

# News Release



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## Men's Academic All-NCC Track & Field/Cross Country

### **Haines & Ihry Highlight Men's Academic All-NCC Team**

South Dakota's Colte Haines and Augustana's Robert Ihry were selected to the Academic All-North Central Conference Men's Track & Field/Cross Country team for the third time as the 2007-08 team was announced today. The 10-member team is voted on by league's sports information directors.

Augustana's Chad Backsen, Minnesota State's Nathan Pieper and South Dakota's Ben Walters and Matt Yaggie are making their second appearance on the honor squad.

The select group has a combined grade point average of 3.66.

### 2007-08 Academic All-North Central Conference Men's Track & Field/Cross Country Team

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>GPA</b>	<b>Major</b>	<b>Hometown</b>
Chad Backsen*	Augustana	Sr.	3.65	Biology	Fargo, N.D.
Jared Clementson	Minnesota Duluth	Sr.	3.40	Elem./Middle School Edu.	Pine City, Minn.
Colte Haines^	South Dakota	Sr.	3.88	Math/Computer Science	White Lake, S.D.
Robert Ihry^	Augustana	Sr.	3.81	Biology	Fargo, N.D.
Michael Robinson	Minnesota State	So.	4.0	Business	Wausau, Wis.
Nathan Pieper*	Minnesota State	Sr.	3.72	Civil Engineering	West Bend, Wis.
Preston Scott	South Dakota	Jr.	3.43	Computer Science	Parker, S.D.
Austin Vande Berg	Augustana	So.	3.65	Biology	Sioux Falls, S.D.
Ben Walters*	South Dakota	Jr.	3.455	Biology	Lennox, S.D.
Matt Yaggie*	South Dakota	Sr.	3.605	Psychology	Mission Hill, S.D.

\* - Two-time selection, ^ - Three-time selection

**Class Breakdown:** Senior (6), Junior (2), Sophomore (2).

**Team Breakdown:** Augustana (3), Minnesota Duluth (1), Minnesota State (2), South Dakota (4).