

2008 MCCC BASEBALL TEAM PREVIEWS



MINNESOTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE CONFERENCE

2008 Baseball Preview

Team: Anoka Ramsey	Starters Returning: One	
Coach: Tom Yelle	Yrs Coaching: 21	Coaching Record: NA
2007 Overall Record:	2007 Conference Record:	
Coaches E-mail Address: editor.abcsports@ecm-inc.com		

Top Returning Players:

Name	Pos	High School	Supporting Statistics/Info
Scott Novak	Second base	Andover	
Steve Harvey	Pitcher	St. Francis	

Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):

Name	Pos	High School	College (if transfer)
Ryan Iverson	First base	Spring Lake Park	Bethel University
Matt Oberfoel	Catcher	Coon Rapids	
Adam Runkel	Shortstop	Mounds View	

Team Strengths

Good speed

Team Weaknesses

No power

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Team: Central Lakes College Raiders	Starters Returning: Andy Jorges, Billy Aamodt, Matt Siegel, Brad Waytashek, Chris Munsch	
Coach: Joel Lofstrom	Yrs Coaching: 2	Coaching Record: 13-41
2007 Overall Record: 3-23	2006 Conference Record: 2-16	
Coaches E-mail Address: jlofstrom@clcmn.edu		

Top Returning Players:

Name	Pos	High School	Supporting Statistics/Info
Billy Aamodt	Pitcher/3B	Jordan	
Andy Jorges	Catcher	Rockford	13-39, .333

Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):

Name	Pos	High School	College (if transfer)
Zach Heidmann	OF/ Pitcher	Brainerd	
Dillon Nauman	C	Milaca	Dordt

Team Strengths

This team is willing to work hard and has good work habits.

Team Weaknesses

Pitching Depth

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Team: Dakota County Technical College	Starters Returning: 9	
Coach: Tim Huber	Yrs Coaching: 4	Coaching Record: 67-55-1
2007 Overall Record: 25-18	2007 Conference Record: 11-5	
Coaches E-mail Address: tim.huber@dctc.edu		

Top Returning Players:

Name	Pos	High School	Supporting Statistics/Info
Dave Geiger	RHP	Como Park	All-American, 6-3, 1.85 ERA, 63 K
Chase Brown	INF	Mankato West	.299 avg, .463 OB %, 29 RBI, 31 SB's
Justin Kohls	RHP	Watertown	5-0, 1.83 ERA
Spencer Braun	C	Sauk Rapids	.306 avg

Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):

Name	Pos	High School	College (if transfer)
Andy Fitzgerald	RHP	St Paul Johnson	MATC
Aaron Kackman	1B/RHP	Bloomington Kennedy	
Evan Lucius	1B	Lakeville North	
Will Dahlgren	OF/RHP	Burnsville	NIACC
Ben Briesacher	OF	Prior Lake	NDSU

Team Strengths

Pitching depth, defense up the middle

Team Weaknesses

Offense

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Team: Fergus Falls	Starters Returning: 6	
Coach: Kent Bothwell	Yrs Coaching: 12	Coaching Record: 274-151
2007 Overall Record: 16-14	2007 Conference Record: 12-6	

Top Returning Players:

Name	Pos	High School	Supporting Statistics/Info
Jake Erickson	OF	Cooper	
Mike Gronseth	P	Alexandria	
Jake Leuschke	P	Alexandria	
Bryan Rocheleau	OF	St. Cloud Apollo	

Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):

Name	Pos	High School	College (if transfer)
Joe Copas	C	Glencoe Silver Lake	
Chris Doege	P	Sauk Centre	
Cody Curry	IF	Alexandria	
Justin Olson	P	St. Paul Central	

Team Strengths

Pitching

Team Weaknesses

Young at key positions

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2008 Baseball Preview

Team: Hibbing Community College	Starters Returning:	
Coach: Mike Turnbull	Yrs Coaching: 15	Coaching Record:
2007 Overall Record: 3-34	2007 Conference Record: 3-13	
Coaches E-mail Address: mturnbull@hibbing.edu		

Top Returning Players:

