



CCHA Notebook

2026-2027 SEASON



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

October 8

Ferris St. at Western Michigan 7:07 PM ET
Lake Superior St. at Lindenwood 8:00 PM ET

October 9

Bowling Green at Sacred Heart@ 7:00 PM ET
Western Michigan at Ferris St. 7:07 PM ET
Northern Michigan at Michigan St. 7:30 PM ET
Michigan Tech at St. Cloud St. 7:00 PM CT
Lake Superior St. at Lindenwood 7:00 PM CT
North Dakota at Bemidji St. 7:07 PM CT
Wisconsin at Minnesota St. 7:07 PM CT
Minnesota Duluth at Augustana 7:07 PM CT

October 10

Bowling Green at UConn 7:00 PM ET
Michigan Tech at St. Cloud St. 6:00 PM CT
Bemidji State at North Dakota 6:07 PM CT
Minnesota Duluth at Augustana 6:07 PM CT
Wisconsin at Minnesota St. 6:07 PM CT
(local times listed)

October 11

Northern Michigan at Michigan St. 1:00 PM ET

@ - Ice Breaker Tournament

CCHA BY THE NUMBERS

30

Saves in a season-opening shutout from NMU's Oliver Auyeung-Ashton.

12

Michigan Tech is up to No. 12 in the most recent USCHO.com poll.

4

Wins vs. Big Ten & NCHC teams on opening week-end.

2026-27 CCHA STANDINGS

TEAM	PTS	GP	RW-RL	OW-OL	SW	GF-GA
Augustana	0	0	--	--	0	---
Bemidji State	0	0	--	--	0	---
Bowling Green	0	0	--	--	0	---
Ferris State	0	0	--	--	0	---
Lake Superior State	0	0	--	--	0	---
Michigan Tech	0	0	--	--	0	---
Minnesota State	0	0	--	--	0	---
Northern Michigan	0	0	--	--	0	---

FINE START

• CCHA teams went 4-4-1 last week, including a 2-1 mark against the NCHC and 2-2 against the Big Ten.

TECH SWEEP

• No. 12/16 **Michigan Tech** swept then-No. 14/18 **Minnesota**, 3-2 and 3-1, last weekend in Houghton.

FIRST SHUTOUT

• Northern Michigan sophomore **Oliver Auyeung-Ashton** posted the first shutout by a CCHA netminder this season, blanking Miami (OH), 3-0, on opening night in Marquette ... He made 30 saves for the second shutout of his collegiate career.

OPENING STANDOUTS

• The first CCHA Players of the Week were announced and **Michigan Tech** sophomore **Matthew Van Blaricom** (3 goals, 1 assist) was the Forward of the Week, while **Bemidji State's Hudson Thornton** (1 goal, 1 assist) picked up Defenseman of the Week honors after netting the overtime-winner on Saturday against St. Cloud State.
• A pair from NMU rounded out the awards with **Oliver Auyeung-Ashton** and **Coster Dunn** earned Goaltender and Rookie of the Week, respectively.

HASTY HOMECOMING

• No. 7/7 Wisconsin heads to No. 19/19

Minnesota State this weekend, marking the return of head coach Mike Hastings to the place where he led the Mavericks to eight regular season conference titles and five tournament championships.

• Hastings led MSU to a pair of Frozen Fours, including an appearance in the 2022 National Championship Game.

LET'S GET IT STARTED

• Three CCHA teams open their 2026-27 seasons this weekend, with No. 19/19 **Minnesota State** hosting No. 7/7 Wisconsin, **Augustana** welcoming No. 5/5 Minnesota Duluth to Midco Arena and **Lake Superior State** traveling to Lindenwood.

VERY SPECIAL TEAMS

• After one weekend, **Northern Michigan** leads the nation in power play goals (3) and shorthanded tallies (1).

NATIONALLY RANKED

• **Michigan Tech** moved up to No. 12 in this week's USCHO.com poll, while **Minnesota State** held at 19 ... **Augustana** and **Bowling Green** received votes.
• In the USA Hockey poll, the **Huskies** ranked 16, while the **Mavericks** were 19.

SEASON SIX

• The Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA) opens its sixth season since being reconstituted in 2021-22.

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• Following St. Thomas' departure, the league is back to eight member institutions for the 2026-27 season, with all eight qualifying for the Mason Cup Playoffs.

PRESEASON COACHES POLL

• **Michigan Tech** was picked first in the CCHA Coaches Poll, earning four first-place votes, while **Bowling Green** (2 firsts) and **Minnesota State** (2) were close behind.
• **Augustana** was fourth, while the poll was rounded out by **Bemidji State**, **Lake Superior State**, **Ferris State** and **Northern Michigan**.

