



Minnesota College
Athletic Conference

2009

**BASEBALL
TEAM PREVIEWS**

MINNESOTA COLLEGE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

2009 Baseball Preview

Team: Central Lakes College	Starters Returning Ryan Pauly IF, Dillon Naumann C, Alex Larson OF, Josh Ledin 1B	
Coach: Joel Lofstrom	Yrs Coaching: 3	Coaching Record: 24-66
2008 Overall Record: 11-25	2008 Conference Record: 7-9	

Top Returning Players:

Name	Pos	High School	Supporting Statistics/Info
Josh Ledin	1B	Big Lake	.323 BA, 8-2B
Ryan Pauly	IF	Osseo	.302 BA
Alex Larson	OF	Maple River	.282 BA
Dillon Naumann	C	Milaca	

Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):

Name	Pos	High School	College (if transfer)
Keegan Meagher	P/OF	Paynesville	
Alex Leach	OF	Pierz	
Josh Janzen	IF	St. Cloud Cathedral	

Team Strengths

Defense

Team Weaknesses

Pitching

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2009 Baseball Preview

Team: Dakota County	Starters Returning: 9	
Coach: Randy Briesacher	Yrs Coaching: R	Coaching Record:
2008 Overall Record: 31-16	2008 Conference Record: 10-6	

Top Returning Players:

Name	Pos	High School	Supporting Statistics/Info
Marcus Fitzgerald	OF/RHP	South St. Paul HS	
Dillon Powell	3B/OF/RHP	Eastview HS	
Ben Briesacher	1B/OF/LHP	Prior Lake HS	
Evan Lucius	3B/1B/RHP	Lakeville North HS	
Jeremie Kruse	RHP	Northfield HS	
Brad Lawson	RHP	Belle Plaine HS	

Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):

Name	Pos	High School	College (if transfer)
Ryan Rodeck	RHP	Centennial HS	Ridgewater
Luke Anderson	RHP	Prior Lake HS	NDSU
Alex Mack	OF	Kennedy HS	SMSU
Dylan Peterson	LHP	Burnsville HS	Iowa Western
Chris Ernst	LHP	Lakeville North HS	Iowa Central
Kevin Williams	OF	Lake Crystal HS	

Team Strengths

Good Sophomore Offense and Pitching

Team Weaknesses

Young Team

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2009 Baseball Preview

Team: Minnesota State-Fergus Falls	Starters Returning: 5	
Coach: Kent Bothwell	Yrs Coaching: 14	Coaching Record: 278-157
2008 Overall Record: 10-21	2008 Conference Record: 11-7	

Top Returning Players:

Name	Pos	High School	Supporting Statistics/Info
Cody Curry	2B	Alexandria	All MCAC 2008
Joe Copas	C	Glencoe Silver Lake	
Clay Grimstad	OF	Alexandria	
Shawn Jore	IF/P	Owatonna	

Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):

Name	Pos	High School	College (if transfer)
Victor Sokolofsky	P	DGF	
Tyler Anderson	P	West Central Area	
Alex Lotthammer	P	Willmar	

Team Strengths

Pitching – team play

Team Weaknesses

Young

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2009 Baseball Preview

Team: Hibbing	Starters Returning: 4	
Coach: Mike Turnbull	Yrs Coaching: 15	Coaching Record:
2008 Overall Record: 1-33	2008 Conference Record: 1-15	

Top Returning Players:

Name	Pos	High School	Supporting Statistics/Info
Justin Kaiser	SS	Northwestern, WI	
Chais White	CF	McGregor, MN	
Josh Shain	P	Hibbing, MN	
Adrian Buller	P/1B	Carlton, MN	

Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):

Name	Pos	High School	College (if transfer)
Cody Patko	OF	Hayward, WI	
Tyler Chrysler	C	Hibbing, MN	
Pat Steele	C	Lakeville, MN	
Tyler Cesar	OF/P	Sturgeon Bay, WI	

Team Strengths

Pitching depth & defense

Team Weaknesses

Lack power & overall depth

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2009 Baseball Preview

Team: Itasca	Starters Returning: 6	
Coach: Justin Lamppa	Yrs Coaching: 12	Coaching Record:
2008 Overall Record: 20-20	2008 Conference Record: 12-4	

Top Returning Players:

