

# MINNESOTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE CONFERENCE

## 2006 Baseball Preview

### Northern Division

#### Hibbing Community College

**Coach:** Mike Turnbull

**Yrs Coaching:** 12

**2005 Overall Record:** 2-36

**Starters Returning:** 1

**Coaching Record:**

**2005 Conference Record:** 1-15

#### Top Returning Players:

Name	Pos	High School	Supporting Statistics/Info
Justin Schoeben	LF/P	Chisholm	BA .333

#### Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):

Name	Pos	High School	College (if transfer)
Mike Dabu	3B/P	Jordan	
Nick Baird	CF	Winnipeg, MAN	UND
Joe Harper	P	Chisholm	
Chris Bittman	MIF	Richfield	

**Team Strengths:** Defense, pitching depth.

**Team Weaknesses:** 13 freshmen.

#### Itasca Lakes College

**Coach:** Justin Lamma

**Yrs Coaching:** 9

**2005 Overall Record:** 26-17

**Starters Returning:** 10

**Coaching Record:** 244-121

**2005 Conference Record:**

#### Top Returning Players:

Name	Pos	High School	Supporting Statistics/Info
Carl Sievert	OF	Duluth East	.350 BA
Darrin Carlson	2B	Hermantown	.345 BA
J.J. Swalboski	SS	Grand Rapids	.300 BA
Ted Asuma	LF	Cherry	.388 BA

#### Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):

Name	Pos	High School	College (if transfer)
Brett Hedlund	1B	Grand Rapids	
Matt Swanson	OF	Upsala	
Derek Lemmens	OF	Neenah, WI	
Graham Parson	P	Hibbing	

**Team Strengths:** 16 sophomores/leadership.

**Team Weaknesses:** Power numbers.

## Mesabi Range Community & Technical College

**Coach:** Brad Scott

**Yrs Coaching:** 5

**2005 Overall Record:** 23-13

**Top Returning Players:**

Name	Pos	High School	Supporting Statistics/Info
John Geving	P/3BN	Esko	.474 Avg.
Eric Scott	P/SS	Blaine	.361 Avg. 10 Stolen Bases
Brady Schmitt	2B/P	Rosemount	.316 Avg. 7 Stolen Bases
Jay Paxton	1B/DH	Superior, WI	.276 avg

**Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):**

Name	Pos	High School	College (if transfer)
Rick Jirik	SS	Roseville	
Mark Hamburger	P	Mounds View	
Scott Hoium	IF/OF	St. Paul Johnson	
Nick Hedley	1B/DH	Virginia	Madison Tech
Nate Hedley	3B/P	Virginia	Madison Tech
Tim Bouvine	P	Superior, WI	U of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

**Team Strengths:** Team defense, batting.

**Team Weaknesses:** Pitching depth.

**Starters Returning:** 5

**Coaching Record:** 89-64

**2005 Conference Record:** 10-6

## Northland Community & Technical College

**Coach:** Steve Gust

**Yrs Coaching:** 2

**2005 Overall Record:** 20-19

**Top Returning Players:**

Name	Pos	High School	Supporting Statistics/Info
Adam Violette	P/3B	Red Lake Falls	.347 BA, 8 HR, 37 RBI, 3 W 4 L
Brian Horgeshimer	P	Fertile	3 W 6 L
Justin Buegler	OF	Lake of the Woods	.325, 1 HR, 15 RBI
Dominic Hamre	OF	Fertile	.344, 2 HR, 10 RBI

**Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):**

Name	Pos	High School	College (if transfer)
Eric Gast	2B	East Grand Forks	UND
Jay Thompson	OF	Fordville, ND	
Randy Anderson	OF	Loveland, CO	
Alex Sumner	SS	Grand Forks Central, ND	

**Team Strengths:** Team speed, pitching & depth.

**Team Weaknesses:** Young players with new roles – experience.

**Starters Returning:** 4

**Coaching Record:** 20-19

**2005 Conference Record:** 11-5

## Vermilion Community College

**Coach:** Ray Podominick

**Yrs Coaching:** 8

**2005 Overall Record:** 9-19

**Top Returning Players:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Pos</b>	<b>High School</b>	<b>Supporting Statistics/Info</b>
Brian Simon	OF/C	Owatonna	.305, 3HR
Alex Dimitrijevic	OF	Kenosha, WI	.302, 2 HR
Kayle Lewellen	INF	Forest Lake	.280, 2 HR, 10 SB
Cory Lassi	INF	Ely	.275

**Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Pos</b>	<b>High School</b>	<b>College (if transfer)</b>
Pat Moriarty	INF	Mounds View	
Josh Mousel	P	Colfax, WI	
Collin Grams	INF/	Sibley East	
Juluis Durant	P/OF	Mount Pleasant, SC	

**Team Strengths:**

**Team Weaknesses:**

## Central Division

### Anoka-Ramsey Community College

**Coach:** Tom Yelle

**Yrs Coaching:** 18

**2005 Overall Record:**

**Top Returning Players:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Pos</b>	<b>High School</b>	<b>Supporting Statistics/Info</b>
Matt Geissler	P/SS	Elk River	All-MCCC 2005
Nick Wallentiny	LHP	Spring Lake Park	
Eric Collins	RHP	Blaine	

**Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Pos</b>	<b>High School</b>	<b>College (if transfer)</b>
Zander Mueller	LHP	Chisago Lakes	
Joe Iskierka	LHP	Osseo	
Brett Kuchenmeister	3B	Blaine	

**Team Strengths:** Team unity; work ethic.

**Team Weaknesses:** Experience.

**Starters Returning:** 4

**Coaching Record:**

**2005 Conference Record:** 7-9

**Starters Returning:** 4

**Coaching Record:**

**2005 Conference Record:**

## Central Lakes College

**Coach:** Joel Lofstrom

**Yrs Coaching:** 1

**2005 Overall Record:** 16-12

### Top Returning Players:

Name	Pos	High School	Supporting Statistics/Info
Anthony Turk	OF	Little Falls	
Drew Rasmusson	OF/P	Menahga	
Eric Boser	IF/C	Pierz	

### Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):

Name	Pos	High School	College (if transfer)
Morgan Shepard	C	Brainerd	
Caleb MacDonald	P	Brainerd	
Jordan Martell	SS	Osceola, WI	
Jason Sather	OF	Brainerd	

### Team Strengths:

**Team Weaknesses:** Pitching depth.

**Starters Returning:** 3

**Coaching Record:**

**2005 Conference Record:** 11-7

## Minnesota State Community & Technical College-Fergus Falls

**Coach:** Kent Bothwell

**Yrs Coaching:** 11

**2005 Overall Record:** 32-15

### Top Returning Players:

Name	Pos	High School	Supporting Statistics/Info
Caleb Curry	SS	Alexandria	
Kirby Marquart	1B	Hancock	
Bryan Flach	P	Fargo, ND	
Casey Boukoon	P	Fargo, ND	
Joe Kahl	P	Pierz	

### Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):

Name	Pos	High School	College (if transfer)
Casey Kowalski	P	Fergus Falls	NDSU
Mic Johnson	1B/DH	Fergus Falls	
Clayton Grimstad	OF	Alexandria	

**Team Strengths:** Pitching, defense, hitting.

**Team Weaknesses:** Young in a number of areas.

**Starters Returning:** 5

**Coaching Record:** 240-131

**2005 Conference Record:** 13-5

## St Cloud Technical College

**Coach:** Mark Hollenhorst

**Yrs Coaching:** 3

**2005 Overall Record:** 12-22

### Top Returning Players:

Name	Pos	High School	Supporting Statistics/Info
Dan Scholand	CF	Central Valley, ND	.284 BA, 13 SB
Jason Ellingson	P/DH	Hatton Public	.317 BA, 4 W 3 L
Zach Watercott	IF/ P	Pierz	

### Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):

Name	Pos	High School	College (if transfer)
Dave Jonas	C	ROCORI	
Justin Butkofski	P/1B	Paynesville	
Chris Beier	P/2B	Paynesville	
Joe Barrett	P/SS	Milaca	
Blake Danielson	P	Buffalo	

**Team Strengths:** Solid outfield, enough pitching depth to make six games a week workable.

**Team Weaknesses:** Lack of infield depth and pitching, no true closer.

## Southern Division

## Dakota County Technical College

**Coach:** Tim Huber

**Yrs Coaching:** 1

**2005 Overall Record:** 19-20-1

### Top Returning Players:

Name	Pos	High School	Supporting Statistics/Info
Dale Stein	1B	Henry Sibley	.333, 7 2B, 16 RBI
Alex Smith	OF	Robbinsdale Cooper	.354, 5 2B, 8 SB, 11 RBI
Ryan Van Dusen	OF/P	Apple Valley	.313, 6 2B, 3 3B, 9 SB, 17 RBI

### Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):

Name	Pos	High School	College (if transfer)
Dave Geiger	P	Como Park	
Brian Hanson	C/P	Royalton	Southwest State
Derek Albers	OF	St Cloud Tech	
Alex Hanson-Michelson	3B/P	Forest Lake	Anoka Ramsey
Paul Krebs	P/3B/	Little Falls	
Jared Powell	3B/O	Andover Central, KS	

