



# BASEBALL

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### 2017 ALL-CONFERENCE FIRST TEAM

#	Name	Pos.	Yr.	School	Hometown
26	Jacob Blank	RHP	Jr.	AUGIE	Gretna, Neb.
10	Dalton Roach	RHP	Jr.	MSU	Eau Claire, Wis.
19	Cal Giese	LHP	So.	SCSU	Plover, Wis.
17	Luke Chevalier	RHP	So.	NSU	Barnstable, Mass.
18	Aaron Rozek	RP	Jr.	MSU	Burnsville, Minn.
36	Gunner Olszewski	C	So.	BSU	Alvin, Texas
36	Josh Rehwaldt	1B	So.	USF	Lakeville, Minn.
5	Dylan Dresel	1B	Jr.	MSU	Chisago City, Minn.
4	Isaac Hormann	2B	So.	CSP	Young America, Minn.
26	Gunner Peterson	SS	Sr.	USF	Brookings, S.D.
9	Eric Peterson	3B	Sr.	MSU	Eagan, Minn.
18	Patrick O'Donnell	OF	Sr.	AUGIE	Andover, Minn.
12	Lucas Lorenz	OF	Jr.	NSU	Aberdeen S.D.
13	Jordan Schulz	OF	Sr.	MINOT	Strasbourg, Sask.
24	Jack Schmidt	OF	Jr.	NSU	Forest Lake Minn.
11	Scott Litchy	RF	Jr.	BSU	Avon, Minn.
36	Kris Ashland	DH	Sr.	AUGIE	Bloomington, Minn.

### 2017 ALL-CONFERENCE SECOND TEAM

#	Name	Pos.	Yr.	School	Hometown
36	Cole Petersen	LHP	So.	SMSU	Glencoe, Minn.
14	Mitch Stalsberg	LHP	Jr.	WSU	Viroqua, Wis.
6	Brett Fanning	RHP	Jr.	UIU	Spring Valley, Ill.
32	Brody Rodning	LHP	Jr.	MSU	Gaylord, Minn.
21	Zach Seipel	RP	So.	UMC	Eagan, Minn.
5	Carter Schmidt	C	So.	CSP	Chaska, Minn.
14	Bo Schmitz	C	Jr.	SCSU	St. Cloud, Minn.
7	Mat Meyer	1B	So.	SCSU	Sauk Rapids, Minn.
6	Cole VanderBeek	2B	Sr.	SMSU	Brandon, S.D.
3	Luis Ravelo	SS	Sr.	UIU	Aragua, Venezuela
7	Collin Eckman	SS	Sr.	BSU	Little Falls, Minn.
33	Lucas Barry	3B	Jr.	AUGIE	Inver Grove Heights, Minn.
16	Jordan Hart	OF	So.	MSU	Lyle, Minn.
20	Michael Borst	OF	So.	MINOT	Mchenry, Ill.
21	David Janes	OF	Jr.	WSC	Dubuque, Iowa
1	Anthony Stewart	OF	Jr.	UMC	Oak Harbor, Wash.
8	Cody Jenkins	DH	Sr.	WSC	Englewood, Colo.

### 2017 NSIC Player of the Year:

Patrick O'Donnell, Augustana (OF, Sr., Andover, Minn.)

### 2017 NSIC Pitcher of the Year:

Jacob Blank, Augustana (RHP, Jr., Gretna, Neb.)

### 2017 NSIC Newcomer of the Year:

Ricky Digrugilliers, Minnesota State (RHP, Jr., Queens, N.Y.)

### 2017 NSIC Freshman of the Year:

Sam Baier, Augustana (SS, Fr., Springfield, Minn.)

