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#### WEEK 1 SCHEDULE

9/4	St. Cloud State at Minnesota State	6 p.n	n.
9/4	Winona State at Northern State	6 p.n	n.
9/6	Minot State at Sioux Falls	12 p.n	n.
9/6	Augustana at Minnesota Crookston	1 p.n	n.
9/6	Bemidji State at Wayne State	1 p.n	n.
9/6	SMSU at U-Mary	2:30 p.n	n.
9/6	MSU Moorhead at Upper Iowa 3	p.n	n.
9/6	Concordia-St Paul at Minnesota Dulut	h 6 p.n	n.

### **WEEK 2 SCHEDULE**

9/13	Minnesota State at MSU Moorhead	1 p.m.
9/13	Minnesota Duluth at Augustana	1 p.m.
9/13	U-Mary at Winona State	1 p.m.
9/13	Wayne State at St. Cloud State	3 p.m
9/13	Sioux Falls at Bemidji State	6 p.m.
9/13	Upper Iowa at Minot State	6 p.m
9/13	Minnesota Crookston at SMSU	6 p.m
9/13	Northern State at Concordia-St Paul	6 p.m

## Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference **Overall Football Standings**

as of September 2, 2014				North Division Star	ıdin	ıgs
#3 Minnesota Duluth #7 Minnesota State #15 St. Cloud State	W-L 0-0 0-0 0-0	Win % 0.000 0.000 0.000	<u>Strk</u>  	Bemidji State U-Mary Minnesota Crookston	0-0 0-0 0-0	.000 0.00 0.00
RV-Winona State RV-Sioux Falls	0-0 0-0	0.000 0.000			0-0	0.00 0.00 0.00
Augustana Concordia-St. Paul Bemidji State	0-0 0-0 0-0	0.000 0.000 0.000		Northern State St. Cloud State	0-0 0-0	0.00
U-Mary Minnesota Crookston	0-0 0-0	0.000		South Division Stand Augustana	0-0	0.00
	0-0	0.000		Concordia-St. Paul	0-0	0.00
MSU Moorhead Minot State Northern State	0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0	0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000	  	Minnesota State Sioux Falls Southwest Minnesota State	0-0 0-0	0.00 0.00 0.00
MSU Moorhead Minot State	0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0	0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000	  	Minnesota State Sioux Falls	0-0 0-0	0.00

The NSIC football schedule is broken into two eight-team divisions (North/South). Each team will play 11 conference games that will count towards the NSIC Overall Champion as well as seven divisional games that will count towards the NSIC North/South Championships. In all, three league championships will be awarded (Overall Champion, North Division Champion, South Division Champion). Ties will not be broken for league or division champions.

#### American Football Coaches Association DII Coaches' Poll - August 18, 2014

AMERIC	AN FOOTBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION	2013		2013
Rk	School (1st votes)	Rec.	Pts.	Rank
1.	Northwest Missouri St. (31)	15-0	799	1
2.	Grand Valley St. (Mich.)	12-3	725	3
3.	Minnesota Duluth	11-2	634	3 8
4.	Colorado StPueblo	11-1	619	7
5.	North Alabama	10-3	589	10
6.	Lenoir-Rhyne (N.C.)	13-2	538	
7.	Minnesota State	11-1	530	6
8.	Henderson St. (Ark.) (1)	11-1	523	13
9.	Pittsburg St. (Kan.)	10-2	522	19
10.	West Chester (Pa.)	13-2	477	4
11.	West Texas A&M	11-3	407	11
12.	Shepherd (W.Va.)	11-1	393	
13.	Ohio Dominican	10-1	390	
14.	Winston-Salem St. (N.C.)	10-2		
15.	St. Cloud State	12-2	350	
16.	Carson-Newman (Tenn.)		333	
17.	Tarleton St. (Texas)	7-3	266	
18.	Indianapolis (Ind.)	10-2	229	
19.	Delta St. (Miss.)	7-3	206	
20.	Indiana (Pa.)	9-2	167	
21.	North Carolina-Pembroke	9-2	140	
22t.	Azusa Pacific (Calif.)	10-2		
22t.		9-2	133	
	Bloomsburg (Pa.)	10-2	103	16
25.	Tuskegee (Ala.)	8-3	98	25
Othe	ers NSIC Teams Receiving Votes	s: Winona St.	(Minn.),	9; Sioux Falls (S.D.),

#### D2Football.com Poll August 26, 2014

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Rk	School	2012 Rec.
1	Northwest Missouri	15-0
2	Grand Valley	12-3
3	CSU-Pueblo	11-1
4	Minnesota Duluth	11-2
2 3 4 5 6	Minnesota State	11-1
	North Alabama	10-3
7	Lenoir-Rhyne	13-2
8	Henderson State	11-1
9	Pittsburg State	10-2
10	Ohio Dominican	10-1
11	West Chester	13-2
12	St. Cloud State	12-2
13	West Texas A&M	11-3
14	Shepherd	11-1
15	Indianapolis	10-2
16	Carson-Newman	10-3
17	Winston-Salem	10-2
18	UNC Pembroke	9-2
19	Emporia State	9-2
20	Saginaw Valley	9-3
21	Ferris State	8-3
22	Tarleton State	7-3
23	IUP	9-2
24	Missouri Western	8-3
25	Bloomsburg	10-2
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The NSIC is a 16-team, 17-sport, NCAA Division II Conference with teams located in Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota.

## 2014 NSIC TEAM NOTES



#### **AUGUSTANA (0-0 NSIC. 0-0 SOUTH)**

www.goAugie.com - KIKN 100.5-FM Jerry Olszewski - UW-Stevens Point '93 2nd Season, 4-7; 4-7 NSIC Last Season 4-7 NSIC, 2-5 South (t-6th)

#### THIS WEEK - AT UMC

The Vikings enter the season under the direction of second-year head coach Jerry Olszewski and are coming off a 4-7 record a season ago.

Augustana returns four All-NSIC performers from last season, all on the defensive side of the ball, including first team selections Jake Lee and Ben Skelly.

