



# BASEBALL



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15. University of Mary	17

First place votes in ( )

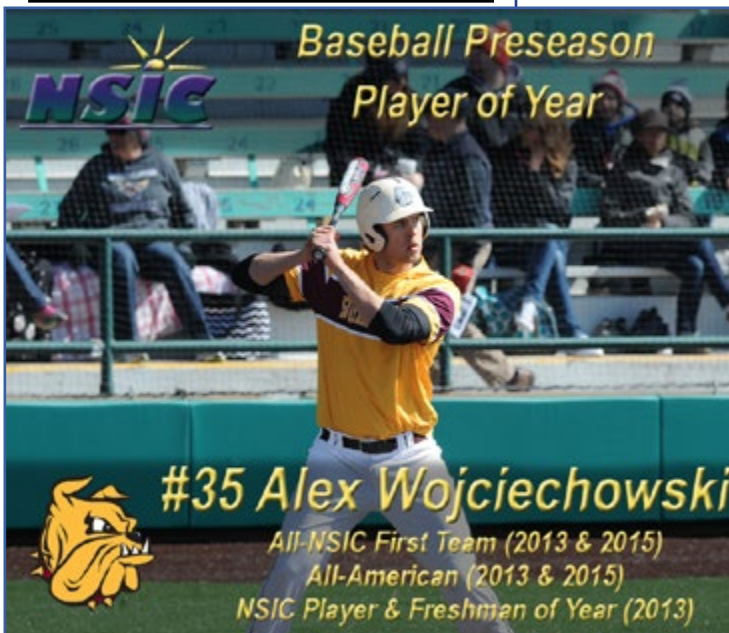
### ST. CLOUD STATE PICKED IN PRESEASON BASEBALL COACHES' POLL

Burnsville, Minn. - St. Cloud State University was the top pick in the 2016 NSIC Preseason Baseball Coaches' Poll. This marks the first time since rejoining the NSIC in 2008 the Huskies have been picked to win the league. St. Cloud State amassed 190 points after receiving 10 first place votes (coaches can't vote for their own team). Minnesota State, which was picked to win the league the past six seasons, was a close second with 187 points and five first place votes. Augustana was picked third with 165 points, while Minnesota Duluth was fourth with 156 points while Winona State rounded out the top five with its 134 points.

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.

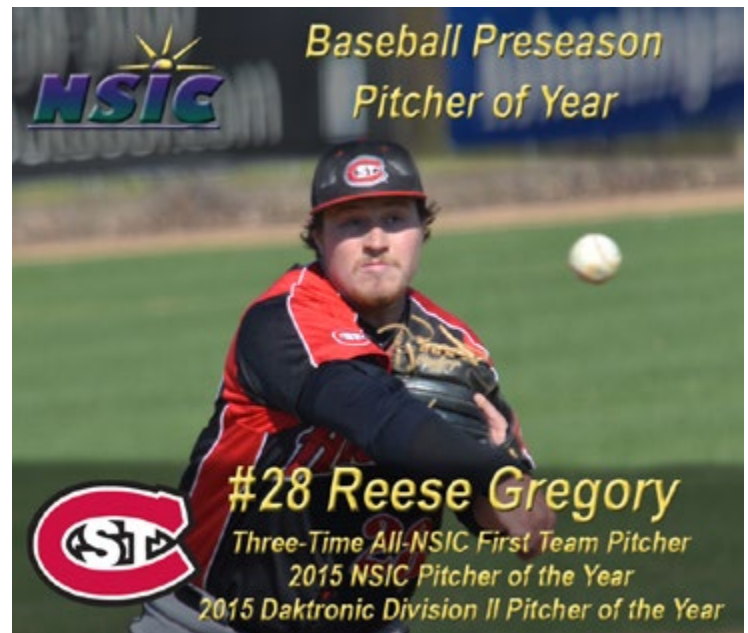
The baseball season gets underway on February 5 with NSIC play beginning on March 25.

The 2016 NSIC Baseball Tournament will take the top eight teams in the final NSIC Standings. The double elimination tournament takes place May 11-15 in St. Cloud, Minnesota.



**#35 Alex Wojciechowski (1B, 6-5, 230, Sr., R/R, Coon Rapids, Minn.)**

- Career .386/.462/.634 hitter with 20 HR, 44 2B, 122 RBI, 125 R
- Set UMD single season record with 137 total bases in 2015
- 2015 ABCA All-Central Region First Team
- 2013 ABCA All-Central Region Second Team
- 2015, 2013 Daktronics All-Central Region First Team
- 2015, 2013 Daktronics All-America Third Team
- 2015, 2013 All-NSIC First Team



**#28 Reese Gregory (RHP, 6-0, 220, Sr., R/R, St. Cloud, Minn.)**

- A three-time All-America award recipient at St. Cloud State
- 2015 NSIC Pitcher of the Year
- 2015 Daktronics Division II Pitcher of the Year
- Perfect 13-0 record in 2015 with a 1.49 ERA, six saves and 92 Ks
- Owns a 25-4 career record, including 187 career strikeouts
- 2015 Central All-Region Pitcher (ABCA, Daktronics and NCBWA)
- A three-time All-NSIC First Team pick at pitcher during his career

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

## 2016 NSIC Players To Watch

### AUGUSTANA

- 8 Patrick Fiala (IF, 6-0, 200, Sr., R/R, Sioux Falls S.D.)  
 17 Ryan Hamilton (RHP, 6-0, 195, Jr., R/R, Spearfish S.D.)

