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Minnesota Duluth Picked to Three-Peat in NCC Volleyball Poll

Minnesota Duluth has been picked by league coaches to three-peat as the North Central Conference champion in the NCC volleyball coaches poll released today.

UMD received six first-place votes and one second-place vote for a total of 48 points. Second-place Augustana totaled 35 points with three second, two third, one fourth and one fifth-place selections. Nebraska-Omaha was third with three second, one third, two fourth and one seventh-place nods. Minnesota State received the final first-place vote and was picked as fourth in the query.

Minnesota Duluth captured its second consecutive NCC crown in 2005 with a 11-1 mark. Nebraska-Omaha finished second in the league race with a 10-2 mark.

Minnesota Duluth was joined by Nebraska-Omaha and Augustana in the NCAA North Central Region tournament.

UMD advanced to the championship game of the North Central Region before falling to Concordia-St. Paul.

Teams begin play on the weekend of August 24 with conference play opening on September 15.

2006 North Central Conference Volleyball Preseason Coaches Poll

<u>Team</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>Total</u>
Minnesota Duluth	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	48
Augustana	0	3	2	1	1	0	0	35
Nebraska-Omaha	0	3	1	2	0	0	1	32
Minnesota State	1	0	2	1	1	2	0	28
North Dakota	0	0	1	1	2	1	2	19
St. Cloud State	0	0	1	0	2	3	2	19
South Dakota	0	0	0	2	1	1	2	15

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

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