Junior linebacker Brandon Mohr (second team) and junior defensive back Justin Brown (honorable mention) also return on the Viking defense which brings back eight starters from last season.

The Vikings are 4-0 all-time against the Golden Eagles and have outscored them by a score of 203-7 in the four meetings.

Augustana is in search of its third straight season-opening win when it takes the field on Saturday.



#### BEMIDJI STATE (O-O NSIC. O-O NORTH)

www.bsubeavers.com - The River 92.1 FM Jeff Tesch - MSU Moorhead '78 19th Season, 116-79; 92-62 NSIC Last Season 3-8 NSIC, 1-6 North (t-7th)

#### THIS WEEK - AT WSC

- The Bemidji State football team will open its 89th season of collegiate competition Sept. 6 when it travels to Wayne, Neb. to face NSIC foe Wayne State College.
- BSU is 7-10 versus the Wildcats all time, including a 20-17 loss to WSC in the last meeting between the teams Sept. 15, 2012.
- The Beavers are coming off their first losing season in five seasons, recording a 3-8 record to finish eighth in the NSIC North Division a year ago.
- Bemidji State was picked to finish third in the North Division and eighth overall in the 2014 NSIC Preseason Coaches' Poll.
- BSU's 2014 captains are: Scott Christensen (Sr., DB, Stockbridge, Ga.), Dylan Valentine (Sr., DB, Temecula, Calif.), Jesse Hein (So., OL, Perham, Minn.) and J.J. Reinke (Sr., DL, New Prague, Minn.).



#### CONCORDIA-ST. PAUL (0-0 NSIC. 0-0 SOUTH)

www.cugoldenbears.com Ryan Williams - NDSU '01 4th Season, 13-20; 12-20 NSIC Last Season 5-6 NSIC, 2-5 South (t-6th) **THIS WEEK - AT UMD** 

Concordia opens the season at #3 Minnesota Duluth Concordia tabbed 12th in NSIC overall, 8th in NSIC South UMD picked 1st in overall the north division Concordia is...

- 2-1 in season openers under 4th year head coach Ryan Williams
- 5-6 against the NSIC North Division in Williams' career
- 3-7 against UMD all-time, dropping the last four meetings
- 1-4 against UMD in Duluth
- 3-1 when scoring 30-plus points on the Bulldogs
- 0-1 against UMD under Williams
- CU's last win against UMD was Sept 4, 2004 in St. Paul, 38-6 in non-conference play as UMD was an NCC member
- CU's only win at UMD was its first trip there on Oct 7, 2000 (37-27)
- In CU's last trip to UMD in 2009, Bulldogs prevailed 56-0 with its second straight shutout of CU, also blanking the Bears 40-0 in 2008 in St. Paul
- In the last meeting in 2012 in St. Paul, UMD prevailed 70-24. CU held a pair of first quarter leads, 3-0 and 10-7 and only trailed 28-24 late in the first half but UMD scored on its first 10 possessions
- Concordia names team captains: Cordell Smith (WR, Sr., Mequon, Wis.), Tre Spears (RB, Sr., Chicago, Ill.), Abdullah Asad (SS, Sr., Chicago, Ill.) and Jordan Halverson (LB, Jr., Fridley, Minn.)
- Tom Obarski (K/P, Sr., Burnsville, Minn.) has been nominated to the National Football Foundation National Scholar-Athlete Award
- Concordia features three USA College Football Preseason All-Americans: 1st Team: Jermaine Clemon (TE, Sr., Racine, Wis.), Tom Obarski (K/P, Sr., Burnsville, Minn.); 2nd Team: Nick Jauch (LB, Sr., Middleton, Wis.)



#### **UNIVERSITY OF MARY (0-0 NSIC, 0-0 NORTH)**

www.goumary.com - KFYR 550 AM Josh Kotelnicki - North Dakota '02 1st Season, 0-0; 0-0 NSIC Last Season 6-5 NSIC, 4-3 North (t-3rd)

#### THIS WEEK - VS SMSU

- The Marauders open the 2014 season by hosting Southwest Minnesota State University on Saturday, Sept. 6, at 2:30 p.m.
- The game will be televised throughout central and western North Dakota on the NBC North Dakota Sports Network.
- This is the first time the Marauders have played in the MDU Resources Community Bowl since the \$8 million renovation was completed last winter.
- Josh Kotelnicki is making his Marauders head coaching debut against the Mustangs.
- Previous head coach Myron Schulz, who led the Marauders to 103 victories in 15 seasons at the helm, also made his Marauders head coaching debut against the Mustangs, a 28-7 road win at SMSU in the 1999 season opener.
- The Marauders named four captains for the 2014 season, seniors Troy Guptill, Nick Jolliffe, Elby Pope and Grant Singer. Additionally fellow senior Vince Ferrante will be a game captain for opening day.
- The Marauders are 3-2 all-time against the Mustangs, including a 43-24 road win in 2012, the last meeting between the two schools.

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## 2014 NSIC TEAM NOTES



## MINNESOTA CROOKSTON (0-0 NSIC, 0-0 NORTH)

www.goldeneaglesports.com - KROX 1260 AM Mike Fritze - Winona State 2nd Season, 2-9; 2-9 NSIC Last Season 2-9 NSIC, 2-5 North (6th)

#### THIS WEEK - VS AUGIE

- -The UMC football team will open up play for the 2014 season Sept. 6 at home at 1 p.m. against Augustana College (S.D.).
- -UMC will be led by a new quarterback in 2014 as Ben Bucholz, who played basketball at St. Cloud State and Minnesota Duluth prior to transferring, takes over the reins as a redshirt junior. Bucholz was an All-State quarterback at Perham.
- -The Golden Eagles will be anchored by three seniors on the offensive line led by center Sam Smith, who has started all 33 games in his career. Joining him are tackle Matt Borowicz and sixth year player Jeff Pryor.
- -On defense, UMC will look to an experienced defensive line led by returning starters Drew Selvestra and A.J. Wallace.
- -Look for running back Talo Pascal to have an improved season. The junior, who shared the duties with Keith McBride last year, rushed for over 400 yards as a sophomore.
- -Golden Eagles are coming off a 2-9 year last year giving them four conference wins in the last two years, showing growth after not winning a single conference game for four-straight seasons.
- -Coach Mike Fritze is heading into his second year as head coach. Fritze is the first person since Shannon Stassen in 2009 and 2010 to coach the team in consecutive seasons.