### BEMIDJI STATE

- 5 Joey Hanowski (3B/C, 5-10, 210, Sr., L/R, Little Falls, Minn.)  
 33 Terry Hadden (P/OF, 6-1, 180, Jr., R/R, Elk River, Minn.)

### CONCORDIA-ST. PAUL

- 6 Eric Fasnacht (SS, 510, 165, Sr., R/R, Minnetonka, Minn.)  
 35 Zach Rengel (LHP, 6-2, 200, Sr., L/L, Fergus Falls, Minn.)

### UNIVERSITY OF MARY

- 3 Jason Shaul (INF/OF, 5-10, 185, Sr., L/R, New Ulm, Minn.)  
 26 Jake Johnson (RHP, 6-1, 225, So., R/R, Cambridge, Minn.)

### MINNESOTA CROOKSTON

- 8 Ryan Haggstrom (1B, 6-5, 210, Sr., R/R, Apple Valley, Minn.)  
 32 Nolan Wahlberg (RHP, 6-6, 225, Sr., R/R, Blaine, Minn.)

### MINNESOTA DULUTH

- 35 Alex Wojciechowski (1B, 6-5, 230, Sr., R/R, Coon Rapids, Minn.)  
 15 Bo Hellquist (LHP, 6-3, 170, Sr., L/L, Savage, Minn.)

### MINNESOTA STATE

- 2 Taylor Branstad (OF, 5-9, 185, Sr., L/L, Apple Valley, Minn.)  
 10 Dalton Roach (RHP, 6-2, 200, So., R/R, Eau Claire, Wis.)

### MINOT STATE

- 13 Jordan Schulz (OF, 6-3, 200, Jr., L/R, Strasbourg, Sask.)  
 16 Austin Berntson (LHP, 5-9, 205, Sr., L/L, Minot, N.D.)

### NORTHERN STATE

- 24 Jack Schmidt (OF, 6-1, 190, So., R/R, Forest Lake, Minn.)  
 37 Colton Boucher (RHP, 6-2, 195, Sr., R/R, Chehalis, Wash.)

### SIoux FALLS

- 16 Matthew Minnick (OF, 6-1, 205, So., R/R, Rapid City, S.D.)  
 27 Patrick Anderson (RHP, 6-4, 180, Sr., R/R, Virginia, Minn.)

### SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA STATE

- 3 Derek Branson (OF, 6-0, 185, R/R, Minnetonka, Minn.)  
 14 Alex Jorgensen (RHP, 6-4, 215, R/R, DePere, Wis.)

### ST. CLOUD STATE

- 15 Kyle Lieser (SS, 6-1, 190, Sr., R/R, Albany, Minn.)  
 28 Reese Gregory (RHP, 6-0, 220, Sr., R/R, St. Cloud, Minn.)

### UPPER IOWA

- 11 Jake Greco (CF, 6-1, 190, So., R/R, Fayette, Iowa)  
 6 Brett Fanning (RHP, 5-10, 175, So., R/R, Spring Valley, Ill.)

### WAYNE STATE

- 27 Nate Ackerman (OF, 6-2, 220, Sr., R/R, Langley, B.C.)  
 7 Curtis Bussard (LHP, 6-0, 175, Sr., L/L, Papillion, Neb.)

### WINONA STATE

- 19 Tyler Nehring (3B, 5-10, 200, Sr., R/R, DePere, Wis.)  
 17 Mitchell Voter (RHP, 6-3, 220, Sr., R/R, La Crosse, Wis.)

## NSIC TOURNAMENT TITLES WON

School	No.	Titles
Wayne State	5	2001, co-2003, 2004, 2005, 2006
Southwest Minnesota State	4	1996, 1997, 1999, 2002
Minnesota State	4	2009, 2010, 2012, 2013
Winona State	3	1998, 2000, 2007
Concordia-St. Paul	2	co-2003, 2008
St. Cloud State	2	2011, 2015
Augustana	1	2014

