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From France to frozen north: Elsa Duquesne's Journey

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Spend any time with Elsa Duquesne and it is immediately clear how much pride and gratitude she carries for both her sport and her journey. Duquesne, from Raimbeau-court, France, is a sophomore center back for the Minot State University women's soccer team. Her story is one of courage, homesickness, growth, and a little bit of the "American Dream."

"My godfather loves soccer," Duquesne said, smiling. "He follows everything, all the national games, and when I was six, he took me to the stadium. When we came back, I told my mom I wanted to play soccer, and that's where it started."



Elsa Duquesne

In France, combining college and sports isn't really an option, which is part of what led Duquesne to look across the world. "We can't go to college and play a sport at the same time back home," she said. "So obviously, the 'American dream' was perfect for me to study, play at a high level, discover a new culture, and make new friends. It was a new life and chapter for me."

Getting from France to

North Dakota took time, planning, and a bit of faith. Duquesne explained how she went through an agency called, Elite Athlete, one of the top recruiting programs in France. "I had friends already playing in the U.S., and one of them had gone through that agency, so I did the same," she said. "We had a game with about 20 girls who all wanted to go to the U.S. to play. The game was recorded, and I made a video of myself playing soccer that got sent to coaches around the country."

After several offers, talking with her parents and the agency, she chose Minot State. "It's a lot of effort to find the best school, a good scholarship, a good city for an international, and Minot was the move. Why not Minot?" she laughed.

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From player to coach

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As hockey season comes into full swing, excitement is building around Minot State University's men's hockey team and for head coach Wyatt Waselenchuk. Building off of last year's successful season with 38 wins in the ACHA, MSU is off to a successful start at the beginning of this season.

For Waselenchuk, the journey from player to coach was not part of the original plan, it just happened naturally. "I graduated in 2014 from Minot State intending to continue playing hockey," he said. "That did not work out, and they say the next best thing to playing is coaching. Within a year and a half of moving back home, I got the opportunity to coach Minot State, the Toros (Minot Minotauros), and our youth program. I quickly fell in love with it."

Hockey has been a lifelong passion for Wasel-



Wyatt Waselenchuk

enchuk. Growing up in Saskatchewan, he began playing when he was just three years old. "I remember my dad flooding the driveway so I could skate," he recalled. "No one could park there; it was my hockey rink."

Being involved in hockey so young shaped his lifestyle. That early love for the game shaped his path forward in choosing to be a coach. "I've always loved the camaraderie, the work ethic, and the mental side of hockey," Waselenchuk said. "It teaches you how to be a good teammate and how to take care of yourself. Coaching just felt like a natural next step."

When it comes to his coaching style, Wyatt focuses on connection and trust. "You can't just be hard on players you have to know your people," he said. "I like to think of myself as a players' coach. Most of my conversations with my guys are not even about hockey. When they trust you as a person, you can get the most out of them."

Waselenchuk said his approach is also shaped by the coaches he had growing up. "I've played for coaches who taught me exactly what I didn't want to be, and others I still keep in touch with after 15 years," he said. "They've all influenced how I coach today."

This season, Waselenchuk said the team's biggest strength is its experience. "We only brought in four new players two freshmen and two transfers," he explained. "Everyone else has been through it before. Some of these guys were part of our national cham-

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Sage Diesen joins R&G staff

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Hey there, my name is Sage Diesen. I am an anticipated Graphic Design Major with a minor in professional communications. I'm currently the social media manager at the Northwest Arts Center, located on Minot State campus, as well as the vice president of Art Club. As a lover of the arts, storytelling and reporting are on my list of passions. I'm excited to engage in new and diverse

opportunities on campus to give you the best inside scoop. Here's a little about myself: I'm red-haired, head-to-toe in freckles, and have a knack for finding new avenues to try. Even in my artistic pursuits, I'm always looking for something new to get my hands on and apply myself to. From printmaking to traditional and digital art, you name it, and if I haven't tried it, I'm going to. That being said, I also love literature and storytelling. I'm an avid reader of comics, fantasy novels, classics, and banned literature.

I also love to come up with detailed stories that often cloud my thoughts and vision, whether I want them to or not, especially in class. I've curated dozens of storylines and plots into two separate worlds that somehow coincide with one another. The last time I counted, I had over 200 either fully developed or half-baked characters. That being said, my main goal is to find a strong beginning for the stories I've been developing for over half my life. I'm thrilled to be a part of the Red & Green paper and bring you the inside scoop this year.

A Surreal Journey to Minot State U.

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My journey to the United States that turned into a shocking ordeal for me. It began when I flew from Rwanda to the U.S. for the first time to start my master's studies at Minot State University. I had booked a flight with RwandAir to Washington, D.C., via Doha, Qatar, on August 17, 2025, followed by a separate ticket with Delta Airlines to connect to Minot International Airport via Minneapolis since there were no direct flights available.

My adventure started when I missed my initial flight scheduled for midnight. The problem was my excess luggage. The online ticket I purchased in Rwanda didn't allow me to pay for an additional bag, and the security checker at Washington Dulles International Airport mistakenly let me through to the boarding area with it.

When I was refused entry to my flight, panic set in. After frantic discussions with the airline staff, I managed to change my flight to the next available option, but that meant I had to go back to the entry terminal to pay for my luggage and check in again.

For nearly seven hours, I waited and worried, from 12 p.m. until 7 p.m. Finally, a wave of relief washed over me as I boarded the flight to my destination, albeit arriving at midnight in an unfamiliar place. My residence was booked through a social platform,

and the thought of navigating a new environment made me jittery. While waiting in the boarding line, I noticed a middle-aged woman struggling with her bags. She looked unwell, and my heart went out to her. Without hesitating, I offered to help with her handbag, and she gratefully accepted. Exhausted from my long journey, 26 hours of flying and 9 hours of waiting, I didn't fully realize how unwell she seemed.

I carried her handbag and linked my arm through hers to guide her onto the plane, deciding to sit next to her for support. When her actual seat owner arrived, I explained my situation. He kindly agreed to swap seats with me after noticing my act of kindness and coordinated with a flight attendant.

Shortly after takeoff, the woman began to vomit, and I quickly handed her my air sickness bag. I even collected another one from a nearby passenger to help her. A few moments later, she stood up to go to the restroom, and I succumbed to exhaustion, falling asleep.

Suddenly, I was jolted awake by a flight attendant asking how I knew the woman. Confused, I replied that I had just met her at the boarding area. My heart dropped when I looked back and saw her collapse in front of the plane restroom.

Emergency services were called immediately, but despite their efforts, they couldn't save her. It seemed she had suffered a heart attack. The pilot made a quick decision to divert the flight and land

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Original artwork by Sage Diesen.

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Dear Readers,

As parents, our greatest hope is not to have our children live out our dreams, but to equip them to discover and achieve their own. Our role is not to create a bubble, sheltering them from life’s challenges, but to stand ready. We are there to advise, to help, and to support them as they learn to navigate the world themselves.

We pour years into this effort, hoping we’ve given them the right tools. But we rarely get a front-row seat to the moment it all clicks.

This past Friday, Oct. 24, I had one of those rare opportunities.

I wear many hats. I am a husband and father first. I am a newspaper publisher and the advisor for the Red & Green, to name just a few.

Seldom do I get to don the “father hat” when it comes to my son’s education. His mother and I do not have to be involved. He has shown that he has all of the tools needed to navigate his time in college.

On Friday, with my “father hat” on and probably the silliest grin on my face, I stayed hidden behind a corner. I had the profound privilege of watching my son, a Minot State senior, deliver a speech.

In that moment, I saw more than just a student at a podium. I saw his conviction. I saw his confidence. I saw, with perfect clarity, his passion for his subject. It was a powerful, inspiring moment, and one I know not every parent gets to experience so directly.

As I stood out of eyesight, it struck me that this single experience is a perfect microcosm of what makes Minot State University so special.

A university, at its best, should be exactly what we try to be as parents: a place that doesn’t shelter, but advises and helps. A place that provides the framework for students to not only follow their dreams but to find them in the first place.

This is what Minot State is built on. It is built on community and support.

In larger, more impersonal institutions, a student’s individual passion can easily be overlooked. A parent’s connection to their child’s journey can feel distant, reduced to tuition payments and a phone call home.

But not here. Here, we are a community where faculty and staff are mentors. They see the potential in each student and actively work to provide the platforms, sometimes literal ones, for them to share their passions with the world. I’m going to name-drop just one: Thank you, Dr. Larshus, for seeing my son for who he is.

What I saw on Friday wasn’t just my son’s achievement. It was the product of an environment that fosters discovery and encourages students to find their own voice.

Warmest Regards,
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Beavers cross-country teams each finish 3rd at final regular-season meet

BISMARCK – Minot State’s Jake Jenkins and Emery Smith both turn in personal-best performances Friday to lead the Minot State men’s and women’s cross-country teams to 3rd-place finishes at the Marauders Open hosted by the University of Mary at the McDowell Dam Recreation Area.

Jenkins finished 5th overall on the day with a collegiate-best 8-kilometer time of 26 minutes, 20 seconds, 10 seconds better than his previous best, and Smith ran one second faster than her previous collegiate-best time as she was 8th individually in the women’s 6K race in 22:44.0.

They set the tone for the Beavers who were third in each of the team races as the men scored 68 team points, and the women 63, in the final regular-season meet for Minot State. The Beavers next race at the NSIC Championships on Friday, October 24, hosted by Wayne State in Nebraska.

While Jenkins led the way for the Minot State men, Holter Bridwell, Camden Jasmin, and Peyton Tuhy each added a top-20 finish on the day as Bridwell was 12th in

27:44.4, Jasmin was 18th in 28:26.8, and Tuhy was 19th in 28:31.8.

Right behind his teammate, Jenkins, but running unattached, was Dalton Fleckenstein who finished 6th overall in 26:36.9.

Nikita Neyshtadt rounded out the scoring finishers for the Beavers as he was 26th in 29:32.7, and Auston Lemer added a 31st-place finish in 32:17.1 for Minot State.

While Smith led the Minot State women, teammate Bailey Wride was next with a top-20 finish as she was 19th in 24:23.2 for the Beavers, and Julie Folk rounded out the top-20 finishes as she was 20th in 24:25.3 for Minot State.

Addyson Wendt and Afton Wride rounded out the team scorers for Minot State as Wendt was 25th in 25:27.8 and Afton Wride was 32nd in 29:07.5.

The host Mary Marauders swept the team titles as the men took first with 19 points and the women won with 28 points.

Individually, the Marauders’ Caleb Hansen won the men’s race in 25:19.6 while Kristine Kalthoff, from Mary but running unattached, won the women’s race in 21:21.0.

UPCOMING Events

Saturday, November 1

10:00am - 5:00pm: Northwest Arts Center: ‘INT’L All Media 2025’
10:00am - 5:00pm: Northwest Arts Center: ‘Umbrae: Mezzotints by Jacob Crook.’
12:00pm: Volleyball vs St. Cloud State
3:45pm: Women’s Hockey vs Midland
6:00pm - 9:00am: Minot Symphony Orchestra Concert

Sunday, November 2

Last day to withdraw from all classes and receive a 50% refund for 16-week classes.
10:00am - 5:00pm: Northwest Arts Center: ‘INT’L All Media 2025’
10:00am - 5:00pm: Northwest Arts Center: ‘Umbrae: Mezzotints by Jacob Crook.’
2:00pm: Women’s Soccer vs MSU Moorhead

Monday, November 3

10:00am - 5:00pm: Northwest Arts Center: ‘INT’L All Media 2025’
10:00am - 5:00pm: Northwest Arts Center: ‘Umbrae: Mezzotints by Jacob Crook.’
12:00pm - 1:00pm: Yoga
7:00pm - 8:30pm: MSU Life Event: 80’s Trivia Night

Tuesday, November 4

10:00am - 5:00pm: Northwest Arts Center: ‘INT’L All Media 2025’
10:00am - 5:00pm: Northwest Arts Center: ‘Umbrae: Mezzotints by Jacob Crook.’

Wednesday, November 5

9:00am - 12:00pm: NDASFAA Counselor Workshop
10:00am - 5:00pm: Northwest Arts Center: ‘INT’L All Media 2025’
10:00am - 5:00pm: Northwest Arts Center: ‘Umbrae: Mezzotints by Jacob Crook.’

Jacob Crook.’
11:00am - 11:30am: Procrastination to Productivity
12:00pm - 1:00pm: Yoga

Thursday, November 6

Last day to withdraw from all classes and receive a 75% refund for second 8-week classes.
10:00am - 5:00pm: Northwest Arts Center: ‘INT’L All Media 2025’
10:00am - 5:00pm: Northwest Arts Center: ‘Umbrae: Mezzotints by Jacob Crook.’
12:30pm - 2:30pm: International Cultural Celebration
2:00pm: Women’s Soccer vs Mary
7:00pm - 8:00pm: SGA Meeting

Friday, November 7

10:00am - 11:00am: MSU Culture Club
10:00am - 5:00pm: Northwest Arts Center: ‘INT’L All Media 2025’
10:00am - 5:00pm: Northwest Arts Center: ‘Umbrae: Mezzotints by Jacob Crook.’
12:00pm - 1:00pm: Yoga
2:00pm: Faculty & Staff Archery
3:00pm - 4:00pm: QPR Suicide Prevention Training
6:00pm: Volleyball vs Wayne State

Saturday, November 8

10:00am - 5:00pm: Northwest Arts Center: ‘INT’L All Media 2025’
10:00am - 5:00pm: Northwest Arts Center: ‘Umbrae: Mezzotints by Jacob Crook.’
12:00pm: Volleyball vs Augustana

Sunday, November 9

10:00am - 5:00pm: Northwest Arts Center: ‘INT’L All Media 2025’
10:00am - 5:00pm: Northwest Arts Center: ‘Umbrae: Mezzotints by Jacob Crook.’

Monday, November 10

10:00am - 5:00pm: Northwest Arts Center: ‘INT’L All Media 2025’
10:00am - 5:00pm: Northwest Arts Center: ‘Umbrae: Mezzotints by Jacob Crook.’
12:00pm - 1:00pm: Yoga

Tuesday, November 11

Veteran’s Day, University Closed
10:00am - 5:00pm: Northwest Arts Center: ‘INT’L All Media 2025’
10:00am - 5:00pm: Northwest Arts Center: ‘Umbrae: Mezzotints by Jacob Crook.’

Wednesday, November 12

10:00am - 5:00pm: Northwest Arts Center: ‘INT’L All Media 2025’
10:00am - 5:00pm: Northwest Arts Center: ‘Umbrae: Mezzotints by Jacob Crook.’
12:00pm - 1:00pm: Yoga
7:00pm - 8:30pm: MSU Life Event: Taste Film

Thursday, November 13

9:00am - 3:00pm: Undergraduate Research Forum
10:00am - 5:00pm: Northwest Arts Center: ‘INT’L All Media 2025’
10:00am - 5:00pm: Northwest Arts Center: ‘Umbrae: Mezzotints by Jacob Crook.’
1:00pm - 1:30pm: Major Decisions: Finding the Right Fit for You

Friday, November 14

Last day to drop a 16-week class
10:00am - 5:00pm: Northwest Arts Center: ‘INT’L All Media 2025’
10:00am - 5:00pm: Northwest Arts Center: ‘Umbrae: Mezzotints by Jacob Crook.’
12:00pm - 1:00pm: Yoga
7:30pm: Men’s Hockey vs Jamestown



Submitted Photo

A Minot State student practices taking a blood pressure in a classroom simulation.

Department of Nursing earns 10-year CCNE reaccreditation

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The Minot State University Department of Nursing has been reaccredited for 10 years by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) following a successful self-study and on-site evaluation.

The decision reaffirms Minot State’s Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program’s strength in curriculum, faculty qualifications, student outcomes, and continuous improvement.

“This is a milestone for our students, our faculty, and the region we serve,” said Amy Lee, chair of the Department of Nursing. “Accreditation at the highest term reflects years of focused work: collecting evidence, strengthening curriculum, and ensuring our graduates are practice-ready. We are thrilled to

have this finalized.”

The CCNE Board of Commissioners extended MSU’s accreditation to December 31, 2035, which was effective Feb. 26, 2025, the first day of MSU’s CCNE on-site evaluation. The site visit was one of many steps and procedures that Minot State’s Department of Nursing followed during the multi-phase process of measuring MSU against nationally recognized standards.

“The site visit was an intense, thorough process — and we welcomed it,” Lee added. “Their feedback validated our strengths and pushed us to keep elevating how we teach clinical judgment and compassionate care.”

Over the past two years, MSU nursing led a comprehensive self-study, gathering evidence from course assessments, licensure results, clinical partner feedback, and student/faculty surveys. During the on-site evaluation, peer reviewers met with students,

alumni, community and clinical partners, faculty, and University leadership; visited classrooms and labs; and verified the program’s assessment and improvement systems. Reviewers noted the highest level of student participation they’ve seen, both in-person and online students attended the sessions, and alumni returned to campus to share perspectives and confirm program strengths.

“This accreditation belongs to our students, alumni, faculty, and clinical partners,” Lee said. “Thank you for believing in what MSU nursing can do. We’re excited for the next decade — and for the nurses who will lead it.”

About CCNE

The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education is a nationally recognized accrediting agency that ensures the quality and integrity of baccalaureate, graduate, and residency/fellowship programs in nursing.

Severson Entrepreneurship Academy to host Entrepreneurial Perspective: No Bad Days with Hunter Pinke

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Minot State University’s Severson Entrepreneurship Academy is pleased to announce the Entrepreneurial Perspective: No Bad Days with Hunter Pinke will take place on Nov. 13 at the MSU Student Center Conference Center.

The event will begin with a free lunch served at 11:30 a.m., with Pinke’s keynote, “No Bad Days: How to live the rest of your life without having another bad day,” set for 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. His address is recommended for students ages 14-plus and all adult and professional groups. The Entrepreneurial Perspective is free and open to the

public.

“Hunter has a powerful message for students and his ‘Why Not Me Mindset’ aligns well with the principles of the Severson Entrepreneurship Academy,” said Randy Conway, MSU Severson Entrepreneurship Academy director. “We are excited to welcome him to MSU.”

Pinke’s story is one of resilience.

In 2019, Hunter sustained a life-changing spinal cord injury in a skiing accident, resulting in paralysis from the chest down. He completed rehabilitation at Craig Hospital in Colorado and returned to the University of North Dakota to finish his degree. In 2024, he earned a graduate degree in real estate development from the University of Arizona, where he also captained the wheelchair basketball team.

Hunter is passionate about rural

outdoor recreation, athletics, and sharing his story of resilience and gratitude across the country.

The Wishek native was active in sports, academics, and the arts throughout high school, graduating as valedictorian in 2016. He studied mechanical engineering and played tight end for the UND football team, serving as captain in the 2020-2021 season. A devout Christian, Pinke also led the UND Fellowship of Christian Athletes for three years.

The Entrepreneurial Perspective series is in its third year at Minot State. Through this inspiring speaker series, the Severson Entrepreneurship Academy aims to offer dynamic live case studies, ignite the entrepreneurial spirit, and foster a culture of innovation and growth in North Dakota.



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MEN'S HOCKEY

Minot State 4, Midland 3, OT

FREMONT, Neb. – The Beavers needed some over-time heroics to turn aside the upset bid of the Midland Warriors on Saturday night. No. 2-ranked Minot State forged a three-goal lead but saw it disappear as the 25th-ranked Warriors made a third-period charge to force overtime.

The Beavers responded with the game-winner 17 seconds into the extra session for a 4-3 victory and a weekend sweep.

With the victory, the Beavers improved to 5-0-1 on the season and 3-0-1 in MCH play as they prepare to host a 1 versus 2 battle on Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. when reigning ACHA National Champion and top-ranked UNLV visits the Maysa Arena.

But Saturday, the Beavers focus was on their hosts, the Warriors, and Minot State took control with second-period goals by Colby Joseph and Jay Buchholz. Christian Kadolph stretched Minot State's lead to 3-0 with 3:13 gone in the third period, a seemingly commanding lead, but Midland had second thoughts.

Just 50 seconds after Kadolph scored, the Warriors got on the board, then back-to-back goals for Midland with 7:38 and 6:04 left tied it 3-3.

Once into the extra session, though, Minot State ended things quickly as Logan Rands scored off assists from Slade Stanick and Buchholz for the win.

Joseph added a pair of assists in the win for the Beavers, while Kadolph, Joey Moffatt, and Matthew Yakubowski also had an assist for Minot State.

William Dyke finished the night with 13 saves in goal for the Beavers.

Minot State 5, Maryville 2

The No. 2 Minot State men's hockey team completed a series sweep of No. 8 Maryville University with a 5-2 victory Saturday at the Maysa Arena.

The Beavers took a 1-0 lead in the first period on a power-play goal by Jaxson Grosdidier. Minot State exploded for four goals in the second period, with Matthew Yakubowski, Sheldin Howard, Reece Henry, and

Jeremy Dewar all scoring. Howard and Henry's goals came on the power play. Maryville scored once in the second and added a power-play goal in the third.

Goaltender William Dyke made 30 saves on 32 shots for Minot State (3-0-1). The Beavers finished 3 for 8 on the power play in the game.

Minot State 3, Maryville 1

The No. 2 Minot State men's hockey team opened its weekend series against No. 8 Maryville University with a 3-1 victory on Friday, Oct. 17, 2025, at the Maysa Arena.

The win improved the Beavers' record to 2-0-1 on the season.

Jaxson Grosdidier broke the scoreless tie with his first collegiate goal at 17:01 in the first period, assisted by Walker Jerome, to put Minot State up 1-0. Reece Henry extended the lead to 2-0 at 3:18 in the second period, assisted by Slade Stanick. Maryville cut the deficit to 2-1 with a power-play goal from Sidney McNeill at 15:57. Joey Moffatt sealed the victory with an empty-net goal at 19:49 in the third period.

Goaltender William Dyke was solid for the Beavers, stopping 27 of 28 shots faced. Both teams finished the game with 28 shots on goal.

University of Jamestown 4, Minot State 3

The No. 3 Minot State men's hockey team fell 4-3 in overtime to in-state rival No. 6 University of Jamestown in its home opener on Saturday, Oct. 11, at the Maysa Arena.

The loss moved the Beavers' record to 1-0-1 on the season.

Jamestown jumped out to a 2-0 lead on two goals by Carter Johnson, scored in the first and second periods. Minot State found its offense in the third period. Colby Joseph cut the deficit to 2-1 at 7:31. Jamestown answered quickly to regain a two-goal cushion, 3-1, but the Beavers capitalized on back-to-back power plays. Christian Kadolph scored at 11:37, and Jay Buchholz tied the game 3-3 at 17:06 to force overtime.

Minot State men's wrestling heads into season with underdog status

The NSIC released its preseason coaches' poll for men's wrestling on Thursday, and the Beavers will head into the new season poised to exceed the expectations of their foes.

Picked as an underdog, Minot State was selected 9th in the 2025-26 NSIC Wrestling Preseason Coaches' Poll.

"We lost six of our 10 Super Region participants, so our lineup is going to look a lot different this season," Minot State's head coach Evan Forde said. "We are going to be transitioning from being a very experienced team to a very youthful team. We are very excited about our freshman class, and we will likely be counting on several of them to jump right into the lineup this season."

Minot State opens its season with its annual in-



Ryan Hrkca

tersquad duals on Sunday, October 26, at 2 p.m. at the MSU Dome, then opens the season in earnest on Sunday, November 2, at the Jimmie Open tournament hosted by Jamestown.

The league also announced its Preseason Wrestler of the Year and Wrestlers to Watch this season, and Beaver senior Ryan Hrkca was named the Wrestler to

Watch for Minot State.

Hrkca went 14-17 last season, wrestling at 157 pounds, and competed for the Beavers at the NCAA Division II Super Region V Tournament for a second straight season. In three years on the mats at Minot State, Hrkca has 37-31 career record.

"Ryan has been in our lineup his whole career here, and he is a leader on our team," Forde said. "I think he had a great off-season, so I'm really excited to see what he can do this year. We expect big things from him."

Augustana senior Cael Larson, the NCAA National Champion at 149 pounds last season, was named the NSIC Preseason Wrestler of the Year.

He leads a Vikings team picked No. 2 in the Coaches' Poll behind two-time defending champion St. Cloud

State, which was picked to repeat as NSIC Champions this season. The Huskies received 96 points and 7 first-place votes. Augustana received 91 points and 3 first-place votes.

Parkside (Wis.) was picked 3rd in the poll with 84 points and 1 first-place vote.

Mary was picked 4th in the poll with 71 points, then Minnesota State, Mankato was 5th with 66 points, Northern State was picked 6th with 57 points, Minnesota State Moorhead was picked 7th with 44 points, Sioux Falls was picked 8th with 32 points, Minot State was picked 9th with 30 points, Southwest Minnesota State was picked 10th with 24 points, and Jamestown was picked 11th with 10 points.

Minot State moves Jordan Aus into Associate AD for revenue & ticketing role

MINOT, N.D. – The Minot State athletic department is calling on a familiar face to take on a new role within Beaver Athletics.

Minot State's Vice President for Student Affairs and Intercollegiate Athletics, Kevin Harmon, is pleased to announce that Jordan Aus will be taking over as the new Associate Athletic Director for Revenue and Ticketing starting November 1.

Currently, Coach Aus is in his second season as the Beavers' head track and field coach. He will continue in that role until a new Minot State head track and field coach is hired. The search for a new coach is currently underway.

"I'm excited to welcome Jordan Aus to our athletic department's leadership team in a new role focused on expanding and enhancing our revenue streams," Harmon said. "Jordan's energy, creativity, and deep ties to our campus, community, and state make this a vital and strategic move for the continued growth of Beaver Athletics."

"While it's certainly bittersweet to see Jordan step away from his position as head coach of our track and field program, I'm thrilled



Jordan Aus

that we're retaining such a talented leader who understands our vision and values. His impact on our student-athletes and the program has been tremendous, and I have no doubt he will bring that same passion and drive to his new role.

"We remain fully committed to excellence in our track and field program and will immediately begin the process of attracting the best possible candidate to be our next head coach. This is an exciting time for our department, and I'm confident we are positioned for continued success both on and off the field.

Aus will be in charge of revenue generation and ticketing for the Minot State athletic department.

"I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve in this new administrative role for the athletic department here at Minot State," Aus said. "I am especially excited because, in this new role, I will still be actively engaged with the track and field and cross-country programs, but now from an administrative role. With this transition, I will have the opportunity to develop new revenue generation strategies for the athletic department and collaborate with the foundation and development staff to focus on athletic fundraising efforts. I truly believe that these efforts will benefit not just the track and field program, but the entire athletic department."

Aus joined the Minot State athletic department in the summer of 2024 as the head track and field coach. In his first season leading the Beaver program, the team set 4 new all-time indoor and 4 all-time outdoor school records. Also, Bailey Wride won the NSIC title in the women's 1,000 meters at the NSIC Indoor Championships, Zacharius Brown earned All-NSIC honors in the men's 400 meters at the NSIC Outdoor Championships, and the wom-

en's track and field team was named an USTFCCCA All-Academic Team.

Prior to joining the athletic department staff as a head coach, Aus spent 10 years leading the Sheyenne High School track and field program in Fargo, North Dakota.

"I was drawn to this position because of the ability to have a positive impact on the entire athletic department; having the opportunity to elevate the experience for our student-athletes and coaches is really what guided my transition to this new role," he said. "I truly believe in our athletic director, Kevin Harmon's, vision for the athletic department to become a destination location for athletics, and I am very excited to help turn that vision into reality. We have all of the pieces in place to achieve that vision: A great university, a robust and supportive community, and the right leadership. With all of this, it's truly an exciting time to be a part of Minot State Athletics, and I look forward to putting in the work, engaging with our community and alumni, and creating a transformational experience for our student-athletes."

MINOT STATE GOLF

MSU Golf wraps up season

LARCHWOOD, Iowa – The Minot State men's and women's golf teams wrapped up their fall seasons today at the USF Fall Invitational, hosted at Grand Falls Casino & Golf Resort. Both teams battled through challenging conditions to close out the two-day event against conference competition.

On the men's side, the Beavers finished in seventh place with a team total of 38-over par. Senior Zach Hendrickson once again led Minot State, earning a tie for 12th place after finishing at 6-over par for the tournament. Gunther Soltvedt followed closely behind, tying for 16th at 7-over par.

Kasen Rostad and Max Karnik each tied for 35th at 13-over par, while Gage Olson rounded out the lineup in 61st place at 22-over par.

Winona State claimed the men's team title with a final score of 7-over par, while Charlie Hanson of the University of Sioux Falls took home the individual title, finishing at 1-under par.

On the women's side, the Beavers finished 12th overall with a team total of 158-over par. Zoe Banack led the way for Minot State, tying for 27th at 24-over par. Meadow Roberts placed 52nd at 38-over par, while Abigail Goettle finished 59th at 44-over. Micaela Resler rounded out the team standings in 65th at 52-over par.

Wayne State captured the wom-

en's team title with a score of 62-over par, and Concordia-St. Paul's Piper Hill won the individual title at 6-over par.

With the USF Fall Invitational marking the final tournament of the fall, the Beavers will now shift their focus to offseason training as they prepare for the start of the spring season.

MSU competes at USF Fall Invitational

LARCHWOOD, Iowa – The Minot State men's and women's golf teams completed the opening round of the USF Fall Invitational on Monday at Grand Falls Casino & Golf Resort, wrapping up the first day of play in their

final tournament of the fall season.

On the men's side, the Beavers are in eighth place after shooting a team total of 12-over par. Senior Zach Hendrickson led the way for Minot State, shooting a 1-under-par round to finish the day tied for ninth overall. Freshman Kasen Rostad is tied for 34th at 3-over par, while Gunther Soltvedt and Max Karnik each posted 5-over rounds to sit tied for 45th. Gage Olson rounded out the team scoring in 67th place at 13-over par.

Winona State leads the men's tournament after day one with a team score of 6-under par.

On the women's side, the Beavers are in 12th place after the

first round, finishing with a team score of 72-over par. Zoe Banack paced the Beavers once again, sitting tied for 17th individually at 8-over par. Meadow Roberts followed at 17-over, which placed her tied for 52nd. Abigail Goettle is in 58th at 19-over par. Micaela Resler rounded out Minot State's scoring in 68th place at 28-over par.

Winona State also holds the lead in the women's standings, finishing the opening round at 19-over par.

The Beavers return to the course Tuesday for the final round of the USF Fall Invitational, looking to climb the leaderboard and close out their fall season on a high note

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Minot State 1, Sioux Falls 1

SIoux FALLS, S.D. — The Minot State women's soccer team played the Sioux Falls Cougars to a 1-1 draw on Sunday, Oct. 26, at Bob Young Field.

Sioux Falls broke the scoreless tie late in the second half when Elizabeth Schmidt scored in the 74th minute. The Beavers responded in the 85th minute when Sierra Haren tied the game with her first goal of the season, scoring off a free kick from 40 yards out.

Minot State goalkeeper Rebecca Sargent finished the match with five saves.

Minot State 4, Southwest Minnesota State 0

MARSHALL, Minn. — The Minot State women's soccer team earned a dominant 4-0 shutout victory over Southwest Minnesota State on Friday, Oct. 24, at Mattke Field.

Sabrina Amezcua led the Bea-

vers with two goals, her sixth and seventh of the season.

Amezcua opened the scoring in the 37th minute for a 1-0 halftime lead. The Beavers extended their lead in the second half with goals from Leilany Ponce (59th minute, assisted by Iliana Rivera), Anna Miotto (77th minute, assisted by Amezcua), and Amezcua again (80th minute, assisted by Reese Kuklinski).

Goalkeeper Rebecca Sargent collected two saves to preserve the clean sheet.

Minot State 5, Jamestown 0

JAMESTOWN, N.D. — The Minot State women's soccer team earned a dominant 5-0 shutout victory over Jamestown on Sunday, Oct. 19, at Charlotte & Gordon Hansen Stadium.

Sabrina Amezcua led the Beavers with two goals, her fifth and sixth of the season.

Minot State jumped out to an early lead when Iliana Rivera scored in the second minute, assisted by Giselle Nash. Amezcua

followed with two goals in the seventh and 23rd minutes, with the first assisted by Anna Miotto. Edelin Ortega then scored her first goal of the season in the 34th minute, assisted by Keilani Broadnax, giving the Beavers a 4-0 halftime lead. Leah Salas capped the scoring with her second goal of the season in the 76th minute.

Goalkeeper Rebecca Sargent collected three saves in the victory.

Minot State 1, Northern State 1

The Minot State women's soccer team played Northern State to a 1-1 tie on Friday, