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Nebraska-Omaha Favorite to Repeat in Soccer Coaches Poll

Nebraska-Omaha has been picked by league coaches to repeat as North Central Conference soccer champions in the NCC Coaches Poll released today.

Nebraska-Omaha, winners of three straight NCC titles, garnered six first-place votes with Minnesota State gaining the remaining top vote.

Last season, Nebraska-Omaha won the NCC regular-season standings with an 11-0-1 mark.

UNO advanced to the NCAA Championships and defeated Central Missouri and Washburn (on tiebreaker) before falling to Grand Valley State. It was the only loss of the season for the Mavericks.

Teams begin play on the weekend of August 23 with NCC play commencing September 8.

2007 North Central Conference Soccer Preseason Coaches Poll

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Nebraska-Omaha	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	46
Minnesota State	1	5	1	0	0	0	0	42
Minnesota Duluth	0	0	3	2	1	1	0	28
North Dakota	0	2	0	2	2	1	0	28
South Dakota	0	0	2	1	3	1	0	25
Augustana	0	0	0	1	1	3	2	15
St. Cloud State	0	0	1	0	0	1	5	12

Note: Points were awarded 7 for 1st, 6 for 2nd, etc.

What the Coaches Are Saying

"We are looking to the last NCC season with many very competitive matches."

Stephanie McGuinness, St. Cloud State

"It should be a doosie!"

Brandon Barkus, Augustana

"In the final season of NCC soccer it looks to be another year of quality teams and tremendous parity from top to bottom. All conference games should be quality matches that are close and tightly contested."

Brock Thompson, North Dakota

"It will be a very exciting and competitive conference schedule this year. The race to #1 will be close."

Becky Heiberger, South Dakota

"This may be the most competitive race in years and an exciting ending to the NCC!"

Don Klosterman, Nebraska-Omaha

"Last season we saw the middle of the table tighten. I think it will happen again with more sharing of points from top to bottom. This will be an exciting race!"

Greg Cane, Minnesota Duluth