#### MINNESOTA DULUTH (O-O NSIC. O-O NORTH)

www.umdbulldogs.com - KQDS-AM 1490 Curt Wiese - Minnesota State '00 2nd Season, 11-2; 10-1 NSIC Last Season 11-2, 10-1 NSIC, 7-0 North (1st)

#### THIS WEEK - VS CU

- 43 Lettermen the Bulldogs retain from last year's club, which went 11-2 overall and advanced to the NCAA Division II playoffs for the sixth time in as many years (they bowed out in the second round to eventual national champion Northwest Missouri State). Thirteen of those holdovers were starters from a year ago, including seven on offense and five on offense as well as junior placekicker/punter Andrew Brees, a 2012 All-NSIC first team pick.
- 14 Straight season-opening victories UMD has racked up coming into this fall. The last time UMD started a year 0-1 was in 1999 in thencoach Bob Nielson's Bulldog debut (a 35-17 setback to visiting MSU).
- 4 Preseason All-Americans the 2014 Bulldog roster sports: senior offensive guard Andrew Muer (USA College Football and Beyond Sports College Network), senior wide receiver/return specialist Aaron Roth (USA College Football and College Football Development League), senior running back Austin Sikorski (USA College Football) and junior placekicker/punterAndrew Brees (USA College Football). Sikorski, the 2013 NSIC North Division Preseason Offensive Player of the Year who ran for a career-high 1,290 yards as a junior (the fifth largest single-season harvest in team history), currently ranks seventh for career rushing yards among Bulldogs (2,736).
- 4 Interceptions the Bulldogs brought back for touchdowns last fall. That equaled a school record set in both 1986 and 2010. One of those four thefts was hauled in by current junior linebacker Nathan Zibolski.



#### MINNESOTA STATE (0-0 NSIC, 0-0 SOUTH)

www.msumavericks.com - 1230-AM KYSM Todd Hoffner - Valley City State '89 5th Season, 34-13; 31-9 NSIC Last Season 11-1, 11-0 NSIC, 7-0 South (1st)

#### THIS WEEK - VS SCSU

Grabbing the Reigns: The 2014 season marks the return of head coach Todd Hoffner to the sidelines. During his four previous seasons at Minnesota State, Hoffner compiled a 34-13 record, including a pair of trips to the NCAA Tournament in 2008 and 2009.

Mutual History: Saturday's meeting between the Mavericks and the Huskies marks the 79th meeting between them, with SCSU leading the all-time series with a 42-32-4 record. In their last meeting, the Huskies defeated the Mavericks 54-48 in the second round of the NCAA Tournament at Blakeslee Stadium. The 102 combined points scored tied for the most combined points scored in a single Maverick game, matching the previous mark of 102 points scored between MSU and South Dakota State back in the 1993 season.

Concerning the Mavericks: The Minnesota State Mavericks finished their 2013 regular season with an 11-1 record. MSU fell to St. Cloud State in the second round of the NCAA Tournament last season by the score of 54-48.

Last season, the Mavericks boasted the highest scoring average in the NSIC last season as they averaged 43.8 points per game. MSU was also the highest rushing team in the NSIC, with an average of 294.7 rushing yards per game.



#### MSU MOORHEAD (0-0 NSIC, 0-0 NORTH)

www.msumdragons.com - 106.1-FM KQLX Steve Laqua - NDSU '03 4th Season, 7-26; 6-26 NSIC Last Season 4-7 NSIC, 4-3 North (t-3rd)

#### THIS WEEK - AT UIU

- -Year 4 of the Steve Laqua era officially begins on Saturday for the MSU Moorhead football team when the Dragons play at Upper Iowa. -The Dragons and Peacocks will meet for a sixth time with Upper Iowa holding a slim 3-2 series lead. Upper Iowa won the last meeting, 51-33 on Sept, 15, 2012 in Moorhead. The Dragons' last win, by a 28-24 score, came in 2010.
- -The Dragons are coming off of a season where they went 4-7 overall, including 4-3 in the NSIC North Division. MSUM finished third in the division race and went 4-2 in its last six games.
- -Jake Hodge (QB, Jr.,) returns after throwing for 2,518 yards and 24 TDs. Hodge was second-team All-NSIC North Division last season. MSUM averaged 31.8 points per game a year ago and rushed for 174.2 yards per game. The Dragons threw for 285.5 yards per game and averaged 459.7 total yards of offense per contest.
- -The Dragon defense is led by a pair of all-conference honorable mention performers from last season in junior linebacker Chris Lee and sophomore defensive lineman Ryan Dahleen.
- -The Dragons allowed 41.5 points per game a year ago. Teams rushed for 255.7 yards per game against MSUM and threw for 241.4. Teams compiled 497.1 yards per game a year ago against MSUM.
- -MSUM is 1-2 in season openers under Head Coach Steve Laqua. In 2011, the Dragons beat Robert Morris, 28-17. They have lost their past two openers, falling to Wayne State, 49-6 in 2012 and Augustana, 41-28 in 2013.

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## 2014 NSIC TEAM NOTES



### MINOT STATE (0-0 NSIC, 0-0 NORTH)

www.msubeavers.com - KCJB AM 910 Tyler Hughes - Utah State '05 1st Season, 0-0; 0-0 NSIC Last Season 2-9, 1-6 NSIC (t-7th)

#### THIS WEEK - AT USF

- Minot State is 1-4 all-time against Sioux Falls, falling four straight times. The series dates back to 1994 when MSU defeated USF 20-13 in the first round of the NAIA National Playoffs.
- The Beavers are 0-1 against USF since the duo became members of the Northern Sun, falling 42-20 at Minot State in 2012.
- MSU has dropped 11 straight season-opening games, dating back to a 35-28 win over Bemidji State in the season opener in 2002.
- Minot State returns 11 starters and 23 letterwinners off a 2-9 2013 team.
- The Beavers will be under first-year head coach Tyler Hughes, who was hired in April as the 20th head coach in school history.