PRESEASON MEDIA POLL

• The CCHA Media also picked the **Huskies** first with four first-place votes, followed by **Minnesota State** (6 firsts), **Augustana** (2) and **Bowling Green** (1).
• **Bemidji State**, **Lake Superior State**, **Ferris State** and **Northern Michigan** finished off the poll from the media.

WITHOUT A PEER

• Bemidji State senior captain **Oliver Peer** was named the CCHA Preseason Player of the Year by both the coaches and media for the 2026-27 season ... He notched 20 goals and 16 assist for 36 points last season, earning All-CCHA First Team honors and was a finalist for Forward of the Year.

EYE ON THE ROOKIES

• Four first-year skaters garnered preseason recognition, including Bowling Green's **Mazden Leslie**, who was tabbed by both the coaches and media as the Preseason Rookie of the Year ... He produced 18 goals and 50 assists 68 points in 67 games from the blue line for the Kelowna Rockets (WHL).
• Lake Superior State freshman **Cooper Foster** and Ferris

State first-year forward **Nathan Leek** picked up Co-Preseason Rookie of the Year honors from the conference coaching staffs.

PRESEASON SQUADS

• **Oliver Peer**, **Max Koskipirtti**, **Hayden Hennen** and **Breck McKinley** all found their way on both the coaches and media Preseason All-CCHA Teams, while the coaches picked out **Isaac Gordon**, **Ben Doran** and **Owen Bartoszkiewicz**.

MIDCO SPORTS PLUS PROMOTION

• The CCHA is entering its third year with streaming partner Midco Sports Plus and the streaming service is offering an early-season special.
• Fans can subscribe for a low price of **\$19/month** or **\$99/year** for both the MSP2 (CCHA TV only) or MSP "All In" package, which includes all of the networks' sports streaming offerings.

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MAVERICKS REIGN

RETURNING POINTS PER GAME LEADERS

Name	TEAM	G	A	PTS	PPG
1. Oliver Peer	BSU	20	16	36	1.06
2. Max Koskipirtti	MTU	13	22	35	0.90
3. Ben Doran	BGSU	7	24	31	0.86
4. Tyler Hotson	BGSU	12	16	28	0.80
5. Brett Meerman	AU	13	15	28	0.78
6. Isaac Gordon	MTU	8	21	29	0.76
7. Calem Mangone	LSSU	12	13	25	0.75
8. Luigi Benincasa	MSU	11	18	29	0.73
9. Teydon Trembecky	MTU	15	11	26	0.72
10. Breck McKinley	BGSU	2	24	26	0.72

RETURNING GOALS PER GAME LEADERS

Name	TEAM	GOALS	GPG
1. Oliver Peer	BSU	20	0.59
2. Teydon Trembecky	MTU	15	0.42
3. Leo Bulgakov	AU	15	0.42
4. Brett Meerman	AU	13	0.36
5. Calem Mangone	LSSU	12	0.35
6. Tyler Hotson	BGSU	12	0.34
7. Max Koskipirtti	MTU	13	0.33
8. Ean Somoza	MSU	8	0.32
9. Dominik Rymon	BGSU	11	0.31
10. Noah Morneau	BGSU	9	0.30

RETURNING ASSISTS PER GAME LEADERS

Name	TEAM	ASSISTS	APG
1. Breck McKinley	BGSU	24	0.67
2. Ben Doran	BGSU	24	0.67
3. Max Koskipirtti	MTU	22	0.56
4. Isaac Gordon	MTU	21	0.55
5. Owen Baumgartner	AU	16	0.52
6. Ty Higgins	BGSU	10	0.50
7. Oliver Peer	BSU	16	0.47
8. Tyler Hotson	BGSU	16	0.46
9. Luigi Benincasa	MSU	18	0.45
10. Hudson Thornton	BSU	16	0.44

RETURNING BLOCKS PER GAME LEADERS

Name	TEAM	BLOCKS	BPG
1. Evan Bushy	LSSU/BGSU	70	1.9
2. Joe Schiller	NMU	52	1.9
3. Hayden Hennen	AU	63	1.7
4. Christopher Lie	FSU	51	1.4
5. Kalem Parker	MTU	53	1.4
6. Trevor Taulien	FSU	50	1.4
7. Samo Meritähähti	AU	47	1.3
8. Hudson Thornton	BSU	45	1.3
9. Max Vig	BSU	44	1.2
10. Luke Roelofs	BSU	39	1.1

