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North Central Conference Cup

MSU, USD Move Up In Race For North Central Conference Cup

Minnesota State moved into the lead in the race for the North Central Conference Cup while South Dakota leapt from sixth place after the fall season to second place following the winter season. Minnesota State, only a 1/2-point back after the fall season, posted championships in men's basketball and men's indoor track and field and had only one finish outside the top four during the winter season to move into a commanding 10 1/2-point lead with only the six-sport spring season to go.

South Dakota made the biggest move. On the strength of championships in women's basketball and women's indoor track and field and no finishes outside the top four in any sport the Coyotes moved from sixth to second place.

South Dakota holds a 1/2-point lead in the Women's All-Sports Trophy standings with 32 points. As mentioned above the Coyotes won the women's basketball and indoor track & field championships and finished third in the women's swimming and diving meet. Nebraska-Omaha, the three-time reigning Women's All-Sports Trophy winner, and Augustana are tied for second in the standings with 31.5 points while Minnesota State is close behind with a tally of 30 points. Nebraska-Omaha claimed the women's swimming and diving championship.

Minnesota State had a dominating winter that saw them win men's basketball and indoor track & field while finishing second in wrestling and third in men's swimming and diving to open up a large 11 1/2-point lead for the Men's All-Sports Trophy over South Dakota. North Dakota claimed the men's swimming and diving title while Nebraska-Omaha was crowned wrestling champions.

This season marks the fifth time that The North Central Conference Cup is being awarded. The recipient of the Cup is determined by adding together the points received in the Men's and Women's All-Sports Trophy standings. Complete standings for the Men's and Women's All-Sports Trophy through the winter season can be found on page two of this release.

Here are the 2007-08 North Central Conference Cup standings through the winter season:

	<i>Fall</i>		<i>Winter</i>		<i>Spring</i>		Total
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	
Minnesota State	14.5	17.5	18	13	-	-	63
South Dakota	11	13	10.5	19	-	-	53.5
Augustana	11	21.5	8	10	-	-	50.5
Nebraska-Omaha	9	18	8.5	13.5	-	-	49
North Dakota	11	13	8.5	14	-	-	46.5
Minnesota Duluth	8.5	16	5.5	4	-	-	34
St. Cloud State	7.5	6	10	7.5	-	-	31

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2007-08 North Central Conference Women's All-Sports Trophy Standings through the Winter Season

	SO	CC	GO	VB	BB	SW	IT	SB	TN	OT	Total
South Dakota	5	3	5	5	1	3	1	-	-	-	
	3	5	2	3	7	5	7	-	-	-	32
Augustana	4	1	1	T3	3	NE	3	-	-	-	
	4	7	6	4.5	5	0	5	-	-	-	31.5
Nebraska-Omaha	2	6	3	2	T5	1	4	-	-	-	
	6	2	4	6	2.5	7	4	-	-	-	31.5
Minnesota State	1	5	4	T3	4	5	2	-	-	-	
	7	3	3	4.5	4	3	6	-	-	-	30.5
North Dakota	7	2	2	7	2	2	6	-	-	-	
	1	6	5	1	6	6	2	-	-	-	27
Minnesota Duluth	3	4	NE	1	7	NE	5	-	-	-	
	5	4	0	7	1	0	3	-	-	-	20
St. Cloud State	6	7	6	6	T5	4	7	-	-	-	
	2	1	1	2	2.5	4	1	-	-	-	13.5

2007-08 North Central Conference Men's All-Sports Trophy Standings through the Winter Season

	FB	CC	GO	BB	SW	IT	WR	BS	TN	OT	Total
Minnesota State	T5	1	2	1	3	1	2	-	-	-	
	4.5	6	4	7	2	6	3	-	-	-	32.5
South Dakota	4	4	4	T3	4	2	NE	-	-	-	
	6	3	2	4.5	1	5	0	-	-	-	21.5
North Dakota	2	5	5	T6	1	4	NE	-	-	-	
	8	2	1	1.5	4	3	0	-	-	-	19.5
Augustana	7	2	3	2	NE	6	4	-	-	-	
	3	5	3	6	0	1	1	-	-	-	19
Nebraska-Omaha	1	NE	NE	T3	NE	NE	1	-	-	-	
	9	0	0	4.5	0	0	4	-	-	-	17.5
St. Cloud State	T8	6	1	5	2	5	3	-	-	-	
	1.5	1	5	3	3	2	2	-	-	-	17.5
Minnesota Duluth	T5	3	NE	T6	NE	3	NE	-	-	-	
	4.5	4	0	1.5	0	4	0	-	-	-	14