#### NORTHERN STATE (O-O NSIC. O-O NORTH)

northernstatewolves.com - KSDN AM 930/FM 94.1 Tom Dosch - Dickinson State '92 5th Season, 17-27; 16-26 NSIC Last Season 4-7 NSIC, 3-4 North (5th)

#### THIS WEEK - VS WSU

- The Northern State football team kicks off the 2014 season Thursday as Winona State comes to Swisher Field for a 6 p.m. contest.
- Tom Dosch enters his fifth season as the head man for the Wolves. NSU is coming off a 4-7 record in 2013 while Winona went 6-5. Northern was picked to finish 10th in the league in the NSIC Preseason Coaches' Poll while the Warriors were picked to finish third overall and received one first-place vote.
- Northern returns All-NSIC First Team tight end Conner Doherty who was the only freshman selected first team all-league in 2013. Doherty was second amongst NSIC tight ends with 559 yards receiving last season. Doherty led the Wolves with 42 catches and six touchdowns and also caught at least one pass in all 11 games in 2013.
- Linebacker Ryan Weybrecht was a Second Team All-NSIC selection in 2013. Weybrecht was fifth on the team with 47 tackles last season and was tied for second on the team with two sacks. He was the only player for NSU to record a sack, a forced fumble, a fumble recovery, an interception and a blocked kick last season for the Wolves.
- Quarterback Jared Jacobson begins his senior campaign sixth on the all-time NSIC total yardage list with 6,642 yards. This statistic is based on NSIC games played only.



#### SIOUX FALLS (0-0 NSIC, 0-0 SOUTH)

www.usfcougars.com - KWSN 1230 AM Jed Stugart - Azusa Pacific '94 5th Season, 34-12; 15-7 NSIC Last Season 6-5 NSIC, 4-3 South

#### THIS WEEK - VS MSUM

- The Cougars were picked fifth in the NSIC preseason coaches' poll
- The Cougars were picked to finish third in the NSIC South Division behind Minnesota State and Winona State.
- USF returns 18 of 25 starters from a year ago (7/4 O, 10/1 D, 1/2 ST).
- #3 Nephi Garcia (RB/5-7/185/Sr., Palm Desert, Calif.) logged the fifthmost single-season rushing yards in the past 10 years.
- Garcia ranks in the top-20 in school history with 1,068 rushing yards and has seven 100-yard rushing games and 11 career touchdowns.
- #26 John Tidwell (CB/6-0/191/Jr.Aurora, Colo. / Rangeview HS) was a First team All-NSIC performer last year as well as a Don Hansen Football Committee All-Super Region 3 Team third team.
- Tidwell collected 56 tackles, including 3.5 for losses and had 12 passes defended (two interceptions, ten pass break-ups), which ranked him sixth in the NSIC.
- Tidwell enters his junior campaign with 118 career tackles (89 solo), 7.5 TFL and 28 passes defended (5 interceptions, 23 pass breakups).



#### SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA STATE (O-O NSIC, O-O SOUTH)

www.smsumustangs.com - KARL 105.1 FM Cory Sauter - Minnesota '97 5th Season, 18-28; 17-26 NSIC Last Season 7-5, 7-4 NSIC, 5-2 South (2nd) THIS WEEK - AT U-MARY

- SMSU opens its 47th season at the University of Mary.
- Southwest Minnesota State is 20-26 all-time in season openers, including losing its last three season lid-lifters.
- SMSU is one of just two teams in NCAA DII to return a 3,000-yard passer and a 1,000-yard rusher from the 2013 season. Charlie Kern passed for 3,156 yards, while Tyler Tonderum rushed for 2,145.
- SMSU has scored 30 or more points in 16 of its last 24 games dating back to the final game of the 2011 season.
- SMSU scored 50 or more points in four games last season setting a new program record. SMSU scored 40 or more points in six games in 2013, ranking second behind the 1991 team which holds the record with eight 40-point games.
- SMSU finished second in the NSIC in red-zone offense (86.8) and finished 26th in Division II (86.0).
- Tyler Tonderum rushed for more than 100 yards in five straight games twice last season becoming just the second SMSU player in team history (Shad Peckenpaugh,1985) to do so.
- Tonderum has school record four 200-yard rushing games in his career.
- Tonderum set the SMSU single-season record for rushing touchdowns with 19 in 2013.
- Tonderum finished the 2013 season ranked 14th in Division II in scoring with 19 rushing touchdowns and one receiving touchdown. He scored at least two touchdowns in seven games.
- AJ Page finished the NSIC season third in tackles, third in tackles for loss and seventh in sacks.

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ST. CLOUD STATE (0-0 NSIC, 0-0 NORTH)

www.scsuhuskies.com - KNSI 1450-AM Scott Underwood - Augustana '88 7th Season, 52-20; 48-14 NSIC Last Season 12-2, 10-1 NSIC, 6-1 North (2nd) THIS WEEK - AT MSU

- #15 AFCA/#12 D2football.com ranked St. Cloud State will open the season on the road at #7/#5 Minnesota State University, Mankato on Thursday, Sept. 4 at 6 p.m.
- Huskies lead the all-time series 42-32-4 and have won nine of the last 11 games in the series including a 54-48 NCAA playoff win over the Mavericks last season.
- The Huskies and Mavericks will play for the Traveling Training Kit, awarded to the winner of this game. It is currently in the possession of the Huskies.
- SCSU returns six starters on offense and five on defense in 2014.
- Ledell White (Jr., RB, Milwaukee, Wis.) is the top returning rusher for the Huskies and is closing in on the 1,000 yard career rushing mark. White enters the season with 909 career rushing yards. Last season he averaged 34.4 yards a game.
- Head coach Scott Underwood is entering his seventh season at the helm of the Huskies. He has compiled a 52-20 record with the Huskies and is 48-14 in NSIC games.
- Huskies are coming off one of the most successful seasons in school history. In 2013, SCSU played a school record 14 games and won a school record 12 games. The Huskies advanced to the quarterfinals of the NCAA playoffs posting wins on the road at #4 Henderson State and #1 Minnesota State before losing to eventual national champion Northwest Missouri State.
- For the second straight year, the Huskies are picked to finish fourth in the NSIC by the league coaches.