Name	Pos	High School	Supporting Statistics/Info
Casey Trevarthen	CF/P	Bessemer, MI	All-DIVISION, .340,12 rbi's, 19 sb's
Nick Kepler	SS/P	Hibbing, MN	.188

Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):

Name	Pos	High School	College (if transfer)
Andy Finco	2b,P, OF	Hibbing, MN	Northland College
Justin Kaiser	If/p	Maple, WI	
Adrian Buller	P/3B	Carlton, MN	
Chais White	Of/p	McGregor, MN	

Team Strengths

Defense

Team Weaknesses

Very limited depth

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Team: Itasca	Starters Returning: 4	
Coach: Justin Lamppa	Yrs Coaching: 11	Coaching Record: 301-153
2007 Overall Record: 30-17	2007 Conference Record: 12-4	
Coaches E-mail Address: jlamppa@itascacc.edu		

Top Returning Players:

Name	Pos	High School	Supporting Statistics/Info
John Pogtchnik	2b	Holdingsford	
Brian Lewis Mykel Erickson	Ss P	Esko Bottineau,ND	
Justin Gambill John Fuchs	3b P	Grandrapids Upsala	
Beau Musjgerd	1b	Rogers	

Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):

Name	Pos	High School	College (if transfer)
Nathan Voll Alex Orgon	OF P	Roseau Roseau	
Josh Vidor Corey Erickson	C OF	Rogers Roseau	
Isaac Stoll Jeremy Schmitz	OF P	Perham Grand Rapids	
Ryan McKowski	P	Duluth East	

Team Strengths

Good leadership

Team Weaknesses

Freshman Arms

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2008 Baseball Preview

Team: Mesabi Range	Starters Returning: 4	
Coach: Brad Scott	Yrs Coaching: 7	Coaching Record: 154 - 72
2007 Overall Record: 27-10	2007 Conference Record: 11-5	
Coaches E-mail Address: b.scott@mr.mnscu.edu		

Top Returning Players:

Name	Pos	High School	Supporting Statistics/Info
Rich Wiese	OF/SS/P	South St. Paul	.294 Avg., 6 HR, 26 RBIs, 12 Steals, 4.16 ERA
Billy Hamilton	OF	Rosemount	.284 Avg., 16 RBI
Chris Modich	OF	Hibbing	.319 Avg., 25 RBIs,
Troy Beaman	P	Henry Sibley	.370 Avg., 4.35 ERA,

Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):

Name	Pos	High School	College (if transfer)
Johany Ramirez	SS	Santo Domingo, DR	Southwestern C.C.
Joby Davidsavor	P/OF	Amery, WI	Winona State
Andrew Wilson	P	Oscoela, WI	
John Anderson	3B/P	Sommerset, WI	Minnesota State-Mankato

Team Strengths

Pitching Depth, Team Defense

Team Weaknesses

Run Support

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2008 Baseball Preview

Team: MINNESOTA WEST	Starters Returning: 3	
Coach: JEREMY IRLBECK	Yrs Coaching: 4	Coaching Record: 0-0
2007 Overall Record: 9-21	2007 Conference Record: 6-10	
Coaches E-mail Address: Jeremy.irlbeck@mnwest.edu		

Top Returning Players:

Name	Pos	High School	Supporting Statistics/Info
NICK AHRENS	IF-P	WORTHINGTON HS	.292-27 IP
CHASE BIERMAN	OF-P	RED ROCK CENTRAL	.290-13.1 IP
ADAM FELLER	CF	WORTHINGTON HS	.234

Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):

Name	Pos	High School	College (if transfer)
ANDREW DEBOER	IF-P	LUVERNE HS	
COREY POLZ	IF-OF-P	JACKSON COUNTY CENTRAL	

Team Strengths

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Team Weaknesses

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Team: Ridgewater College	Starters Returning: 7 position players; 4 pitchers	
Coach: Dwight Kotila	Yrs Coaching: 12	Coaching Record: 346-131
2007 Overall Record: 38-8	2007 Conference Record: 14-2	
Coaches E-mail Address: dwight.kotila@ridgewater.edu		

Top Returning Players:

