

NSIC PLAYER OF THE YEAR



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Bloomington, Ill.
Bloomington HS
Northern State

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR



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G, 5-10, 170, Sr.
Mitchell, S.D.
Mitchell HS
SMSU

FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR



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G, 6-5, 190, Fr.
Ellsworth, Minn.
Ellsworth HS
Augustana

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR



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Linn-Mar HS
Minnesota State

NSIC COACH OF THE YEAR



Greg Stemen
Southwest
Minnesota State

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2008-09 NSIC MEN'S BASKETBALL ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

First Team

	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	School	Hometown
24 Eric Krogman	F	6-8	Sr.	Augustana	Elkton, S.D.
32 Craig Heiman	F	6-5	Jr.	Concordia-St. Paul	Marshall, Wis.
50 Travis Nelson	C	6-11	Jr.	Minnesota State	Marion, Iowa
44 Brian Sykora	F	6-7	Jr.	Minnesota Duluth	Bloomington, Minn.
42 John Vaudreuil	C	6-8	Sr.	Minnesota Duluth	Bloomington, Minn.
13 Kevin Ratzsch	F	6-5	R-Sr.	Northern State	Bloomington, Ill.
42 Ross DeMasi	C	6-8	Sr.	SMSU	Swanton, Vt.
20 Taylor Witt	G	6-2	So.	St. Cloud State	Morris, Minn.
11 Ben Fischer	G	6-1	So.	Winona State	Wausau, Wis.
24 David Johnson	G	6-2	Jr.	Winona State	Hayfield, Minn.

Second Team

	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	School	Hometown
30 David Foster	G	6-5	Jr.	Augustana	Big Timber, Mont.
31 Mike Cunningham	G	6-4	Jr.	Concordia-St. Paul	Minneapolis, Minn.
10 Jesse Clark	G	6-0	Jr.	Minnesota State	Sioux Falls, S.D.
3 Jake Morrow	G	6-4	Sr.	Minnesota State	Wild Rose, Wis.
25 Justyn Burgess	G	6-3	Sr.	MSU Moorhead	Minneapolis, Minn.
32 Kevin Andrews	G/F	6-4	Jr.	SMSU	Marion, Iowa
32 Andrew Bernstetter	F	6-6	So.	St. Cloud State	St. Joseph, Minn.
11 Jonathon Thomas	F	6-6	Sr.	Wayne State	Earlville, Iowa
40 Brian Metz	C	6-8	Jr.	Wayne State	Keswick, Iowa
3 Travis Whipple	G	5-10	Sr.	Winona State	Woodbury, Minn.

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Kevin Ratzsch (R-Sr., F, Bloomington, Ill.)

2008-09 NSIC Defensive Player of the Year

Ryan Krome, Southwest Minnesota State (Sr., G, Mitchell, S.D.)

2008-09 NSIC Freshman of the Year

Cody Schilling, Augustana (Fr., G, Ellsworth, Minn.)

2008-09 NSIC Newcomer of the Year

Travis Nelson, Minnesota State (Jr., C, Marion, Iowa)

2008-09 NSIC Coach of the Year

Greg Stemen, Southwest Minnesota State



NSIC PLAYER OF THE YEAR
#13 Kevin Ratzsch (F, 6-5, R-Sr, Bloomington Ill. / Bloomington HS)
Northern State University

Kevin Ratzsch led the NSIC in scoring throughout the season, averaging 21.3 in all games and 20.9 in NSIC contests. He scored 417 of his 596 points on the year in conference games, just shy of the NSIC record of 420, held by UMC's Joe Hasz (01-02). Ratzsch led the Wolves in scoring in all but seven games this season, and was held to single digits just once. He also came up with several big rebounding games, recording a career-high 14 boards on three different occasions and registering seven double-double efforts on the year. All told, Ratzsch finishes his career as one of the all-time scorers in both school and NSIC history. His 1,117 career points in conference games ranks fourth on the NSIC list, while his 1,833 career overall points is eighth most in NSU history.



DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR
#12 Ryan Krome (G, 5-10, 170, Sr, Mitchell, S.D. / Mitchell HS)
Southwest Minnesota State University

Ryan Krome helped lead SMSU to its second NSIC title in school history and anchored a defense that led the NSIC in scoring defense allowing just 60 points per game in conference play. SMSU also ranked first in rebound margin, turnover margin, three-point field goal pct. defense and third in field goal percentage defense. Krome leads SMSU with 33 steals.



FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR^
#21 Cody Schilling (G, 6-5, 190, Fr, Ellsworth, Minn. / Ellsworth HS)
Augustana College

Cody Schilling started every game for Augustana this season as a true freshman. He made an immediate impact for the Vikings as he was the team's third-leading scorer and second-leading rebounder, averaging 12.0 points and 4.9 rebounds per game. The all-time leading scorer in Minnesota high school history, Schilling scored in double figures 18 times this season, including three 20-point outings. His best outing was a 29-point performance at MSU Moorhead on January 9. In that game, Schilling made 7 of 10 field goals, including all three 3-point attempts, and 12-of-14 free throws. In the NSIC statistics, Schilling finished the year ranked second in 3-point field goal percentage at 51.2 percent (21-of-41) and third in free throw percentage at 88.9 percent (56-of-63) in addition to being ranked 23rd in scoring (11.9 ppg) and 18th in rebounding (4.9 rpg). For the season, Schilling shot 53.3 percent from the field (114-of-214), 50 percent from 3-point range (28-of-56) and 90 percent from the charity stripe (81-of-90). He also averaged 2.0 assists and 1.0 steals per game.



NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR*
#50 Travis Nelson (C, 6-11, 245, Jr, Marion, Iowa / Linn-Mar HS)
Minnesota State University, Mankato

Travis Nelson has started 30 games this season for the Mavericks and played in all 31. In his MSU debut, he scored 27 points against Bentley on Nov. 7th. Nelson poured in 28 points on 10-of-18 shooting in MSU's loss to St. Cloud State on Jan. 17th and was named the NSIC Player of the Week on Jan. 19. He also earned the award on Feb. 16 following MSU's sweep over Concordia-St. Paul and St. Cloud State, where he averaged 21 points and six rebounds. Nelson is shooting .558 from the floor and is averaging 14.2 points and 5.6 rebounds per game. In NSIC games only Nelson led the league in blocked shots (2.15 bpg), finished sixth in the league in scoring (15.7ppg), ninth in field goal percentage (.545) and free throw percentage (.835). Nelson spent two seasons at the University of Wyoming after redshirting as a freshman in 2005-06 before coming to MSU this season.



NSIC COACH OF THE YEAR
Greg Stemen
Southwest Minnesota State University

Greg Stemen led SMSU to its second NSIC championship in school history and 25 regular season victories, currently ranking second all-time in school history. The program's all-time leader in victories, Stemen has led the Mustangs to six winning seasons in his eight years as head coach, with three 20-plus win seasons, one conference title, two second place finishes and has finished in the top half of the conference standings six times. SMSU is currently ranked No. 9 in the nation and has held the No. 1 ranking in the regional rankings for four straight weeks.

*The NSIC Newcomer of the Year may be any student-athlete competing in his first season of varsity competition at an NSIC institution as a So., Jr. or Sr.

^NSIC Freshman of the year may be any student-athlete competing in there true freshman or redshirt freshman year at an NSIC institution.



2008-09 NSIC Individual Stats (NSIC Only)

Through games of Mar 01, 2009 (Conference games only) To be ranked, a player must appear in at least 75.0% of their team's games.

SCORING

##	Player-Team	Cl	G	FG	3FG	FT	Pts	Avg/G
1.	Ratzsch, Kevin-NSU.....	SR	20	157	19	84	417	20.9
2.	Johnson, David-WSU.....	JR	20	114	64	65	357	17.9
3.	Vaudreuil, John-UMD.....	SR	20	120	0	110	350	17.5
4.	Heiman, Craig-CU.....	JR	20	119	39	59	336	16.8
5.	Burgess, Justyn-MSUM.....	SR	20	125	10	61	321	16.1
6.	Nelson, Travis-MSU.....	JR	20	116	0	81	313	15.7
7.	Witt, Taylor-SCSU.....	SO	20	95	30	90	310	15.5
8.	Sykora, Brian-UMD.....	JR	20	117	0	64	298	14.9
9.	Thomas, Jonathon-WSC.....	SR	20	116	11	52	295	14.8
10.	Cunningham, Mike-CU.....	JR	20	105	1	79	290	14.5