#### **UPPER IOWA (0-0 NSIC, 0-0 SOUTH)**

upperiowaathletics.com Tom Shea - Dakota State '78 6th Season, 10-34, 8-33 NSIC Last Season 6-5 NSIC, 3-4 South (4th) **THIS WEEK - VS MSUM** 

- Upper Iowa University was selected to finish eleventh in the overall standings in the 16-member NSIC Preseason Coaches' Poll.
- The Peacocks were picked to finish sixth in the NSIC South Division.
- Two Peacocks were named as players to watch heading into the 2014 campaign. Opponents will have their eyes on a lot of the UIU players during the upcoming season, but Lucas Hefty and Jevell Rollins will receive special attention in team's game planning against the Peacocks.
- #12 Lucas Hefty (TE, 6-4, 240, Sr., Traer, Iowa / North Tama HS) was named as a preseason All-American by Lindy Sports, Beyond Sports College Network's (BSN) and USA College Football
- Upper Iowa will host Take a Kid to the Game and Educator Appreciation Day in conjunction with the 2014 season opener.



#### **WAYNE STATE (0-0 NSIC. 0-0 SOUTH)**

wscwildcats.com - KCTY 104.9, KTCH 1590
Dan McLaughlin - Bellevue '82
10th Season, 54-47; 50-36 NSIC
Last Season 2-9 NSIC, 1-6 South (8th)

#### THIS WEEK - VS BSU

- Wayne State leads all-time series against Bemidji State 10-7
- BSU is making first trip to Wayne since 2008
- WSC has lost eight straight games at home, 0-6 last season
- Game features two of the three longest-tenured coaches in the league Jeff Tesch (19th year at BSU) and Dan McLaughlin (10th year at WSC)



#### WINONA STATE (O-O NSIC. O-O SOUTH)

WinonaStateWarriors.com - KQAL 89.5 Tom Sawyer - Winona State '83 19th Season, 148-60; 121-28 NSIC Last Season 6-5 NSIC, 4-3 South (3rd)

#### THIS WEEK - AT NSU

- Winona State at Northern State on Thurs., Sept 4 at 6 p.m.
- WSU received votes in the AFCA Preseason Coaches Poll
- WSU leads series 21-16
- WSU won the last meeting 42-32 in 2012 in Winona, Minn.
- The last win for NSU over WSU was 10/30/99 (37-24)
- The Warriors will suit up seven players who garnered preseason All-American attention in the offseason.
- Eight Warriors will return after earning All-Conference honors last vear
- WSU returns the NSIC Newcomer of the Year in quarterback Jack Nelson.

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## MINNESOTA DULUTH TABBED PRESEASON COACHES FAVORITE



BURNSVILLE, Minn. - The University of Minnesota Duluth Bulldogs were selected by the league coaches as the overall and north division preseason favorite in the NSIC in 2014. The Bulldogs

received eight first place votes and amassed 215 points, just edging out Minnesota State (212), who garnered seven first place votes and was the coaches' top choice in the south division. Winona State was picked third overall (189) and received a first place vote, while St. Cloud State (188) was fourth following by Sioux Falls in fifth (147).

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## PRESEASON NSIC FOOTBALL COACHES POLL

Overall	<b>Points</b>
1. Minnesota Duluth (8)	215
2. Minnesota State (7)	
3. Winona State (1)	
4. St. Cloud State	
5. Sioux Falls	147
6. Augustana College	
7. Southwest Minnesota State	140
8. Bemidji State	118
9. University of Mary	100
10. Northern State	96
11. Upper Iowa	87
12. Concordia- St. Paul	81
13. Wayne State	74
14. MSU Moorhead	73
15. Minot State	34
16. Minnesota Crookston	21
first place	e votes in (

## PRESEASON NSIC FOOTBALL COACHES POLL

<b>North Division</b>	<b>Points</b>
1 Minnesota Duluth (7)	48
2. St. Cloud State (1)	40
3. Bemidji State	33
4. Northern State	29
5. University of Mary	26
6. MSU Moorhead	26
7. Minot State University	13
8. Minnesota Crookston	9
first place votes in ()	

#### North Division Preseason Players of the Year



#28 Austin Sikorski RB, 5-10, 200, Sr., Plover, Wis. / Stevens Point HS) University of Minnesota Duluth





#41 Grant Singer
OLB, 6-1, 215, Sr.,
Turtle Lake, N.D. / Turtle Lake-Mercer HS
University of Mary



## PRESEASON NSIC FOOTBALL COACHES POLL

<b>South Division</b>	<b>Points</b>
1. Minnesota State (6)	48
2. Winona State (1)	43
3. Sioux Falls (1)	33
4. Augustana	
5. Southwest Minnesota State	26
6. Upper Iowa	19
7. Wayne State	16
8. Concordia-St. Paul	9
first place votes in ()	

#### South Division Preseason Players of the Year



#22 Tyler Tonderum RB, 5-10, 190, Sr., Armstrong, Iowa / Armstrong-Ringsted HS Southwest Minnesota State University





#4 Nathan Hancock S, 6-1, 192, Sr., Independence, Mo. / Fort Osage HS Minnesota State University, Mankato



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## NSIC NORTH OFFENSIVE PRESEASON PLAYER OF THE YEAR #28 Austin Sikorski (RB, 5-10, 200, Sr., Plover, Wis. / Stevens Point HS) University of Minnesota Duluth





Sikorski finished fifth in the NSIC in rushing last season as he amassed 1260 yards on 197 carries for a 6.4 yard per carry average. He averaged 96.9 yards per game and scored 16 times for the Bulldogs with a season long rush of 66 yards. His best game of the season came on October 12 against MSU Moorhead where he carried the ball 21 times for 212 yards and three scores. Sikorski was named to the NSIC All-North Division First Team last season and to the USA College Football DII Preseason All-American team this summer. Sikorski has led the Bulldogs in rushing the past two seasons. The 1,260 yards in 2013 were the fifth highest single-season total in the 81-year history of UMD football as Sikorski ranks ninth all-time among UMD rushers with 2,736 yards.

## NSIC NORTH DEFENSIVE PRESEASON PLAYER OF THE YEAR #41 Grant Singer (OLB, 6-1, 215, Sr., Turtle Lake, N.D. / Turtle Lake-Mercer HS) University of Mary





The 2013 Northern Sun Co-Defensive Player of the Year, Singer led the NSIC in tackles with 118, including 54 solo stops. He was second in the NSIC in tackles for loss (16.5), third in fumbles recovered (3), fourth in sacks (7.5) and eighth in interceptions (3). A first team All-NSIC North Division selection for the second straight season, Singer ranked 20th in the NCAA in tackles and 22nd in tackles for loss. Singer claimed a slot on the AFCA All-American team and was both a BSN D2 and Don Hansen NCAA Division II All-American honorable mention selection in 2013. He was also a Daktronics 1st team all-region choice, a Don Hansen NCAA Division II All-Super Region Three second team selection and was a finalist for the Cliff Harris Award, honoring the top small college defensive player. Twice he was the

NSIC Defensive Player of the Week in 2013 after earning the award once in 2012 as a sophomore. Additionally, Singer is a Capital One Academic All-District selection and a two-time NSIC all-academic choice.

## NSIC SOUTH OFFENSIVE PRESEASON PLAYER OF THE YEAR #22 Tyler Tonderum (RB, 5-10, 190, Sr., Armstrong, Iowa / Armstrong-Ringsted HS) Southwest Minnesota State University





Tonderum amassed the best season for an SMSU running back in program history in 2013. He rushed for a school record 2,145 yards (ranking second in the country), becoming just the 25th player in Division II history to rush for more than 2,000 yards in a season. An All-American by five different organizations, Tonderum finished eighth in the voting for the Harlon Hill Trophy, which is awarded to the top player in Division II. He rushed for more than 100 yards in 10 games, including a school record 343 yards in win at MSU Moorhead. He set six school single-season records, including rushing touchdowns with 19. Tonderum also caught 34 passes for 289 yards and one touchdown.

## NSIC SOUTH DEFENSIVE PRESEASON PLAYER OF THE YEAR #4 Nathan Hancock (S, 6-1, 192, Sr., Independence, Mo. / Fort Osage HS) Minnesota State University, Mankato





Hancock played in all 12 games for the Mavericks, including 11 starts in 2013 He finished the season with 46 tackles, including 30 unassisted and tied for the team lead for interceptions with five, including an interception against the University of Mary he returned 72 yards for a touchdown. He was named the NSIC Defensive Player of the Week after posting 10 tackles, one interception, one fumble recovery and one forced fumble against Minnesota Duluth. Hancock was named NSIC South Division All-Conference First Team Defense as he posted a total of 116 return yards after his five inceptions, which led the team. He also garnered Don Hansen All-Super Region Three First Team Defense honors last season.

