

Minnesota College Athletic Conference

2011 Baseball Preview



*Ridgewater CTC
Willmar, MN*



*MSCTC-Fergus Falls
Fergus Falls, MN*



*Northland CTC
Thief River Falls, MN*



*Mesabi Range CTC
Virginia, MN*



*Rochester CTC
Rochester, MN*



*Central Lakes CC
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NORTHERN DIVISION

HIBBING



HEAD COACH: Dave Bevacqua

STARTERS RETURNING: 5

YRS COACHING: 1

CAREER COACHING RECORD: 0-0

2010 OVERALL RECORD: 9-36

2010 CONFERENCE RECORD: 6-10

TOP RETURNING PLAYERS:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>SUPPORTING STATISTICS/INFO</u>
Matt Erickson	P	Hibbing	2010 All-Division
Dusty Pleshe	C	Greenway	

TOP INCOMING PLAYERS (FRESHMEN OR TRANSFERS):

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>COLLEGE (IF TRANSFER)</u>
Erik Paine	SS/P	Chisholm	
Adam Ryan	OF	Moose Lake-Willow River	
Tony Clement	IF/P	Cherry	Mesabi Range
Brad Pervenanze	P/1B	Chisholm	St. Scholastica

TEAM STRENGTHS: Good athletes with the ability to play multiple positions

TEAM WEAKNESSES: Lack of depth



NORTHERN DIVISION

ITASCA



HEAD COACH: Justin Lamppa

STARTERS RETURNING: 4

YRS COACHING: 13

CAREER COACHING RECORD: 378-209

2010 OVERALL RECORD: 31-14

2010 CONFERENCE RECORD: 14-2

TOP RETURNING PLAYERS:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>SUPPORTING STATISTICS/INFO</u>
Joe Ramberg	1B/P	Cambridge	
Jake Heck	OF/P	Fergus Falls	
Peter Suska	OF	Little Falls	
Gabe Wood	P	Grand Rapids	

TOP INCOMING PLAYERS (FRESHMEN OR TRANSFERS):

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>COLLEGE (IF TRANSFER)</u>
Bryton Carlson	3B/P	St. Michael-Albertville	
Josh Thiede	SS	Hurley (WI)	
Rejean Carlson	SS/OF	Moose Lake-Willow River	
Dustin Palmer	OF	Nampa (ID)	

TEAM STRENGTHS: Team speed and sophomore pitching experience

TEAM WEAKNESSES: Lack of power



NORTHERN DIVISION

MESABI RANGE



HEAD COACH: Brad Scott

STARTERS RETURNING: 3

YRS COACHING: 10

CAREER COACHING RECORD: 218-129

2010 OVERALL RECORD: 21-21

2010 CONFERENCE RECORD: 9-7

TOP RETURNING PLAYERS:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>SUPPORTING STATISTICS/INFO</u>
Kurtis McCallum	UT/P	St. Patrick's (ONT)	.413 BA, 10-2B, 5- HR, 34 RBI, 2010 All-Division, 2010 All-State
Nick Pecha	P	Mt. Iron-Buhl	55.2 IP, 61 K, 3.65 ERA
Kyle Baxter	P/OF	Columbia Heights	.283 BA, 5-2B, 3-3B, 5-HR, 26 RBI, 4.76 ERA, 53 K

TOP INCOMING PLAYERS (FRESHMEN OR TRANSFERS):

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>COLLEGE (IF TRANSFER)</u>
Kyle Pyatt	1B	Bear Creek (CO)	
Kyle Maurico	C	Mounds View	
Luke Scott	OF/IF	Elk River	
Tyler Erzar	IF/P	Deer River	
Nate Iliff	P	Mounds View	
Jake Gleason	P	Delano	

TEAM STRENGTHS: Pitching depth and solid hitting

TEAM WEAKNESSES: Limited game experience



NORTHERN DIVISION

RAINY RIVER



HEAD COACH: Josh Koenig

STARTERS RETURNING: 6

YRS COACHING: 11

CAREER COACHING RECORD: 4-26 at RR

2010 OVERALL RECORD: 4-26

2010 CONFERENCE RECORD: 2-14

TOP RETURNING PLAYERS:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>SUPPORTING STATISTICS/INFO</u>
JC Crane	OF/C/P	Santa Rita (AZ)	.295 BA, 2-2B, 1-3B, 9 RBI, 20 R, 5.92 ERA, 25 K
Marc Simard	1B/P	Ecole St. Lazare (MT)	.348 BA, 8-2B, 2-3B, 2 HR, 17 RBI, 6 ST
Alan Strom	2B	West Central Area	.299 BA, 2-2B, 7 RBI, 17 ST
Evan Marsh	C	Dauphin Regional (MT)	.268 BA, 1-2B, 4 RBI, 8 R

TOP INCOMING PLAYERS (FRESHMEN OR TRANSFERS):

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>COLLEGE (IF TRANSFER)</u>
Michael Dickerson	OF	Hyde Park (IL)	Frank Phillips CC
Colin Barton	P	Ft. Frances (ONT)	
Michael Menard	IF	International Falls	
Chris Verdugo	P/1B	Sahuaro (AZ)	

TEAM STRENGTHS: Older and more experienced with ten returning players and eleven sophomores overall. Team should play with focus, discipline and mental toughness. Should be very competitive.

