

MINNESOTA COLLEGE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

2008-2009 MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEW



Minnesota College
Athletic Conference

Anoka-Ramsey

Coach: Ron Larson

Yrs Coaching: 1 college

Career Coaching Record: 0-0 college

2007-08 Overall Record: 18-8

2007-08 Conference Record: 6-6

Starters Returning: 0

Top Returning Players:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>Supporting Statistics/Info</u>
Mike Kizzee	G/F	Benilde-St. Margaret's	35% 3-point FG%
Kyle Matuska	G	Monticello	5 pts; 35% 3-pt FG%; 83% FTs
Antonio Tate	PG	Minneapolis North	5 pts; 2 assts; 2 steals

Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>College (if transfer)</u>
Tyrone Colston	PG	Patrick Henry	Ridgewater
DeAndre Mason	G/F	Park Center	
Erik Vinh	F	Blaine	
Kenyatta Johnson	F	Patrick Henry	Viterbo

Team Strengths:

Guard Play

Team Weaknesses:

Post Play

Central Lakes College

Coach: James Russell

Yrs Coaching: 10th

Career Coaching Record: 192 - 101

2007-08 Overall Record: 21 – 11

2007-08 Conference Record: 8 – 4

Starters Returning: 2

Top Returning Players:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>Supporting Statistics/Info</u>
C. J. Peeters	G/F	Crosby, MN	12 ppg, 5 rpg, 2 apg, All Div.
Dustin Monson	F	Pierz, MN	9 ppg, 5 rpg,
Will Kornbaum	G	Little Falls, MN	4 ppg, 2 apg, 2rpg
Ryan Peeters	F	New York Mills, MN	4 ppg, 3 rpg

Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>College (if transfer)</u>
Sutan Burris	G	Fresno City Comm. College	
Ilyya Glover	G/F	Fenger H.S Chicago, Il.	
Quentin Wilford	G	Fenger H.S Chicago, Il.	
Caleb Nurnberger	G	Staples, MN	
Erik Peeters	G/F	New York Mills, MN	
Ahmed Farah	F	St. Cloud Apollo, MN	

Team Strengths: Should have good team balance – with good depth.

Team Weaknesses: Inexperience in the perimeter area.

Fond Du Lac

Coach: David A Wilson Jr

Yrs Coaching: 1

Career Coaching Record: 0-0

2007-08 Overall Record: 0-0

2007-08 Conference Record: 0-0

Starters Returning: 0

Top Returning Players:

Name	Pos	High School	Supporting Statistics/Info
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Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>College (if transfer)</u>
Brock Zins	G/F		Rochester
Steve Lykes	F/C	Floodwood	
Josh Earlywine	G/F	Barnum	
Dylan Eggen	G	Barnum	
LaDarius Frazier	G	Flshlagle	
Erick Aili	C/F	Carlton	
Alex Lamb	C/F	Albrook	

Team Strengths: The maturity on the team is our biggest strength. It helps because it is hard to find leaders for a first year team.

Team Weaknesses: First year program/ Player having to learn how they must play to win in our league.

Itasca Vikings

Coach: Bill Adamson

Yrs Coaching: 2

Career Coaching Record: 11-14

2007-08 Overall Record: 11-14

2007-08 Conference Record: 4-8

Starters Returning: 2

Top Returning Players:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>Supporting Statistics/Info</u>
Nathan Shulstad	F	Pelican Rapids	
Jemal Amos-Demmaj	F	Bloomington-Jefferson	
Matt Peterson	G	Roseau	

Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>College (if transfer)</u>
Anthony Howard			
Chris Berglund			
Dominique Smith			
LaVance Dixon			
Justin Niemann			
Roland Willis			
Leiland Moore			
Al Fitzgerald			
Derek Parks			
Jordan Ashbaugh			

Team Strengths: Speed, Athleticism, hard –working group

Team Weaknesses: We have a lot of freshman and need to learn how to work as a team.

Hibbing Cardinals

Coach: Matt Johnson

Yrs Coaching: 2

Career Coaching Record: 8-18

2007-08 Overall Record: 8-18

2007-08 Conference Record: 4-8

Starters Returning: 2

Top Returning Players:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>Supporting Statistics/Info</u>
Sam Kenyi	F	Rochester John Marshall	13 pts, 11 rbds, All North Division
Tremaine Hill	G	Green Run (VA)	11 pts, 5 rbds,

Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>College (if transfer)</u>
Aaron Norman	PG	Milwaukee Pulaski	
Jay Cary	G	Hibbing	
Issac Roll	C	Rush City	
Aballa Ojullu	G/F	Rochester John Marshall	Rochester CTC

Team Strengths: Depth, Size, Athleticism.

Team Weaknesses: Inexperience and scoring punch.

