



BASEBALL



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2020 NSIC PRESEASON BASEBALL COACHES POLL Points

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First place votes in ()

AUGUSTANA PICKED FIRST IN PRESEASON BASEBALL COACHES' POLL

BURNSVILLE, Minn. - The defending NSIC Regular Season and Tournament Champions of Augustana University were the top pick in the 2020 NSIC Preseason Baseball Coaches' Poll. This marks the second consecutive season that the Vikings have been picked to win the league. Augustana amassed 195 points after receiving 13 first place votes (coaches can't vote for their own team). Minnesota State was second with 184 points and two first place votes. St. Cloud State was picked third with 164 points, while Wayne State was fourth with 153 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 in early February with NSIC play beginning on March 14. The 2020 NSIC Baseball Tournament will take the top eight teams in the final NSIC Standings. The double elimination tournament takes place May 6-9 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, co-hosted by Augustana University and the University of Sioux Falls.

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Preseason



#1 JORDAN BARTH



Player of the Year

#1 Jordan Barth (1B, 6'1, 200, Jr., R/R, Cold Spring, Minn. / ROCORI HS) Augustana

- NCBWA Division II Third-Team All American
- NCBWA Central Region First-Team
- Named to the NCBA/Rawlings NCAA Division II All-Region First Team D2CCA Central Region First-Team
- First Team All-NSIC in 2019, second team in 2018 & NSIC Freshman of Year
- Despite missing 19 games due to injury, had a .422 batting average with 39 runs
- Added 65 hits, 14 doubles, nine homers and 45 RBIs
- Slugged .688 and had an OBP of .468

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Preseason



#21 MAX STEFFENS



Pitcher of the Year

#21 Max Steffens (RHP, 6'1, 200, Sr., R/R, DeWitt, Iowa / Central DeWitt HS) Augustana

- NCBWA Division II Second-Team All American
- NCBWA & D2CCA Central Region Pitcher of the Year
- NCBWA Central Region First-Team
- NSIC Pitcher and Newcomer of the Year while earning First Team All-NSIC
- NSIC Gold Glove award winner
- Appeared in 16 games and made 15 starts with seven complete games
- Went 9-1 with a 2.77 ERA in 97.1 innings pitched
- Struck out 68 hitters and had an opponent batting average of .235
- Broke the Augustana record for starts and innings pitched and led the NSIC in starts and innings pitched

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



NSIC Preseason Players to Watch

School	#	Player	Pos	Ht	WT	YR	B/T	Hometown	High School
AUGIE	1	Jordan Barth	1B	6'1	200	Jr.	R/R	Cold Spring, Minn.	ROCORI
BSU	8	Isaiah Grancorvitz	C/ OF	5'10	175	Sr.	R/R	Hudson, Wis.	Hudson
CSP	16	Patrick Bordewick	SS	6'3	195	Sr.	R/R	St. Louis Park, Minn.	St Louis Park
UMARY	1	Spencer Gillund	SS	6'0	195	Jr.	R/R	Enderlin, N.D.	Enderlin Area
UMC	20	Brock Reller	OF	6'3	230	Jr.	L/L	Grand Forks, N.D.	Central
UMD	2	Henry George	OF	5'8	165	Jr.	L/L	Woodbury, Minn.	New Life Academy
MSU	5	Nick Altermatt	SS	6'0	195	So.	R/R	Wanda, Minn.	Wabasso
MISU	3	Trevaun Smith	UTL	6'0	180	Sr.	R/R	Brampton, Ontario	Humberview Secondary
NSU	2	Hayden Houts	C	5'11	205	Sr.	L/R	Owen, Wis.	Owen-Withee
USF	14	Grant Lung	INF	6'0	185	Jr.	L/R	Peoria, Ariz.	Liberty
SMSU	6	Nathan Kuhn	SS	5'8	175	Sr.	R/R	Eagan, Minn.	Eagan
SCSU	14	Lenny Walker	OF	6'0	190	Sr.	R/R	Phoenix, Ariz.	Tolleson
UIU	29	AJ Friedrich	1B	6'2	250	Jr.	L/R	Waconia, Minn.	Waconia
WSC	9	Andrew Hanson	2B	6'1	180	Jr.	R/R	Burnsville, Minn.	Burnsville
WSU	33	Sam Kohnle	1B	6'3	205	Sr.	R/R	Tisch Mills, Wis.	Kewaunee

School	#	Pitcher	Pos	Ht	WT	YR	B/T	Hometown	High School
AUGIE	21	Max Steffens	RHP	6'1	200	Sr.	R/R	DeWitt, Iowa	Central DeWitt
BSU	33	Jackson Back	LHP	6'0	170	Sr.	L/L	Beaver Creek, Ohio	Beaver Creek
CSP	33	Blake Stelzer	RHP	6'3	210	Sr.	R/R	Lakeville, Minn.	Lakeville North
UMARY	12	Paxton Thompson	RHP	6'2	200	So.	R/R	St. Michael, Minn.	St. Michael-Albertville
UMC	35	Jayden Grover	RHP	6'3	220	Sr.	R/R	Cooperstown, N.D.	Griggs County Central
UMD	18	Rece Dietrich	LHP	6'6	215	Sr.	L/L	Barron, Wis.	Barron
MSU	9	Cam Kline	RHP	6'0	205	Jr.	R/R	Stacy, Minn.	Forest Lake
MISU	9	RJ Martinez	LHP	5'10	165	Jr.	L/L	Sun City, Calif.	Valley View
NSU	24	Cody Curfman	RHP	6'2	190	Sr.	R/R	Chugiak, Alaska	Chugiak
USF	15	Keenahn Coyle	RHP	6'4	205	Sr.	R/R	Sioux Falls, S.D.	Washington
SMSU	22	John Bezdicek	LHP	6'3	200	Jr.	L/L	Plymouth, Minn.	Osseo
SCSU	11	Trevor Koenig	LHP	6'11	200	Jr.	L/L	St. Cloud, Minn.	Technical
UIU	11	Duncan Snider	RHP	6'7	230	Sr.	R/R	Muscatine, Iowa	Muscatine
WSC	7	Ryan Obrecht	RHP	6'4	170	So.	R/R	Omaha, Neb.	Millard North
WSU	24	Aaron Mutter	RHP	6'5	240	Sr.	R/R	Burlington, Wis.	Burlington

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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

	Points
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

	Points
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

	Points
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

	Points
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

	Points
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

	Points
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

First place votes in ()

Preseason Player of the Year

Bryan Lippincott, Concordia-St. Paul

Pitcher of the Year

Kodey Simon, Winona State





2013 PRESEASON NSIC BASEBALL COACHES POLL

1. Minnesota State (13)	195
2. St. Cloud State (1)	177
3. Winona State (1)	163
4. Augustana	158
5. Wayne State	152
6. Minnesota Duluth	116
7. Bemidji State	112
8. Concordia-St. Paul	108
9. Southwest Minnesota State	95
10. Upper Iowa	91
11. Northern State	63
12. Sioux Falls	59
13. U-Mary	38
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

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
10. Southwest Minnesota State	82
11. Upper Iowa	79
12. Northern State	62
13. U- Mary	44
14. Minot State	38
15. Minnesota Crookston	14

First place votes in ()

Preseason Player of the Year- Alex Wojciechowski, UMD

Pitcher of the Year- Jason Hoppe, Minnesota State

2015 PRESEASON NSIC BASEBALL COACHES POLL

1. Minnesota State (12)	194
2. St. Cloud State (1)	172
3. Augustana	170
4. Winona State (1)	166
5. Southwest Minnesota State	128
6. Northern State	125
7. Concordia, St. Paul	122
8. Wayne State College	119
9. Bemidji State	81
10. Minnesota Duluth	76
11. Sioux Falls	72
12. Minot State	62
13. Upper Iowa	43
14. U-Mary	31
15. Minnesota Crookston	14

First place votes in ()

Preseason Player of the Year - Nolan Johnson, Minnesota State

Pitcher of the Year - Eric Browning, Wayne State

2016 PRESEASON NSIC BASEBALL COACHES POLL

1. St. Cloud State (10)	190
2. Minnesota State (5)	187
3. Augustana	165
4. Minnesota Duluth	156
5. Winona State	134
6. Wayne State	126
7. Concordia-St. Paul	122
8. Northern State	114
9. Southwest Minnesota State	79
10. Bemidji State	77
11. Sioux Falls	71
12. Upper Iowa	59
13. Minot State	44
14. Minnesota Crookston	34
15. University of Mary	17

First place votes in ()

Preseason Player of the Year- Alex Wojciechowski, UMD

Pitcher of the Year - Reese Gregory, St. Cloud State

2017 PRESEASON NSIC BASEBALL COACHES POLL

1. Minnesota State (10)	192
2. St. Cloud State (4)	178
3. Augustana	171
4. Concordia-St. Paul	156
5. Minnesota Duluth (1)	146
6. Winona State	121
7. Northern State	116
8. Wayne State	106
9. Minnesota Crookston	85
10. Sioux Falls	82
11. Upper Iowa	59
12. Southwest Minnesota State	57
13. Bemidji State	54
14. Minot State	38
15. University of Mary	14

First place votes in ()

Preseason Player of the Year - Patrick O'Donnell, Augustana

Pitcher of the Year - Sheldon Miks, St. Cloud State

2018 PRESEASON NSIC BASEBALL COACHES POLL

1. Minnesota State (14)	196
2. Augustana (1)	177
3. St. Cloud State	174
4. Wayne State	141
5. Concordia-St. Paul	138
6. Minnesota Duluth	132
7. Northern State	116
8. Minot State	110
9. Minnesota Crookston	89
10. Winona State	79
11. Sioux Falls	69
12. Upper Iowa	65
13. Bemidji State	42
14. Southwest Minnesota State	32
15. University of Mary	15

First place votes in ()

Preseason Player of the Year - Lucas Lorenz, Northern State

Pitcher of the Year - Jacob Blank, Augustana

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7. Winona State	115
8. Northern State	109
9. Minnesota Duluth	91
10. Minnesota Crookston	67
11. Sioux Falls	65
12. SMSU	55
Upper Iowa	55
14. Bemidji State	34
15. University of Mary	22

First place votes in ()

Preseason Player of the Year - Reed Hjelle, Minnesota Crookston

Pitcher of the Year - Louie Varland - Concordia-St. Paul

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First place votes in ()

Preseason Player of the Year- Jordan Barth - Augustana

Pitcher of the Year- Max Steffens - Augustana