TEAM WEAKNESSES: The health and consistency of the pitching staff will be a focal point this season. Also need our focus on hitting, getting on base and remaining healthy or these may become our weaknesses.



NORTHERN DIVISION

VERMILION



HEAD COACH: Ray Podominick **STARTERS RETURNING:** 2

YRS COACHING: NA **CAREER COACHING RECORD:** NA

2010 OVERALL RECORD: 17-19 **2010 CONFERENCE RECORD:** 9-7

TOP RETURNING PLAYERS:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>SUPPORTING STATISTICS/INFO</u>
Erik Magnuson	2B	Two Harbors	.297 BA
Erik Sandler	C	Mound	.275 BA
Chris Elbert	OF/P	St. Peter	
Myles Erickson	1B	Two Harbors	

TOP INCOMING PLAYERS (FRESHMEN OR TRANSFERS):

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>COLLEGE (IF TRANSFER)</u>
Jacob Hines	C	Austin	
Jim Paskett	P	Eveleth-Gilbert	
Mark MacDonald	1B/P	Warroad	
Thane Larson	SS/P	Grantsburg (WI)	
Hunter Panetti	CF	Silver Bay	
Josh Hodgson	OF	Chetek (WI)	
James Groth	OF	Cook County	

TEAM STRENGTHS: NA

TEAM WEAKNESSES: Inexperience



CENTRAL DIVISION
CENTRAL LAKES



HEAD COACH: Pat Held

STARTERS RETURNING: 0

YRS COACHING: 41

CAREER COACHING RECORD: NA

2010 OVERALL RECORD: 9-28

2010 CONFERENCE RECORD: 6-10

TOP RETURNING PLAYERS:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>SUPPORTING STATISTICS/INFO</u>
Cody Stange	1B/DH	Brainerd	.326 BA

TOP INCOMING PLAYERS (FRESHMEN OR TRANSFERS):

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>COLLEGE (IF TRANSFER)</u>
Brad Ellingson	3B/P	Perham	
Hunter Young	2B/P	Royalton	
Tyler Wohlwend	C/3B	Wadena-Deer Creek	

TEAM STRENGTHS: Team spirit

TEAM WEAKNESSES: Extremely inexperienced



CENTRAL DIVISION

M-STATE FERGUS FALLS



HEAD COACH: Kellen Shebeck, Jarrod Asmus **STARTERS RETURNING:** 1

YRS COACHING: 2 **CAREER COACHING RECORD:** 9-22

2010 OVERALL RECORD: 9-22 **2010 CONFERENCE RECORD:** 5-11

TOP RETURNING PLAYERS:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>SUPPORTING STATISTICS/INFO</u>
Sam Thielen	C	Wheaton	
Vic Sokolofsky	SS/P/C	Dilworth-Glyndon-Feldon	
Kyle Shaikoski	P/1B/3B	Fergus Falls	

TOP INCOMING PLAYERS (FRESHMEN OR TRANSFERS):

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>COLLEGE (IF TRANSFER)</u>
Scott Perry	P/OF	Moorhead	Dakota Wesleyan
Specer Kidder	OF/P	Fergus Falls	
Alex Brockpahler	OF/P	Sebeka	
Darin Stanislowski	P	Fergus Falls	
Alex Hensch	2B	Fergus Falls	
Cole Honl	1B	Moorhead	
Bryce Venaas	P	Fargo South (ND)	
Adam Dahl	IF	Rangely (CO)	

TEAM STRENGTHS: Team speed

TEAM WEAKNESSES: Youth



CENTRAL DIVISION

NORTHLAND



HEAD COACH: Barry Dowers

STARTERS RETURNING: 4

YRS COACHING: 2

CAREER COACHING RECORD: 8-30

2010 OVERALL RECORD: 8-30

2010 CONFERENCE RECORD: 6-10

TOP RETURNING PLAYERS:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>SUPPORTING STATISTICS/INFO</u>
Dillon Lundin	1B	Browerville- Eagle Valley	.404 BA, 9-HR, 21 RBI
Briar Verbout	OF	Lincoln	.304 BA, 11 RBI