### 2017 NSIC Coach of the Year:

Matt Magers (9th Season) Minnesota State

### 2017 NSIC GOLD GLOVE TEAM

#	Name	Pos.	Yr.	School	Hometown
20	Nick Hoffard	RHP	Sr.	NSU	Thief River Falls Minn.
27	Ryan Menssen	C	Jr.	AUGIE	St James, Minn.
33	Reed Hjelle	1B	So.	UMC	E. Grand Forks, Minn.
4	Isaac Hormann	2B	So.	CSP	Young America, Minn.
3	Luis Ravelo	SS	Sr.	UIU	Aragua, Venezuela
33	Ethan Ibarra	3B	So.	SCSU	Las Vegas, Nev.
1	Anthony Stewart	OF	Jr.	UMC	Oak Harbor, Wash.
13	Jordan Schulz	OF	Sr.	MINOT	Strasbourg, Sask.
11	Aaron Krier	OF	Sr.	WSC	Aurelia, Iowa

**#NSICBase** *Players of the Year*

25 NSIC

PLAYER	PITCHER	COACH	NEWCOMER	FRESHMAN
Patrick O'Donnell	Jacob Blank	Matt Magers	Ricky Digrugilliers	Sam Baier

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 • MSU Moorhead • Minot State • Northern State • Sioux Falls • Southwest Minnesota State • St. Cloud State • Upper Iowa • Wayne State • Winona State •



### **NSIC PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

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

- Preseason NSIC Player of the Year
- Led the NSIC in runs scored (49) and triples (4)
- Finished second in the NSIC in slugging percentage (.748), hits (60) and doubles (15)
- Had a batting average of .420 in conference play
- Named NSIC Player of the Week on March 21
- Started all 55 games for the Vikings
- Hit nine home runs with 45 RBI on the season

### **NSIC PITCHER OF THE YEAR**

**#26 Jacob Blank (RHP, 6-3, 205, Jr., R/R, Gretna, Neb. / Gretna HS)  
Augustana University**

- Perfect 10-0 record on the year with an NSIC best seven wins in conference play
- Second lowest ERA in the country at 0.87
- Threw a no-hitter against Minnesota Duluth on April 15th
- Struck out 81 batters in 62.1 innings pitched
- Only allowed six earned runs all season
- Started the season with 46 straight innings without allowing an earned run
- NCABWA National Pitcher of the Week
- Two-time NSIC Pitcher of the Week
- Two-time Central Region Pitcher of the Week

### **NSIC FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR**

**#14 Sam Baier (IF, 6-0, 181, Fr., R/R, Springfield, Minn. / Springfield HS)  
Augustana University**

- Finished conference play with 13 doubles, fifth-most in the NSIC
- Hit .314 in 52 games played
- Drove in 30 runs while scoring 41
- Had 15 doubles, six home runs and a triple
- Was a perfect 11-for-11 in stolen bases
- Had a .929 fielding percentage

### **NSIC NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR**

**#23 Ricky Digrugilliers (RHP, 6-3, 200, Jr., R/R, Queens, N.Y. / Christ The King HS / Western Illinois / Gateway CC)  
Minnesota State University, Mankato**

- Went 6-0 in nine appearances with three starts and one complete game
- Held a 1.59 ERA after allowing nine runs (seven earned) on 29 hits over 39.2 innings pitched
- Struck out 23 of the 142 batters he faced holding opponents to a .204 batting average with only two walks
- Tied for third in NSIC play with six wins
- Pitched a season-high eight innings in win at Bemidji State on April 21

*Newcomer of the Year shall be a transfer student-athlete (junior college or otherwise).*

### **NSIC COACH OF THE YEAR**

**Matt Magers (9th Season)  
Minnesota State University, Mankato**

- Led MSU to a 40-9 overall record and a 35-5 NSIC mark
- Led MSU to its tenth NSIC regular season title, its first since 2014 and fifth under his guidance
- Named NSIC Coach of the Year for the third time (2011 & 2012)
- Coached six All-NSIC players this season, including four first team members and the NSIC Newcomer of the Year
- Has eclipsed 40-win plateau for the seventh time as Minnesota State head coach
- Hold a career record at MSU of 382-113 during his nine seasons

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