

MSU JOINS NEW CONFERENCE

June 30, 2000 saw the end of an era in college athletics in the Dakotas. That day, the North Dakota College Athletic Conference and the South Dakota-Iowa Conference closed the books on a long and historic run in college athletics. The SDIC began competition in 1917, while the NDCAC came into existence in 1923. The very next day, the six NDCAC schools (Dickinson State, Jamestown College, Mayville State, Minot State, the University of Mary and Valley City State) and four former members of the SDIC (Black Hills State, Dakota State, Huron University and South Dakota Tech) began a new tradition with the official formation of the Dakota Athletic Conference or the DAC-10. The new conference will also be affiliated with the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. In basketball, the regular season conference champion will qualify for the NAIA national tournament in Branson, Missouri. In addition, because the DAC-10 has 10 members, it will be granted an additional entry in the national tournament which will be decided by the postseason tournament.

"The formation of the DAC-10 is very positive for Minot State Athletics.

Scheduling has become a real problem and the DAC-10 ensures nine home games and 18 overall. In addition, conference play will begin the first week in December. Also, a second team from the conference will get to the national tournament. All these factors combined make for a real exciting conference for both the players and the fans."