TOP INCOMING PLAYERS (FRESHMEN OR TRANSFERS):

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>COLLEGE (IF TRANSFER)</u>
Nathan Bain	3B	Sierra Vista	
Jordan Bryant	SS	Custer County (SD)	Miles City CC
Shawn Storey	OF	Warroad	
Kyle Larson	P/1B	Lafayette	

TEAM STRENGTHS: Defense and pitching should be much improved over last year

TEAM WEAKNESSES: Inexperience with a very heavy-laden freshmen roster



CENTRAL DIVISION
RIDGEWATER



HEAD COACH: Joel Barta

STARTERS RETURNING: 5

YRS COACHING: 17

CAREER COACHING RECORD: 489-490-4

2010 OVERALL RECORD: 31-14

2009-10 CONFERENCE RECORD: 14-2

TOP RETURNING PLAYERS:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>SUPPORTING STATISTICS/INFO</u>
Shane Kempson	C/OF	Paynesville	1st team All-American, Region 13 Player of the Week
Austen Hadley	IF/P	New London-Spicer	.333 BA, 23 SB
Cody Conners	P/OF	Thief River Falls	5-2 W/L, 3.82 ERA, 41 K
Nate Neitfeld	P	Paynesville	4-2 W/L, 2.70 ERA

TOP INCOMING PLAYERS (FRESHMEN OR TRANSFERS):

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>COLLEGE (IF TRANSFER)</u>
Anthony Leaman	IF/P	Green Bay West (WI)	U-W Oshkosh
Johnny Pistulka	OF/P	Wabasso	
Zach Fischer	DH	New Ulm Cathedral	
Shane Trattles	C/P	Sauk Centre	

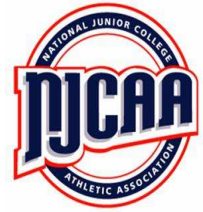
TEAM STRENGTHS: Depth, this should be a very experienced team that returns the entire infield along with our catcher. Pitching should stay consistent through the first 7-8 slots.

TEAM WEAKNESSES: We need to work on our team speed. It will be important for individuals to step up as table setters.



CENTRAL DIVISION

ST. CLOUD TECH



HEAD COACH: Mark Hollenhorst **STARTERS RETURNING:** 5

YRS COACHING: 7 **CAREER COACHING RECORD:** 90-130

2010 OVERALL RECORD: 19-24 **2010 CONFERENCE RECORD:** 10-6

TOP RETURNING PLAYERS:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>SUPPORTING STATISTICS/INFO</u>
Brett Savelkoul	2B	Paynesville	.421 BA, 15-2B, All-MCAC
Shawn Lanners	1B	Royalton	.313 BA, 8-HR, 40 RBI, All-MCAC
Cole Schmitz	C	Rocori	.264 BA, 6-HR
Cole Jendro	P	Royalton	2-2 W/L, 4.68 ERA
Micha Loegering	SS/OF	Big Lake	.292 BA, 20-SB
Matt Pichelmann	P	Sibley East	3-1 W/L, 2.76 ERA

TOP INCOMING PLAYERS (FRESHMEN OR TRANSFERS):

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>COLLEGE (IF TRANSFER)</u>
Ryan Schneider	OF/P	St. Cloud Apollo	
Corey Fitzgerald	P	Richfield	
Patrick Tschida	OF/P	Watertown-Mayer	Viterbo
Dakotah Freiborg	C	Renville County West	
Justin Erkenbrack	P	Hutchinson	

TEAM STRENGTHS: A solid group of returnees with a deep pitching staff and a solid defense. Offensively a good combination of speed and power.

TEAM WEAKNESSES: unproven when it comes to winning close games.



SOUTHERN DIVISION

ANOKA-RAMSEY



HEAD COACH: Tom Yelle

STARTERS RETURNING: 1

YRS COACHING: 24

CAREER COACHING RECORD: NA

2010 OVERALL RECORD: 8-24

2010 CONFERENCE RECORD: NA

TOP RETURNING PLAYERS:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>SUPPORTING STATISTICS/INFO</u>
Nick Knoche	2B	St. Bernard's	
Jordan Wallmow	P	Coon Rapids	
Alex Williams	P	Coon Rapids	

TOP INCOMING PLAYERS (FRESHMEN OR TRANSFERS):

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>COLLEGE (IF TRANSFER)</u>
Sam Blevins	SS	Roseville Area	
Noah Tesch	P	Spring Lake Park	Concordia
Pat Steinbring	CF	Anoka	Concordia
Trevor Daniels	LF	Coon Rapids	
Nick Wong	UT	Roseville Area	