RETURNING GOALTENDER WINS

Name	TEAM	WINS
1. Owen Bartoszkiewicz	MTU	23
2. Jacob Steinman	BGSU	8
3. Max Hildebrand	BSU	8
4. Martin Lundberg	FSU	6
5. Tyler Palmer	BGSU	5
6. Raythan Robbins	BSU	5
7. Christian Manz	AU	2
8. Oliver Auyeung-Ashton	NMU	2
9. Hobie Hedquist	FSU	1
10. Andrew Oke	LSSU	1

RETURNING GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE LEADERS

Name	TEAM	MINUTES	GAA
1. Jacob Steinman	BGSU	843:03	2.14
2. Owen Bartoszkiewicz	MTU	2211:37	2.52
3. Raythan Robbins	BSU	724:58	2.65
4. Oliver Auyeung-Ashton	NMU	944:32	2.67
5. Max Hildebrand	BSU	1372:22	2.71
6. Martin Lundberg	FSU	1227:39	2.74

- **Minnesota State** has claimed 10 of the last 12 **MacNaughton Cup** Championships, dating back to 2014-15, including the last two.
- The **Mavericks** have also claimed four-of-five **Mason Cup** titles, including the last two in a row.

CCHA TO THE SHOW

- A record-tying five CCHA student-athletes signed NHL contracts last season, matching the 2021-22 season.
- **Jack Anderson** joined the Dallas Stars organization after a breakout 2025-26 with Michigan Tech.
- **Hayes Hundley** signed an ELC with the Toronto Maple Leafs.
- Augie goaltender **Josh Kotai**, who claimed the CCHA Player and Goaltender of the Year awards penned a deal with the New York Islanders.
- **Gustav Stjernberg** of **Bowling Green** signed with the Colorado Avalanche following a successful junior season.
- Three-year captain **Lucas Wahlin** parlayed his final season with the **Tommies** into a deal with the Winnipeg Jets.

ON THE POD

- **Michigan Tech** assistant captain **Tom Leppa** joins "The CCHA Show" this week, while **Jared Rubado** [Bemidji Pioneer] and **Brad Schlossman** [Grand Forks Herald] discuss the opening weekend in the league.
- Subscribe on Apple Podcasts or Spotify and stay caught up on all the CCHA action of the day ... Video of the podcasts can be seen (for free) on Midco Sports Plus.

HAPPY FIFTY YEARS

- **Northern Michigan** is celebrating 50 years of college hockey in Marquette this season.

SERRATORE'S FINAL SEASON**RETURNING SAVE PERCENTAGE LEADERS**

Name	TEAM	SAVES	SV%
1. Oliver Auyeung-Ashton	NMU	555	.930
2. Jacob Steinman	BGSU	352	.921
3. Owen Bartoszkiewicz	MTU	978	.913
4. Martin Lundberg	FSU	530	.904
5. Max Hildebrand	BSU	530	.895
6. Raythan Robbins	BSU	263	.892
7. Hobie Hedquist	FSU	387	.881

RETURNING SHUTOUTS LEADERS

Name	TEAM	GAMES	SHUTOUTS
1. Martin Lundberg	FSU	23	2
2. Owen Bartoszkiewicz	MTU	38	2
3. Max Hildebrand	BSU	24	2
4. Raythan Robbins	BSU	12	1
5. Oliver Auyeung-Ashton	NMU	18	1
6. Tyler Palmer	BGSU	11	1

- Bemidji State Director of Athletics **Britt Lauritsen** announced that men's hockey head coach **Tom Serratore** will retire following the conclusion of the 2026-27 season, his 26th year leading the Beavers ... Lauritsen also announced that associate head coach **Travis Winter** will succeed Serratore as the program's eighth head coach upon his retirement and is the Beavers' head coach in waiting.

FRESH DOZEN

- **The Ferris State Bulldogs** welcome 12 freshmen to the squad in 2026-27 ... At the forefront of the incoming class is **Nathan Leek**, a native of Alliston, Ontario, who was named the CCHA Preseason Co-Rookie of the Year.

"Raising State"

- This summer, cameras begin rolling at **Lake Superior State University** for "Raising State," a new documentary series that captures a university, a community, and the people who refuse to let either fade into the background.
- Set against the backdrop of Michigan's eastern Upper Peninsula, the series will explore the deep connection between **Lake Superior State University** and Sault Ste. Marie, a relationship shaped by generations of shared history and an intertwined future.

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ON THE AIR

- Seven of the eight CCHA teams provide radio coverage of their hockey programs ... Check out **CCHA.com/schedule** for complete stream, radio and live stats coverage of all CCHA teams' games.