey Simon, Winona State





2013 PRESEASON NSIC BASEBALL COACHES POLL

	Points
1. Minnesota State (13)	195
2. St. Cloud State (1)	177
3. Winona State (1)	163
4. Augustana	158
5. Wayne State	152
6. Minnesota Duluth	116
7. Bemidji State	112
8. Concordia-St. Paul	108
9. Southwest Minnesota State	95
10. Upper Iowa	91
11. Northern State	63
12. Sioux Falls	59
13. U-Mary	38
14. Minot State	29
15. Minnesota, Crookston	19
First place votes in ()	

Preseason Player of the Year

Seth McMullen, Winona State

Pitcher of the Year

Harvey Martin, Minnesota State

2014 PRESEASON NSIC BASEBALL COACHES POLL

	Points
1. Minnesota State (14)	196
2. St. Cloud State	179
3. Augustana (1)	169
4. Wayne State	150
Winona State	150
6. Minnesota Duluth	117
7. Concordia-St. Paul	109
8. Sioux Falls	94
9. Bemidji State	92
10. Southwest Minnesota State	82
11. Upper Iowa	79
12. Northern State	62
13. U- Mary	44
14. Minot State	38
15. Minnesota Crookston	14
First place votes in ()	

Preseason Player of the Year

Alex Wojciechowski, Minnesota Duluth

Pitcher of the Year

Jason Hoppe, Minnesota State

2015 PRESEASON NSIC BASEBALL COACHES POLL

	Points
1. Minnesota State (12)	194
2. St. Cloud State (1)	172
3. Augustana	170
4. Winona State (1)	166
5. Southwest Minnesota State	128
6. Northern State	125
7. Concordia, St. Paul	122
8. Wayne State College	119
9. Bemidji State	81
10. Minnesota Duluth	76
11. Sioux Falls	72
12. Minot State	62
13. Upper Iowa	43
14. U-Mary	31
15. Minnesota Crookston	14
First place votes in ()	

Preseason Player of the Year

Nolan Johnson, Minnesota State

Pitcher of the Year

Eric Browning, Wayne State

2016 PRESEASON NSIC BASEBALL COACHES POLL

	Points
1. St. Cloud State (10)	190
2. Minnesota State (5)	187
3. Augustana	165
4. Minnesota Duluth	156
5. Winona State	134
6. Wayne State	126
7. Concordia-St. Paul	122
8. Northern State	114
9. Southwest Minnesota State	79
10. Bemidji State	77
11. Sioux Falls	71
12. Upper Iowa	59
13. Minot State	44
14. Minnesota Crookston	34
15. University of Mary	17
First place votes in ()	

Preseason Player of the Year

Alex Wojciechowski, Minnesota Duluth

Pitcher of the Year

Reese Gregory, St. Cloud State