REBOUNDING

##	Player-Team	Cl	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	Avg/G
1.	Sykora, Brian-UMD.....	JR	20	49	142	191	9.6
2.	DeMasi, Ross-SMSU.....	SR	20	55	109	164	8.2
3.	Krogman, Eric-AUGIE.....	SR	20	30	130	160	8.0
4.	Ratzsch, Kevin-NSU.....		20	46	108	154	7.7
	Gosson, Mitch-MSU.....	SR	20	50	104	154	7.7
6.	Metz, Brian-WSC.....	JR	20	56	89	145	7.3
7.	Thomas, Jonathon-WSC.....	SR	20	54	90	144	7.2
8.	Vaudreuil, John-UMD.....	SR	20	47	88	135	6.8
9.	Sullivan, Chris-UIU.....		19	42	83	125	6.6
10.	Bernstetter, Andrew-SCSU.	SO	20	40	91	131	6.6

FIELD GOAL PCT (Min. 3.0 made per game)

##	Player-Team	Cl	G	FG	FGA	Pct
1.	Klepatz, Mike-AUGIE.....	SR	20	64	99	.646
2.	Metz, Brian-WSC.....	JR	20	103	160	.644
3.	Armstrong, Joel-WSU.....	FR	20	81	126	.643
4.	Kramer, Nick-UIU.....		20	104	177	.588
5.	Gosson, Mitch-MSU.....	SR	20	93	163	.571
6.	Thomas, Jonathon-WSC.....	SR	20	116	205	.566
7.	Schwan, Kyle-NSU.....		19	64	115	.557
8.	Huseby, Taylor-SMSU.....	SO	20	75	135	.556
9.	Nelson, Travis-MSU.....	JR	20	116	213	.545
10.	Burgess, Justyn-MSUM.....	SR	20	125	230	.543

ASSISTS

##	Player-Team	Cl	G	Assists	Avg/G
1.	Witt, Taylor-SCSU.....	SO	20	115	5.75
	Fischer, Ben-WSU.....	SO	20	115	5.75
3.	Clark, Jesse-MSU.....	JR	20	88	4.40
4.	Cunningham, Mike-CU.....	JR	20	76	3.80
5.	Dalton, Jordan-AUGIE.....	JR	18	64	3.56
6.	Whipple, Travis-WSU.....	SR	20	70	3.50
7.	Tesdahl, Bryce-BSU.....	FR	20	66	3.30
8.	Ricks, Sammy-CU.....	JR	20	64	3.20
9.	White, Ron-UMD.....	JR	20	60	3.00
10.	Peschong, Andrew-SMSU....	JR	20	58	2.90

FREE THROW PCT (Min. 2.0 made per game)

##	Player-Team	Cl	G	FIM	FTA	Pct
1.	Ratzsch, Kevin-NSU.....		20	84	94	.894
	Hill, Marcus-MSU.....	SO	18	42	47	.894
3.	Schilling, Cody-AUGIE....	FR	20	56	63	.889
4.	Fischer, Ben-WSU.....	SO	20	55	62	.887
5.	Driscoll, Jake-MSUM.....	FR	20	46	52	.885
6.	Cadwell, Matt-CU.....	SR	20	50	58	.862
7.	Heiman, Craig-CU.....	JR	20	59	70	.843
8.	Haake, Seth-BSU.....	JR	20	72	86	.837
9.	Nelson, Travis-MSU.....	JR	20	81	97	.835
10.	Lindstrom, Jake-BSU.....	FR	20	54	65	.831

STEALS

##	Player-Team	Cl	G	Steals	Avg/G
1.	Ricks, Sammy-CU.....	JR	20	59	2.95
2.	Fischer, Ben-WSU.....	SO	20	37	1.85
	Cunningham, Mike-CU.....	JR	20	37	1.85
4.	Jackman, Brent-WSC.....	JR	20	33	1.65
5.	Carmichael, Brett-SCSU...	SR	20	32	1.60
6.	Haake, Seth-BSU.....	JR	20	30	1.50
7.	Morrow, Jake-MSU.....	SR	20	28	1.40
8.	Cubie, Akeem-UMC.....	SO	20	26	1.30
	White, Ron-UMD.....	JR	20	26	1.30
	Witt, Taylor-SCSU.....	SO	20	26	1.30

3-POINT FG PCT (Min. 1.0 made per game)