Name	Pos	High School	Supporting Statistics/Info
Nathan Voll	OF	Roseau	
Jeremy schmitz	P	Grand Rapids	
Josh Vidor	C	Rogers	
Tim Pazckowski	OF	Rocori	
David Trevarthen	Of	Bessemer, MI	
Josh Stanek	3B/1B	Champlin Park	
Alex Orgon	SS	Roseau	
Dan Gilbert	2B	Grand Rapids	
Ryam McCrady	P	Winnipeg, Canada	

Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):

Name	Pos	High School	College (if transfer)
Blaine Barthel	P	St Micheal	
Tyer Blomberg	P	Babbitt	NDSU
Erik Hovet	1B	Grand Rapids	NDSU
Kevin Daudt	OF	St. Francis	
Marcus Riewer	SS	Bertha-Hewitt	
Kyle Figgins	1B	Grand Rapids	
Sam Sparen	3B	Grand Rapids	
Josh Enquist	P	Rocori	

Team Strengths

Good Sophomore Leadership

Team Weaknesses

Freshman Pitching

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2009 Baseball Preview

Team: Mesabi Range	Starters Returning: 3	
Coach: Brad Scott	Yrs Coaching: 8	Coaching Record: 181-95
2008 Overall Record: 31-14	2008 Conference Record: 12-2	

Top Returning Players:

Name	Pos	High School	Supporting Statistics/Info
Tim Urban	1B/P	White Bear Lake	.313 Avg., 17 RBI, 0.00 ERA
John Anderson	IF/P	Sommerset, WI	.333 Avg., 17 RBI, 7 SB, 3-0, 1.47 ERA
Ryan Akin	P/3B	Kearny, MO	39 1/3 IP, 3-1, 1 Save 2.67 ERA, 27 Ks
Andrew Wilson	P	Osceola, WI	30 IP, 5-1, 3.73 ERA, 31 Ks
Mike Bushnell	DH/OF	North Crowley, TX	.384 Avg, 20 RBIs, 6 Doubles

Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):

Name	Pos	High School	College (if transfer)
Nate Alfson	C	Pipestone	Ridgewater
Scott Greening	CF/P	Antigo, WI	Ridgewater
Kory Maier	OF	Park Falls, WI	UM-Duluth
Joe Tarr	P	Virginia	
Jeremy Schmidt	P	Annandale	

Team Strengths

Pitching Depth

Team Weaknesses

Consistency, Still a new team that is learning how to play together

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2009 Baseball Preview

Team: Minnesota West CTC.	Starters Returning: 3	
Coach: Jeff Linder	Yrs Coaching: 1	Coaching Record: N/A
2008 Overall Record: 4-27	2008 Conference Record: 1-15	

Top Returning Players:

Name	Pos	High School	Supporting Statistics/Info
Corey Polz	IF	Jackson County Central	
Ryan Swanson	P/IF	Worthington	
Lon Eichenberger	P/OF	Round Lake-Brewster	

Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):

Name	Pos	High School	College (if transfer)
Ryan Rasche	P/OF	Jackson County Central	
Jamison Kleinsasser	P/IF	Brookings	
Tom Berg	IF	Rapid City	
Marcus Schultz	C	Jackson County Central	Dana College

Team Strengths

Team Chemistry

Team Weaknesses

Very Young

MINNESOTA COLLEGE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

2009 Baseball Preview

Team: Northland Pioneers	Starters Returning: 5	
Coach: Brad Evans	Yrs Coaching: 1	Coaching Record: 0-0
2008 Overall Record: 28-17	2008 Conference Record:	

Top Returning Players:

Name	Pos	High School	Supporting Statistics/Info
Kyle Nowacki	Pitcher, 3B	Warroad High School	
Doug Peterson	Pitcher, Outfield	Bemidji High School	
John Greicar	Shortstop, 2B	Grand Forks Central	
Andrew Fryer	First Base	St. Francis High School	

Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):

Name	Pos	High School	College (if transfer)
Casey Cardinal	Catcher	Red Lake Falls	
Nolan Knott	Pitcher	Red Lake Falls	
Jeff Weiss	Outfield	Red Lake Falls	
Jordan Espeseth	Outfield	Lincoln High School	

Team Strengths

Experience

Team Weaknesses

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Team: Ridgewater College	Starters Returning: none	
Coach: Joel Barta	Yrs Coaching: 14 1 season at RW	Coaching Record: Head 250-297-4 Overall 415-413-4
2008 Overall Record: 36-7-1	2008 Conference Record: 12-2	

Top Returning Players:

Name	Pos	High School	Supporting Statistics/Info
Justin Schroeder	LHP/OF	ACGC	2.44 E.R.A.

Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):

Name	Pos	High School	College (if transfer)
Chris Braaten	INF/RHP	KMS	
Matt Christensen	INF/RHP	Aitkin	
Benji Hager	INF/OF	Owatonna	
Travis Radermacher	Second Base	Ortonville	

Team Strengths

There should not be a lot of fall off in our pitching staff from top to bottom. Not one shut down arm but plenty of pitching that will give us a chance to win on a daily basis.

Team Weaknesses

We are young to need to work daily on our baseball IQ and work to play a consistent style of baseball.

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Team: Riverland Blue Devils	Starters Returning: 7	
Coach: Scott Koenigs	Yrs Coaching: 7	Coaching Record: 80-96
2008 Overall Record: 19-11	2008 Conference Record: 6-8	

Top Returning Players:

Name	Pos	High School	Supporting Statistics/Info
Brady Banse	P	Forest Lake	7-1 1.84 era
Brandon Huhn	P/SS	Appleton West	5-2 2.17 era
Kyle Starkey	OF/3B/1B	Rapid City Central	.402 batting average
Shane Lange	1B	St. Charles	.426 batting average
Chris Lindemann	2B	Rapid City Central	.388 BA 14 SB
Andy Behnke	OF	Marshall	.344 batting average

Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):

Name	Pos	High School	College (if transfer)
Zach Vlietstra	P/OF	Rapid City Stevens	College of Southern Idaho
Brian Voigt	P/SS/3B/OF	Southland	
Mitch Jaeger	P	Rapid City Central	
Jeff Huth	OF	West Lutheran	
Ryan Palmer	P	Rapid City Central	

Team Strengths

Experience, Pitching, Speed

Team Weaknesses

Too early to tell

MINNESOTA COLLEGE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

2009 Baseball Preview

Team: Rochester Community and Technical College	Starters Returning: 5	
Coach: Steve Hucke	Yrs Coaching: 7	Coaching Record:
2008 Overall Record: 17-23	2008 Conference Record:	

Top Returning Players:

Name	Pos	High School	Supporting Statistics/Info
Wade Yunker	OF	Kenyon-Wanamingo	.320, 23 RBI's
Brady Mosenden	IF/P	New Ulm Public	3 – 5 3.21 ERA
Seth Karlsud	OF	Red Wing	.310, 11 stolen bases
Shane Brandt	IF/DH	Eisenhower (Decatur, IL)	.285, 23 RBI,s 4 HR

Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):

Name	Pos	High School	College (if transfer)
Tony Nierman	3B	Rochester Mayo	
Quin Schultz	SS/P	Lansing Kee (IA)	Arizona State
Brendan McCabe	C	Bloomington Prairie	
Cory Hedeem	P	Cannon Falls	
Alex Klug	P	Caledonia	
Brandon Gosse	P	Wabasha-Kellogg	UW-Platteville
Tyler Zweibohmer	P	Dassel Cokato	

Team Strengths

Depth in pitching, team speed, hitting

Team Weaknesses

In experience, lack of depth up the middle

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2009 Baseball Preview

Team: St. Cloud Technical College	Starters Returning: Zero	
Coach: Mark Hollenhorst	Yrs Coaching: 5	Coaching Record: 64-90
2008 Overall Record: 17-14	2008 Conference Record: 10-5	

Top Returning Players:

Name	Pos	High School	Supporting Statistics/Info
Nic Schueller	DH	Brainerd	.313 last year

Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):

Name	Pos	High School	College (if transfer)
Joe Stats	OF	Sauk Rapids	
Josh Roelike	P/IF	BBE	
DJ Schleicher	P	Apollo	

Team Strengths

We should improve as the year goes on.

Team Weaknesses

All first year players. We need to grow as a team and improve

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Team: Vermilion	Starters Returning: 2	
Coach: Ray Podominick	Yrs Coaching:	Coaching Record:
2008 Overall Record: 6-25	2008 Conference Record: 3-13	

Top Returning Players:

Name	Pos	High School	Supporting Statistics/Info
Tyler Bialucha	1B/P	Princeton	
Lucas Rosemeyer	1B	Colby,MN	

Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):

Name	Pos	High School	College (if transfer)
Dylan Smith	C	Bessemer,MI	
Kahtan Al-Kaissey	OF/P	Hopkins	
Jake Snyder	OF/P	Princeton	
Ethan Lind	IF/P	Phillips,WI	

Team Strengths

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Team Weaknesses

Inexperience