\*Tournament determined league champion 2002-2006

## Returning All-Conference Players

#	First Team	Pos.	Yr	School	Hometown
28	Reese Gregory	RHP	Sr.	St. Cloud State	St. Cloud, Minn.
16	Sheldon Miks	LHP	So.	St. Cloud State	Shakopee, Minn.
32	Brody Rodning	LHP	So.	Minnesota State	Gaylord, Minn.
10	Dalton Roach	RHP	So.	Minnesota State	Eau Claire, Wis.
27	Dakota Belter	Relief	Sr.	Minnesota State	Somerset, Wis.
35	Alex Wojciechowski	1B	Sr.	Minnesota Duluth	Coon Rapids, Minn.
18	Jimmy Heck	2B	Sr.	Minnesota Duluth	St. Louis Park, Minn.
15	Kyle Lieser	SS	Sr.	St. Cloud State	St. Martin, Minn.
8	Patrick Fiala	3B	Sr.	Augustana	Sioux Falls, S.D.
27	Nathan Ackerman	OF	Sr.	Wayne State	Langley, B.C.
11	Jake Greco	OF	So.	Upper Iowa	Fayette, Iowa
#	Second Team	Pos.	Yr.	School	Hometown
26	Eric Browning	RHP	Sr.	Wayne State	Bancroft, Neb.
18	Garrett Harrison	LHP	Sr.	St. Cloud State	Champlin, Minn.
17	Mitch Voter	Relief	Sr.	Winona State	La Crosse, Wis.
13	Alex Fink	1B	Sr.	Augustana	Springfield, Minn.
9	Mitch Moser	2B	Jr.	Upper Iowa	Atkins, Iowa
6	Eric Fasnacht	SS	Sr.	Concordia-St. Paul	Eden Prairie, Minn.
36	Zak Hoffman	3B	Sr.	St. Cloud State	Shakopee, Minn.
22	Grant Farley	OF	Jr.	Minnesota Duluth	Andover, Minn.
16	Matthew Minnick	OF	So.	Sioux Falls	Rapid City, S.D.
23	Jacob James	OF	Jr.	Augustana	Rapid City, S.D.
18	Patrick O'Donnell	OF	Jr.	Augustana	Andover, Minn.
#	Gold Glove	Pos.	Yr.	School	Hometown
8	Ryan Haggstrom	1B	Sr.	Minnesota Crookston	Apple Valley, Minn.
18	Jimmy Heck	2B	Sr.	Minnesota Duluth	St. Louis Park, Minn.
17	Luke Waldek	SS	So.	Minnesota State	Trumbull, Conn.
11	Jake Greco	OF	So.	Upper Iowa	Fayette, Iowa

^Year indicated above is for 2016 Season

**2015 Player of the Year:** Michael Jurgella (C, Sr., Plover, Wis.) - SCSU

**2015 Pitcher of the Year:** Reese Gregory (RHP, Jr., St. Cloud, Minn.) - SCSU

**2015 Newcomer of the Year:** Patrick Fiala (3B, Jr., Sioux Falls, S.D.) - Augie

**2015 Freshman of the Year:** Sheldon Miks (LHP, Fr., Shakopee, Minn.) - SCSU

**2015 Coach of the Year:** Pat Dolan - SCSU

## PAST NSIC CHAMPIONS

1960 - Mankato State		
1961 - Winona State	Winona State	
1962 - Winona State	1981 - Mankato State	2002 - Southwest State*
1963 - MSU Moorhead	1982 - Bemidji State	2003 - Concordia-St. Paul*
Winona State	1983 - Moorhead State	Wayne State*
1964 - St. Cloud State	1984 - Winona State	2004 - Wayne State*
1965 - St. Cloud State	1985 - Winona State	2005 - Wayne State*
1966 - Winona State	1986 - Winona State	2006 - Wayne State
1967 - St. Cloud State	1987 - Winona State	2007 - Wayne State
1968 - Mankato State	1988 - Winona State	2008 - Wayne State
1969 - St. Cloud State	1989 - Winona State	2009 - Wayne State
1970 - St. Cloud State	1990 - Winona State	2010 - Minnesota State
Minnesota-Morris	1991 - Winona State	2011 - Minnesota State
1971 - St. Cloud State	1992 - Minn. Duluth	2012 - Minnesota State
1972 - Winona State	1993 - Northern State	2013 - St. Cloud State
1973 - Winona State	Minn. Duluth	2014 - Minnesota State
1974 - Southwest State	1994 - Southwest State	2015 - St. Cloud State
1975 - Winona State	1995 - Winona State	
1976 - St. Cloud State	1996 - Southwest State	
1977 - Winona State	1997 - Bemidji State	
1978 - St. Cloud State	1998 - Winona State	
	1999 - Minn. Duluth	
1979 - Mankato State	2000 - Winona State	
1980 - Mankato State	2001 - Winona State	

\* league champion determined by tournament

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**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**

	<b>Points</b>
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**

	<b>Points</b>
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**

	<b>Points</b>
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**

	<b>Points</b>
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**

	<b>Points</b>
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**

	<b>Points</b>
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
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**Preseason Player of the Year**  
Bryan Lippincott, Concordia-St. Paul  
**Pitcher of the Year**  
Kodey Simon, Winona State





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9. Southwest Minnesota State	95
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12. Sioux Falls	59
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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
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12. Northern State	62
13. U- Mary	44
14. Minot State	38
15. Minnesota Crookston	14
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**Preseason Player of the Year**

Alex Wojciechowski, Minnesota Duluth

**Pitcher of the Year**

Jason Hoppe, Minnesota State

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6. Northern State	125
7. Concordia, St. Paul	122
8. Wayne State College	119
9. Bemidji State	81
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13. Upper Iowa	43
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**Preseason Player of the Year**

Nolan Johnson, Minnesota State

**Pitcher of the Year**

Eric Browning, Wayne State

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