##	Player-Team	Cl	G	3FG	FGA	Pct
1.	Bartz, Spencer-SCSU.....	JR	17	18	32	.563
2.	Schilling, Cody-AUGIE....	FR	20	21	41	.512
3.	Blank, Marques-AUGIE....	SR	20	27	53	.509
4.	Nelson, Jerome-MSUM.....	FR	20	22	45	.489
5.	Whipple, Travis-WSU.....	SR	20	36	74	.486
6.	Johnson, David-WSU.....	JR	20	64	134	.478
7.	Hall, Taylor-BSU.....	FR	20	24	51	.471
8.	Klass, Steve-UMD.....	JR	20	50	107	.467
9.	Bestul, Dan-UIU.....		20	24	52	.462
10.	Haake, Seth-BSU.....	JR	20	24	55	.436

3-POINT FG MADE

##	Player-Team	Cl	G	3FG	Avg/G
1.	Johnson, David-WSU.....	JR	20	64	3.20
2.	Boeck, Mitch-NSU.....		20	57	2.85
3.	Klass, Steve-UMD.....	JR	20	50	2.50
4.	West, Geoff-MARY.....	SR	20	44	2.20
5.	Cadwell, Matt-CU.....	SR	20	43	2.15
6.	Van Havermaet, Andre-MSUM	FR	20	42	2.10
7.	Foster, David-AUGIE.....	JR	20	41	2.05
8.	Wilhelm, Jordan-MARY.....	SO	20	39	1.95
	Heiman, Craig-CU.....	JR	20	39	1.95
10.	Morrow, Jake-MSU.....	SR	20	38	1.90

BLOCKED SHOTS

##	Player-Team	Cl	G	Blocks	Avg/G
1.	Nelson, Travis-MSU.....	JR	20	43	2.15
2.	Thomas, Robert-NSU.....		20	32	1.60
3.	Thomas, Jonathon-WSC.....	SR	20	28	1.40
4.	Felts, Bruce-UMC.....	SR	17	23	1.35
5.	Gosson, Mitch-MSU.....	SR	20	26	1.30
6.	Bernstetter, Andrew-SCSU.	SO	20	23	1.15
	Ratzsch, Kevin-NSU.....		20	23	1.15
8.	Dale, Nick-SMSU.....	JR	20	18	0.90
	Johnson, Jimmy-BSU.....	SO	20	18	0.90
10.	Fisher, Jesse-SCSU.....	SO	19	17	0.89

ASSIST/TURNOVER RATIO (Min. 3.0 assists/game)

##	Player-Team	Cl	G	Asst	Avg	Turn	Avg	Ratio
1.	Clark, Jesse-MSU.....	JR	20	88	4.4	20	1.0	4.40
2.	Ricks, Sammy-CU.....	JR	20	64	3.2	26	1.3	2.46
3.	Dalton, Jordan-AUGIE.....	JR	18	64	3.6	27	1.5	2.37
4.	Fischer, Ben-WSU.....	SO	20	115	5.8	49	2.5	2.35
5.	Whipple, Travis-WSU.....	SR	20	70	3.5	31	1.6	2.26
6.	Tesdahl, Bryce-BSU.....	FR	20	66	3.3	38	1.9	1.74
7.	White, Ron-UMD.....	JR	20	60	3.0	38	1.9	1.58
8.	Witt, Taylor-SCSU.....	SO	20	115	5.8	79	4.0	1.46
9.	Cunningham, Mike-CU.....	JR	20	76	3.8	66	3.3	1.15

OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS

##	Player-Team	Cl	G	No.	Avg/G
1.	Metz, Brian-WSC.....	JR	20	56	2.80
2.	DeMasi, Ross-SMSU.....	SR	20	55	2.75
3.	Thomas, Jonathon-WSC.....	SR	20	54	2.70
4.	Gosson, Mitch-MSU.....	SR	20	50	2.50
5.	Sykora, Brian-UMD.....	JR	20	49	2.45
6.	Vaudreuil, John-UMD.....	SR	20	47	2.35

DEFENSIVE REBOUNDS

##	Player-Team	Cl	G	No.	Avg/G
1.	Sykora, Brian-UMD.....	JR	20	142	7.10
2.	Krogman, Eric-AUGIE.....	SR	20	130	6.50
3.	Pelzer, Matt-UMC.....	SR	17	101	5.94
4.	DeMasi, Ross-SMSU.....	SR	20	109	5.45
5.	Ratzsch, Kevin-NSU.....		20	108	5.40
6.	Gosson, Mitch-MSU.....	SR	20	104	5.20