#### NSIC Returning All-Conference Players (year indicated is for 2014 season) **NSIC North Division All-Conference First Team Offense NSIC South Division All-Conference First Team Offense** 63 Josh Meeker Minnesota State Omaha, Neb. OL Sr. 25 Nick Jolliffe WR Sr. University of Mary Bismarck, N.D. 22 Tyler Tonderum RB Sr. WR Sr. Southwest Minnesota State Armstrong, Iowa 12 Elby Pope Grand Forks, N.D. University of Mary Sr. ΤE Upper Iowa Traer, Iowa 12 Lucas Hefty 70 Andrew Muer OL Sr. Minnesota Duluth Perham, Minn. 21 Chris Smith RB Sr. Upper Iowa Brown Deer, Wis. RB Sr. 28 Austin Sikorski Minnesota Duluth Plover, Wis. 70 Vance Ross OL Winona State Evanston, III. 8 Adam Jiskra WR Jr. MSU Moorhead Grafton, N.D. NSIC South Division All-Conference First Team Defense TF So. Northern State Brookings, S.D. 85 Connor Doherty Blue Earth, Minn. Jake Lee DL Sr. Augustana OL Jr. St. Cloud State Princeton, Minn. 67 Karl Eichinger Sr. 42 Ben Skelly LB Augustana Lakeville, Minn. 73 Mitchell Weideman Sr. OL St. Cloud State Baxter, Minn. 68 Barry Ballinger DL Sr. Minnesota State Wauwatosa, Wis. **NSIC North Division All-Conference First Team Defense** Nathan Hancock DB Sr. Minnesota State Independence, Mo. Mankato, Minn. LB Minnesota State 41 Grant Singer LB Sr. University of Mary Turtle Lake, N.D. 33 Tyler Henderson .lr Patrick Schmidt DB Jr. Minnesota State Menasha, Wis. DB 30 Preston Tescher Jr. University of Mary Bismarck, N.D. DB 26 John Tidwell Sioux Falls Aurora, Colo. DΙ Sr. Duluth. Minn. Jr. 95 Buma Foncham Minnesota Duluth NSIC South Division All-Conference First Team Special Teams DΙ Sr. St. Cloud State Racine, Wis. 93 Jeff Bias II 24 Tom Obarski Ρ Concordia-St. Paul Apple Valley, Minn. NSIC North Division All-Conference First Team Special Teams NSIC South Division All-Conference Second Team Offense 12 Elby Pope RS University of Mary Grand Forks, N.D. Minnesota State Omaha, Neb. 74 Chris Reed OL Sr. **NSIC North Division All-Conference Second Team Offense** Sr. OL Sioux Falls 56 Derek Delaney Neligh, Neb. 77 Michael Mortenson OL Sr. University of Mary Dickinson, N.D. Charlie Kern QB Sr. Southwest Minnesota State Belle Plaine, Minn. 76 Peter Bateman OL So. Minnesota Duluth La Crescent, Minn. Casey Beck OL Sr. Upper Iowa Rockford, III. 86 Aaron Roth WR Sr. Minnesota Duluth Plymouth, Minn. Keaton Hosch WR Sr. Upper Iowa Independence, Iowa Adam Stark WR Sr. Wayne State Elkhorn, Neb. 83 Cory Ambrose WR So. MSU Moorhead Grasston, Minn. 83 Alex Jensen ΤE Sr. Winona State Apple Valley, Minn. Kasson, Minn. 12 Jake Hodge QB Jr. MSU Moorhead WR Josh Mikes Jr. Winona State St. Charles III. MSU Moorhead 21 Zayne Medhaug RB Jr. Wahpeton, N.D. NSIC South Division All-Conference Second Team Defense 72 Bret Piekarski St. Cloud State Lakeville, Minn. OL Jr. 47 Brandon Mohr LB Jr. Augustana Sioux Falls, S.D. **NSIC North Division All-Conference Second Team Defense** 95 Josh Gordon DL Jr. Minnesota State Milwaukee, Wis. 18 Scott Christensen DB Sr. Bemidji State Stockbridge, Ga. 17 Justin Otto DB Minnesota State Kenosha, Wis. Jr. Franklin Park, III. 91 Dan Kiebler DL Sr. Bemidji State 72 Kaleb Wendricks DL Sr. Minnesota State Suamico, Wis. DL Sr. University of Mary Quinn, S.D. 44 Troy Guptill AJ Page DL Sr. Southwest Minnesota State Minneapolis, Minn. LB Sr. Minnesota Crookston Detroit, Mich. Andrew Hall 93 Jeff Van Den Top DI Sr. Wavne State Hull, Iowa LB Sr. Northern State Gilbert, Ariz. 49 Colin Corcoran LB Winona State Crystal Lake III. Rvan Wevbrecht Jr. LB Sr. Winona State 34 Ryan Gerts Bloomingdale III. 49 Bo Putrah DL Sr. St. Cloud State Faribault, Minn. 12 Morgan Weaver ΙB Sr. Winona State Country Club Hills, III. 23 Jordan Sefon DB Jr. St. Cloud State Richfield, Minn. NSIC South Division All-Conference Second Team Special Teams **NSIC North Division All-Conference Honorable Mention Team** P 23 Mike Wenk Southwest Minnesota State Hartford, S.D. 90 J.J. Reinke DL Sr. Bemidji State New Prague, Minn. NSIC South Division All-Conference Honorable MentionTeam 86 Aaron Roth RS Sr. Plymouth, Minn. Minnesota Duluth DB Littleton, Colo. 14 Justin Brown Jr. Augustana 33 Nathan Zibolski LB Jr. Minnesota Duluth Dennison, Minn. Sr. Concordia-St. Paul Jermaine Clemon TE Racine. Wis. 95 Ryan Dahleen DL So. MSU Moorhead Palos Hills, III. 45 Nick Jauch LB Sr. Concordia-St. Paul Middleton, Wis. 29 Josh Trifunov LB Concordia-St. Paul St. Paul, Minn. 33 Chris Lee LB Jr. MSU Moorhead Dell Rapids, SD .lr 83 Bryce Duncan TE Jr. Minnesota State Rochester, Minn. 54 Troy Peterson OL Jr. MSU Moorhead Hitterdal, Minn. So **RB** Minnesota State Chicago, III. Connor Thomas DL/RBJr. Cam Pudwill Northern State Redfield, S.D. Sioux Falls, S.D. 86 Jace Bunkers Ρ Jr. Sioux Falls DB 31 Paul Woodward Sr. Northern State Las Vegas, Nev. **Grant Schindler** DL Jr. Sioux Falls Chippewa Falls, Wis. 34 Ledell White RB Jr. St. Cloud State Milwaukee, Wis. Southwest Minnesota State Aurora, Colo. Andrew McRevnolds DB Jr. Donovan Woods DB Jr. Southwest Minnesota State Belleville, Wis. W-L NSIC Win % Strk Derek Giesking Sr. 81 WR Cedar Rapids, Iowa Upper Iowa #1 Minnesota State\*\$ 11-1 11-0 1.000 L1 95 Tyler Kubler DL Sr. Winona State Eden Prairie Minn. WR/PR Jr. #5 Minnesota Duluth\$ 11-2 10-1.909 L1 14 Alan May Winona State Adams, Minn. #12 St. Cloud State\$ 12-2 10-1.909 L1 7-5 .636 L1 SMSU & 7-4 **U-Mary** 6-5 .545 W1 Winona State 6-5 .545 L1 Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference W1 Sioux Falls 6-5 .545 2013 Final Football Standings 6-5 .545 L1 Upper Iowa Concordia-St. Paul .455 W1 5-6 North Division Standings South Division Standings .364 L2 Augustana 4-7 #1 Minnesota State\* 7-0 1.000 #5 Minnesota Duluth\* 7-0 1.000 MSU Moorhead 4-7 .364 L1 Southwest Minnesota State 5-2 0.714 #12 St. Cloud State 6-1 .857 Northern State 4-7 .364 L1 Winona State 4-3 0.571 **U-Mary** 4-3 .571 Bemidji State 3-8 .273 W1 Sioux Falls 4-3 0.571 MSU Moorhead 4-3 .571 .182 L4 Minnesota Crookston 2-9 0.429 Northern State .429 Upper Iowa 3-4 3-4 .182 L3 Minot State 2-9 Concordia-St. Paul 2-5 0.286 .286 Minnesota Crookston 2-5 Wayne State 2-9 .182 L6 Augustana 2-5 0.286 .143 Bemidji State 1-6 Rankings based on AFCA Coaches Poll (11/18/13) Wayne State 1-6 0.143 Minot State 1-6 .143 \*NSIC Champ \$NCAA Playoffs &Mineral Water Bowl