Points are awarded on a basis where the highest points possible is determined by the number of teams in the sport (i.e. if 7 teams are in the championship then 7 is awarded for first, 6 for second, etc.; if 5 teams are entered it would be 5 for first, 4 for second, etc.)

Note: The following points were also awarded to NCC affiliate members: **Central Washington:** Football, 3rd, 7 pts.; **Minnesota State Moorhead:** Women's Swimming, 6th, 2 pts.; **Northern State:** Women's Swimming, 7th, 1 pt.; **Western Washington:** Football, T6th, 1.5 pts.; **Winona State:** Men's Tennis, TBD.

Sport Abbreviations: FB-Football; CC-Cross Country; GO-Golf; VB-Volleyball; BB-Basketball; SW-Swimming; IT-Indoor Track; WR-Wrestling; BS-Baseball; SB-Softball; TN-Tennis; OT-Outdoor Track; NE - No Entry.

Women's All-Sports Honor Roll: 1982-83 South Dakota State, 1983-84 Minnesota State, Mankato, 1984-85 Minnesota State, Mankato, 1985-86 Minnesota State, Mankato, 1986-87 Minnesota State, Mankato, 1987-88 North Dakota State, 1988-89 Minnesota State, Mankato, 1989-90 North Dakota State, 1990-91 MSU, Mankato/North Dakota St., 1991-92 St. Cloud State, 1992-93 North Dakota, 1993-94 South Dakota State, 1994-95 South Dakota State, 1995-96 Minnesota State, Mankato, 1996-97 St. Cloud State/South Dakota State, 1997-98 Northern Colorado, 1998-99 North Dakota State, 1999-00 North Dakota State, 2000-01 North Dakota, 2001-02 North Dakota, 2002-03 Nebraska-Omaha, 2003-04 North Dakota, 2004-05 Nebraska-Omaha; 2005-06 Nebraska-Omaha; 2006-07 Nebraska-Omaha

Men's All-Sports Honor Roll: 1970-71 North Dakota St., 1971-72 Northern Iowa, 1972-73 Northern Iowa, 1973-74 Northern Iowa, 1974-75 Northern Iowa, 1975-76 Minnesota St., Mankato/South Dakota St., 1976-77 Northern Iowa, 1977-78 Northern Iowa, 1978-79 South Dakota St., 1979-80 South Dakota St., 1980-81 South Dakota St., 1981-82 North Dakota St., 1982-83 North Dakota St., 1983-84 North Dakota St., 1984-85 North Dakota St., 1985-86 Minnesota St., Mankato, 1986-87 Minnesota St., Mankato, 1987-88 Minnesota St., Mankato, 1988-89 North Dakota St., 1989-90 North Dakota St., 1990-91 North Dakota, 1991-92 South Dakota St., 1992-93 Minnesota St., Mankato, 1993-94 Minnesota St., Mankato, 1994-95 Minnesota St., Mankato, 1995-96 South Dakota St., 1996-97 South Dakota St., 1997-98 St. Cloud St., 1998-99 Minnesota State, Mankato, 1999-2000 South Dakota State, 2000-01 South Dakota State, 2001-02 South Dakota St., 2002-03 South Dakota State, 2003-04 North Dakota State, 2004-05 Minnesota State, Mankato; 2005-06 Minnesota State, Mankato; 2006-07 Minnesota State, Mankato.

NCC Cup Honor Roll: 2003-04 North Dakota State; 2004-05 Minnesota State; 2005-06 Minnesota State/North Dakota; 2006-07 Minnesota State.