MSCTC-Fergus Falls Spartans

Coach: Jason Retzlaff

Yrs Coaching: 3

Career Coaching Record: 35-21

2007-08 Overall Record: 16-11

2007-08 Conference Record: 8-4

Starters Returning: None

Top Returning Players:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>Supporting Statistics/Info</u>
Brandyn Frelix	F	Robbinsdale Cooper	8ppg, 5 reb
Dionte Foster	F	Robbinsdale Cooper	

Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>College (if transfer)</u>
Jerome Vaughn	F	Patrick Henry	
Wiley Jiles	F	Robbinsdale Cooper	
Jordan Johnsrud	P	Minnewaska	
Cody Aasness	G	Hillcrest Lutheran Academy	
Brad Sand	F	Park	
Sam Neumann	F	Hawley	
Dave Varriano	G	Norman County East	

Team Strengths:

We should be more athletic this year

Team Weakness:

Mesabi Range

Coach: Tom Stackpool

Yrs Coaching: 18

Career Coaching Record:

2007-08 Overall Record: 17-12

2007-08 Conference Record:7-5

Starters Returning: 1

Top Returning Players:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>Supporting Statistics/Info</u>
Trevon Taylor	G	Duluth Central	12 ppg
Deo Tecker	G	Northwestern	6 ppg
John Anderson	F	Somerset	4 ppg

Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>College (if transfer)</u>
Teddy Sims	C	Northwestern	Gogebic
D'Andrye Arther	F	Riverside	
Curtis Houle	G	Barnum	
Andy Nikolanci	G	Mt. Iron	
Keaton Romsaa	G	Virginia	
Jay Schweisthal	F	Faribault	
Mike Silberman	F	Washburn	
Mike Smith	F	Bloomington	
Bray Salo	G	Eveleth	

Team Strengths: Depth

Team Weaknesses: Experience

Minneapolis Community and Technical College Mavericks

Coach: Jay Pivec

Yrs Coaching: 25

Career Coaching Record: 500-143

2007-08 Overall Record: 22-8

2007-08 Conference Record: 10-2

Starters Returning: 3

Top Returning Players:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Supporting Statistics/Info</u>
Sean Mayberry	Guard	Duluth, MN	5 pts/g 4.5 Ast/g 1.5 St/g
Cortez Wallace	Forward	Minneapolis, MN	15 pts/g 60% fg 75% ft 5 rb/g
Cameron Hodges	Forward	Minneapolis, MN	10 pts/g 50% fg 5 rb/g

Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>College (if transfer)</u>
Ronald Kelly Jr	Forward	St Paul, MN	
Peter Olafeso	Guard	St Paul, MN	
Kenny Olafeso	Guard	St Paul, MN	
Jared Moore	Forward	Minneapolis, MN	
Demetrius Williams	Guard	St Paul, MN	
Terrance Morgan	Center	St Paul, MN	
Jonathan Ball	Forward	St Paul, MN	

Team Strengths:

Sophomore leadership from the point guard and starting forwards position, combine with the quickness of the new freshman guards will make Minneapolis again one of the top Defensive teams in the country. Finally with great team speed the Mavericks are also going back to being one of the top athletic teams in the conference.

Team Weaknesses: With only three players returning from last season, the Mavericks will be a young team coming off the bench.

Minnesota West Community and Technical College Bluejays

Coach: Justin Heckenlaible

Yrs Coaching: 7th

Career Coaching Record:

2007-08 Overall Record: 10-14

2007-08 Conference Record: 4-8

Starters Returning: 0

Top Returning Players:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>Supporting Statistics/Info</u>
Aaron Delaney	Guard	St. Paul Como Park	5 ppg

Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>College (if transfer)</u>
Jordan Buddenhagen	PG	Huron, SD	
Logan Korkow	G	Huron, SD	
Stevie Statz	F	Rapid City,	St. Thomas More
Dan Stryzinski	G	Duluth, GA	Northview
Cory Lesnar	C	Milbank, SD	
Josh VanDuyn	C	Colman, SD	Colman-Egan
Bailey Ellison	G	Ewing, KY	Fleming County

Team Strengths: Outside shooting

Team Weaknesses:

Very young team with only 3 returners

Northland Community and Technical College Pioneers

Coach: Rick Nikunen

Yrs Coaching: 19

Career Coaching Record: 244-270

2007-08 Overall Record: 17-12

2007-08 Conference Record: 8-4

Starters Returning: 2

Top Returning Players:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>Supporting Statistics/Info</u>
Reo Thomas	G	Ville Platte, LA	13 ppg; 2 apg; All Division; All MCCC
Jeremy Sich	G	Thief River Falls, MN	9 ppg; 3 apg
Dominic Kringlen	F	McIntosh, MN	3 ppg; 3 rpg

Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>College (if transfer)</u>
Brady Olson	G	Grygla, MN	
Ricardo Wells	G	Canton McKinley, OH	
Tavarus Dennis	F	Arcadia, FL	
Nick Youmans	G	Hobbs, NM	Eastern Arizona CC
Evan Maki	F	Newfoldne, MN	
Clinton Cuffee	G	Virginia Beach, VA	

Team Strengths:

Athleticism

Team Weaknesses:

Not much size or experience

Rainy River

Coach: Dieter Humbert

Yrs Coaching: 2

Career Coaching Record: 6-16

2007-08 Overall Record:

2007-08 Conference Record:

Starters Returning: 1

Top Returning Players:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>Supporting Statistics/Info</u>
Mike Davis	G	Maury High School	12 PPG; 5 RPG
Lawrence Pierson	G	Dillard High School	4 PPG; 2 RPG; 2 APG

Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>College (if transfer)</u>
Bentley Hylton	G	West Orange High School	
Dillon Clarke-Knaeble	Forward	Roosevelt High School	

Team Strengths:

Athleticism and Chemistry

Team Weaknesses:

Size, Strength

Ridgewater

Coach: Bob Knutson

Yrs Coaching: 2

Career Coaching Record: 16-36

2007-08 Overall Record: 14-14

2007-08 Conference Record: 7-5

Starters Returning: 3

Top Returning Players:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>Supporting Statistics/Info</u>
Cory Nietfeld	F	Paynesville	15.6ppg, 10.8rpg
Ben Moser	F	Paynesville	9.7ppg, 5 rpg
Derek Eisenschenk	G	ROCORI	8.3ppg, 35% 3pt
Tom Boike	P	Willmar	6rpg, 7.0 ppg
Chad Mulder	F	RCW	4 rpg
Ralph Viana	F	Fort Lauderdale	8.5 ppg, 3.5rpg

Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>College (if transfer)</u>
Casey Sussenguth	P	Willmar	
Adam Lindblad	G	Willmar	
Beau Bredeson	G	Marshall	

Team Strengths:

Defense and Depth

Team Weaknesses:

Riverland Community College

Coach: Dan Swift

Yrs Coaching:2

Career Coaching Record: 14-34

2007-08 Overall Record:4-20

2007-08 Conference Record:0-12

Starters Returning:

Top Returning Players:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>Supporting Statistics/Info</u>
Spencer Monson	F	Blue Earth Area	5ppg 5rpg
Danny DeWitz	F	Maple River	

Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>College (if transfer)</u>
Jason Simmons	G/F		Bacone College
Brian Voight	G	Southland	
AJ Kortz	G	Albert Lea	
Jesse Hogin	G		
Dustin Fritz	G/F	Spirit Lake	

Team Strengths:

Team Weaknesses:

Interior Defense and Rebounding

Rochester Community and Technical College Yellowjackets

Coach: Brian LaPlante

Yrs Coaching: 12

Career Coaching Record: 190-128

2007-08 Overall Record: 20-8

2007-08 Conference Record: 9-3

Starters Returning: 3

Top Returning Players:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>Supporting Statistics/Info</u>
Kurt Koenig	F	Waconia	9pts/4 rebs
Chet Reilly	PG	Prairie Du Chein, WI	5pts/5 assists
Tyler Speer	W	Lanesboro	7pts/4 rebs
Alex Guillien	W	Caledonia	4pts/2 rebs
Tyler Drinkall	W	Rushford	3pts/2 assists

Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>College (if transfer)</u>
Allen McGaha	PG	Proviso East, Ill	
Anthony Kelley	W	Mahotmedi	
Josh Hagan	W	Kingsland	
Josh Reynolds	W	John Marshall	Valley City State
Brandon Milde	F	Byron	
Kavon Martin	F	Henry Sibley	

Team Strengths: Depth/Solid returners

Team Weaknesses: Post Size

Vermilion

Coach: Paul McDonald

Yrs Coaching: 19

Career Coaching Record:

2007-08 Overall Record: 22-9

2007-08 Conference Record: 8-4

Starters Returning: 1

Top Returning Players:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>Supporting Statistics/Info</u>
Randy Daniel	C	Plano, TX	Preseason All American
Jeff Lissick	C	Walker, MN	Returning Starter
Ashley Thomas	G	Tampa, FL	Super Quick, 13 ppg

Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>College (if transfer)</u>
Anthony Brant	G	Tartan	
Kenan Kent	F	Humboldt	
Venzal Russell	G	Detroit, MI	
Brian Shurn	F	Normandy, MO	
Eric Murdock	G	Statesville, NC	
Christian Hendry	G	Dallas, TX	

Team Strengths:

Two returning inside players and depth

Team Weaknesses: Inexperience and leadership with only three returning players