as of December 8, 2013

\*Division Champs

1	_		2014 NSIC (	Composi	ite Fo	otball Schedu	le		
9/4	St. Cloud State	at	Minnesota State	6 p.m.	10/17	Concordia-St Paul	at	Minnesota State	6 p.m.
9/4	Winona State	at	Northern State	6 p.m.	10/18	SMSU	at	Sioux Falls	12 p.m.
9/6	Minot State	at	Sioux Falls	12 p.m.	10/18	St. Cloud State	at	MSU Moorhead	1 p.m.
9/6	Augustana	at	Minnesota Crookston	1 p.m.	10/18	U-Mary	at	Minnesota Crookston	1 p.m.
9/6	Bemidji State	at	Wayne State	1 p.m.	10/18	Northern State	at	Minnesota Duluth	1 p.m.
9/6	SMSU	at	U-Mary	2:30 p.m.	10/18	Augustana	at	Wayne State	1 p.m.
9/6	MSU Moorhead	at	Upper Iowa	3 p.m.	10/18	Minot State	at	Bemidji State	2:30 p.m.
9/6	Concordia-St Paul	at	Minnesota Duluth	6 p.m.	10/18	Winona State	at	Upper Iowa	6 p.m.
9/13	Minnesota State	at	MSU Moorhead	1 p.m.	10/25	MSU Moorhead	at	U-Mary	1 p.m.
9/13	Minnesota Duluth	at	Augustana	1 p.m.	10/25	St. Cloud State		Northern State	1 p.m.
9/13	U-Mary		Winona State	1 p.m.	10/25	Bemidji State	at	Minnesota Duluth	1 p.m.
9/13	Wayne State	at	St. Cloud State	3 p.m.		Minnesota State	at	Augustana	1 p.m.
9/13	Sioux Falls	at	Bemidji State	6 p.m.	10/25	Upper Iowa		Concordia-St Paul	1 p.m.
9/13	Upper Iowa	at	Minot State	6 p.m.	10/25	Minnesota Crookston	at	Minot State	1:30 p.m.
9/13	Minnesota Crookston	at	SMSU	6 p.m.	10/25	Sioux Falls	at	Winona State	2:30 p.m.
9/13	Northern State	at	Concordia-St Paul	6 p.m.	10/25	Wayne State	at	SMSU	6 p.m.
9/20	Minot State	at	Minnesota State	1 p.m.	11/1	Minot State	at	MSU Moorhead	1 p.m.
9/20	Winona State	at	Minnesota Crookston	1 p.m.	11/1	Northern State	at	U-Mary	1 p.m.
9/20	MSU Moorhead	at	Wayne State	1 p.m.	11/1	Sioux Falls		Minnesota State	1 p.m.
9/20	Concordia-St Paul	at	U-Mary	2:30 p.m.	11/1	Minnesota Duluth	at	Minnesota Crookston	1 p.m.
9/20	Augustana	at	Northern State	5 p.m.	11/1	Bemidji State	at	St. Cloud State	1 p.m.
9/20	Bemidji State	at	Upper Iowa	6 p.m.	11/1	Winona State	at	Augustana	1 p.m.
9/20	SMSÚ	at	Minnesota Duluth	6 p.m.	11/1	Concordia-St Paul	at	SMSU	1 p.m.
9/20	St. Cloud State	at	Sioux Falls	6 p.m.	11/1	Wayne State	at	Upper Iowa	6 p.m.
9/27	Minnesota Crookston	at	Concordia-St Paul	12 p.m.	11/8	Upper Iowa	at	Sioux Falls	12 p.m.
9/27	U-Mary	at	Augustana	1 p.m.	11/8	MSU Moorhead	at	Bemidji State	1 p.m.
9/27	Sioux Falls	at	MSU Moorhead	2 p.m.	11/8	Minnesota Crookston	at	Northern State	1 p.m.
9/27	Wayne State	at	Minot State	2:30 p.m.	11/8	U-Mary	at	Minnesota Duluth	1 p.m.
9/27	Minnesota State	at	Bemidji State	6 p.m.	11/8	Augustana		Concordia-St Paul	1 p.m.
9/27	Upper Iowa		St. Cloud State	6 p.m.	11/8	SMSU		Winona State	1 p.m.
9/27	Northern State		SMSU	6 p.m.	11/8	St. Cloud State		Minot State	1:30 p.m.
9/27	Minnesota Duluth	at	Winona State	6 p.m.	11/8	Minnesota State	at	Wayne State	2 p.m.
10/4	St. Cloud State	at	Minnesota Crookston	1 p.m.	11/15	Wayne State	at	Sioux Falls	12 p.m.
10/4	Winona State	at	Wayne State	1 p.m.	11/15	Concordia-St Paul	at	Winona State	12 p.m.
10/4	SMSU	at	Minnesota State	2 p.m.		Minnesota Crookston	at	MSU Moorhead	1 p.m.
10/4	Bemidji State	at	U-Mary	2:30 p.m.		Upper Iowa	at	Minnesota State	1 p.m.
10/4	Minot State	at	Northern State	2:30 p.m.	11/15	Northern State	at	Bemidji State	1 p.m.
10/4	Augustana		Upper Iowa	6 p.m.		U-Mary		St. Cloud State	1 p.m.
10/4	MSU Moorhead		Minnesota Duluth	6 p.m.		Augustana		SMSU	1 p.m.
10/4	Concordia-St Paul	at	Sioux Falls	6 p.m.	11/15	Minnesota Duluth	at	Minot State	1:30 p.m.
10/9	*Minnesota State *National Televised of		Winona State	7 p.m.		eason Schedule NCAA Playoff 1st Rour	nd		
10/11	Minnesota Crookston		Bemidji State	1 p.m.		NCAA Playoff 2nd Rou			
	Minnesota Duluth		St. Cloud State	1 p.m.		48th Mineral Water Box			
	Sioux Falls		Augustana	1 p.m.		Super Region Champio		ips	
	Wayne State		Concordia-St Paul	1 p.m.		NCAA Semifinals		1	
	Northern State		MSU Moorhead	2 p.m.		NCAA Championship			
	U-Mary		Minot State	6 p.m.		r "F			
	Upper Iowa		SMSU	6 p.m.					
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