**Team Strengths:** Hitting.

**Team Weaknesses:** Young, unproven Pitching.

**Starters Returning:** 3

**Coaching Record:** 19-36

**2005 Conference Record:** 3-15

**Starters Returning:** 5

**Coaching Record:** 19-20-1

**2005 Conference Record:** 8-8

## Minnesota West Community & Technical College

**Coach:** Brian Iverson

**Yrs Coaching:** 8

**2005 Overall Record:** 0-22

**Top Returning Players:**

Name	Pos	High School	Supporting Statistics/Info
Josh Feller	SS/P	Worthington	
Rhett Cummings	CF/P	Windom Area	
Luke Anderson	C/P	Belgrade, MT	

**Starters Returning:** 2

**Coaching Record:**

**2005 Conference Record:** 0-14

**Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):**

Name	Pos	High School	College (if transfer)
Jay Schidt	SS	Worthington	
Tyler Reiner	3B/P	Red Rock Central	
Justin Saufley	3B/P	Worthington	
Scott Knisley	SS/2B	New Ulm Cathedral	
Brandon Bjelland	C/P	Bemidji	
Dusty Sykora	2B/P	Red Rock Central	
Brad Nankibil	1B	Worthington	

**Team Strengths:** We have a lot of versatile players.

**Team Weaknesses:** Very young team.

## Ridgewater College

**Coach:** Dwight Kotila

**Yrs Coaching:** 10

**2005 Overall Record:** 37-8

**Top Returning Players:**

Name	Pos	High School	Supporting Statistics/Info
Adam Ferrell	P	Eau Claire, WI	1 <sup>st</sup> Team All-American
Ethan Vogt	P	Sauk Center	All MCCC
Zac McCann	1B	Litchfield	.392, 9HR
Ryan Krause	P	Moorhead	2.92 ERA

**Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):**

Name	Pos	High School	College (if transfer)
Zach Etter	P/SS	Menagha	Iowa Central CC
Ryan Young	OF	St. Cloud Tech HS	
Jacolby Anderson	3B/P	Brookings, SD	
Andy Bauer	P	Farmington, MN	

**Starters Returning:** 4, 5 pitchers

**Coaching Record:** 277-113

**2005 Conference Record:** 14-2

**Team Strengths:** Pitching, depth.

**Team Weaknesses:** Finding a set lineup.

## Riverland Community College

**Coach:** Scott Koenigs

**Yrs Coaching:** 3

**2005 Overall Record:** 15-15

**Top Returning Players:**

Name	Pos	High School	Supporting Statistics/Info
Louis Lang	1B	Minnetonka	.446 BA
Jake Blome	SS/P	North Kossuth, IA	.375 BA
Elias Solveling	2B	Sweden	

**Starters Returning:** 7

**Coaching Record:** 35-52

**2005 Conference Record:** 5-9

**Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):**

Name	Pos	High School	College (if transfer)
Steve Hovland	LHP	Waseca	
Jamie Surdy	RHP	Austin	

**Team Strengths:** Experience, defense, pitching.

**Team Weaknesses:** Hitting, depth.

## Rochester Community & Technical College

**Coach:** Steve Hucke

**Yrs Coaching:** 4

**2005 Overall Record:** 22-18

**Top Returning Players:**

Name	Pos	High School	Supporting Statistics/Info
Tom Corcoran	OF	John Marshall	.387 BA, 39 RBI, All-State, All-Region
Mike Regnier	3B	Pine Island	All-Division, All-State, All-Region 2004
Mike White	SS	John Marshall	.320, 22 RBI
Cody Jones	C	Mountain View, AZ	.452 (missed most of 2005 due to injury)

**Starters Returning:** 9

**Coaching Record:** 67-51

**2005 Conference Record:** 11-5

**Top Incoming Players (Freshmen or Transfers):**

Name	Pos	High School	College (if transfer)
Eric Grahlke	U	Kasson-Mantorville	
Nick Hoffman	P/C	Park Falls, WI	
Matt Gangelhoff	P	Sleepy Eye-St. Mary's	
Kyle Kallenbach	OF	LaCrosse Central	
Kyle Blahnik	IF	Red Wing	
Mike Lund	OF	Chaska	
John Aaland	P	Rochester Mayo	

**Team Strengths:** Hitting and defense improved.

**Team Weaknesses:** Need to work on our bullpen staff - getting stronger but needs work.