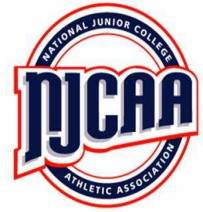
TEAM STRENGTHS: Undetermined

TEAM WEAKNESSES: Lack of depth



SOUTHERN DIVISION

MINNESOTA WEST



HEAD COACH: Jeff Linder

STARTERS RETURNING: 2

YRS COACHING: 3

CAREER COACHING RECORD: NA

2010 OVERALL RECORD: 4-24

2010 CONFERENCE RECORD: 1-11

TOP RETURNING PLAYERS:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>SUPPORTING STATISTICS/INFO</u>
Ben Clarke	P/SS	Murray County Central	
Derek Busswitz	P/OF	Worthington	

TOP INCOMING PLAYERS (FRESHMEN OR TRANSFERS):

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>COLLEGE (IF TRANSFER)</u>
Eric Weineke	P/OF	Murray County Central	
Sean Solheim	P/IF	Murray County Central	
Drew Sweeter	C/P/IF	Lennox (SD)	
Bryant Schroeder	IF	Worthington	
Andrew Johannsen	C/P	West Central (SD)	
Austin Ryan	OF	Bennington (NE)	
Cody Melendrez	OF	Worthington	
Jeff Curtsinger	OF	Bennington (NE)	
Octavio Jimenez	IF	Southwest Star Concept	
Shane Schoborg	P	Red Rock Central	

TEAM STRENGTHS: NA

TEAM WEAKNESSES: Very young team



SOUTHERN DIVISION

RIVERLAND



HEAD COACH: Scott Koenigs **STARTERS RETURNING:** 7

YRS COACHING: 8 **CAREER COACHING RECORD:** 153-118

2010 OVERALL RECORD: 36-12 **2010 CONFERENCE RECORD:** 9-7

TOP RETURNING PLAYERS:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>SUPPORTING STATISTICS/INFO</u>
Kyle Williams	P/C	St. Peters (AUS)	.412 BA, 6-HR, 8-1 W/L, 3.60 ERA
Kyle Young	OF	Forest Lake	.407 BA, 12-HR
Renne Araujo	OF	Houston (TX)	.402 BA
Tyler Jones	P	Rapid City Central (SD)	7-1 W/L, 5.40 ERA
Brad Winkelman	P	Rapid City Central (SD)	6-2 W/L, 3.00 ERA

TOP INCOMING PLAYERS (FRESHMEN OR TRANSFERS):

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>COLLEGE (IF TRANSFER)</u>
Matt Boswell	SS	Austin (TX)	
Jordan Mondeel	OF	Albert Lea	
Adam Carroll	P/1B	Rapid City Central (SD)	
Jamie Adams	P/IF	El Paso (TX)	
Chris Anderson	3B	Hopkins	St. Scholastica

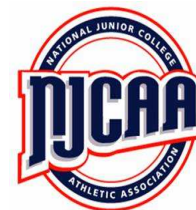
TEAM STRENGTHS: Experience

TEAM WEAKNESSES: Pitching and clutch hitting



SOUTHERN DIVISION

ROCHESTER



HEAD COACH: Steve Hucke

STARTERS RETURNING: 8

YRS COACHING: 9

CAREER COACHING RECORD: 205-128

2010 OVERALL RECORD: 36-13

2010 CONFERENCE RECORD: 13-3

TOP RETURNING PLAYERS:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>SUPPORTING STATISTICS/INFO</u>
Angel Talamantes	OF	Byron	.406 BA, 15 SB, 39 RBI, 4-HR, All-Region 13, All-State, All-Division
Andrew Roble	P	John Marshall	5-0 W/L, 4.38 ERA, 42 K
Kelby Halling	OF/P	Rochester Mayo	2.90 ERA, 5 S, .368 BA, 27 RBI, 4-HR
Matt Miller	3B	John Marshall	.367 BA, 28 RBI
Aaron Aaland	P	Rochester Mayo	6-2 W/L, 29 K

TOP INCOMING PLAYERS (FRESHMEN OR TRANSFERS):

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>COLLEGE (IF TRANSFER)</u>
Kyle Sursely	P	Century	
Matt Fiechtner	C	Fargo (ND)	Iowa Western
Ben O'Reilly	P/1B	Rochester Mayo	
Eric Swiggum	OF	Kenyon-Wanamingo	
Jordan Ziegler	OF	Rochester Mayo	
Jordan Stokes	SS	John Marshall	Iowa Central

TEAM STRENGTHS: Depth in pitching and all positions

TEAM WEAKNESSES: Inexperience in relief pitching