Name	Pos	High School	Supporting Statistics/Info
Keaton Gustin	1B	Holdingsford	1 st Team all American
Matt Bauer	3B	Tracy Milroy	2 nd Team all American
Tyler Horning Chad Willenbring	2B/SS P	Willmar Cold Spring Rocori	All Region XIII All Region XIII
Brad Haag	P	St Cloud Apollo	3-0; 2.37

Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):

Name	Pos	High School	College (if transfer)
Tyler Steen	C	Maccray	Lions All Star
Brad Olson	OF	Cold Spring Rocori	Lions All Star
Jason Dorn	P	Arcadia, WI	All State
James Gerbino	P	Minnehaha Academy	West Virginia State

Team Strengths

Experience; pitching depth

Team Weaknesses

Need to replace a couple key positions from 2007.

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Team: Rochester	Starters Returning: 6	
Coach: Steve Hucke	Yrs Coaching: 6	Coaching Record: 88-82
2007 Overall Record: 7-31	2007 Conference Record: 4-12	
Coaches E-mail Address: steve.hucke@roch.edu		

Top Returning Players:

Name	Pos	High School	Supporting Statistics/Info
Keegan Byrne	OF	Red Wing	.361
Lee Dolan	P	Clear Creek (TX)	3.24 ERA
Chase Olson	P	Zumbrota-Mezzeppa	2.45 ERA
Kyle Pronschinske Kyl Strand	P/IF IF	Whitehall (WI) Desoto, WI	5.25 ERA .389

Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):

Name	Pos	High School	College (if transfer)
Wade Yunker Brady Mosenden	OF P	Kenyon-Wanamingo New Ulm	
Noah Grove Nate Briscoe	P IF/OF	Kenyon-Wanamingo Edina	DMACC
Seth Karlsrud Shane Brandt	OF IF	Red Wing Eisenhower, Decatur IL	
Tyler Smith Dylan Berg	SS IF	Mineral Point (WI) Tigerton (WI)	UWW Winona St

Team Strengths

Pitching, Speed, Defense

Team Weaknesses

Depth at key positions, tough schedule

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Team: Northland College	Starters Returning: 3	
Coach: Steve Gust	Yrs Coaching: 4	Coaching Record: 64-53
2007 Overall Record: 21-19	2007 Conference Record: 10-6	
Coaches E-mail Address: steve.gust@northlandcollege.edu		

Top Returning Players:

Name	Pos	High School	Supporting Statistics/Info
Nick Stenberg	P, DH	Park Rapids, MN	.321 avg., 5 HRs 3-1, 3.43 ERA
Matt Greek	P	Thompson, ND	2-2, 3.27 ERA

Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):

Name	Pos	High School	College (if transfer)
Kyle Nowacki	3b, P	Warroad, MN HS	
Andrew Fryer	1b	St. Francis, MN HS	
Matt Luckey	P	Billings, MT	<u>Miles City, MT</u>
Doug Peterson	P, OF	Bemidji, MN HS	

Team Strengths

Overall depth, athleticism

Team Weaknesses

Experience, proven talent

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Team: St. Cloud Technical College	Starters Returning: 5	
Coach: Mark Hollenhorst	Yrs Coaching: 4	Coaching Record: 47-76
2007 Overall Record: 20-16	2007 Conference Record: 11-7	
Coaches E-mail Address: mhollenhorst@sctc.edu		

Top Returning Players:

Name	Pos	High School	Supporting Statistics/Info
Shawn Meyer	RF	Melrose	.348 BA. Good speed and arm
Nate Janson	CF	Pierz	.333 BA. 19 of 21 SB 5 OF assists
Drew Elness	1B/P	Sauk Rapids	.301 BA 2HR 2-1 with a 4.08 ERA
Mike Malvin	P/SS	ACGC	2-2 with a 5.61 ERA .276 BA

Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):

Name	Pos	High School	College (if transfer)
Tyler Jendro	SS/P	Royalton	Dakota County
Jake Imdieke	P	Melrose	
Eric Schoenberg	3B/P	Melrose	
Joe Binek	OF/P	Upsala	

Team Strengths

Team speed and defense. Ability to manufacture runs.

Team Weaknesses

Pitching is untested. Only 1 starter back from last year. Lack of power.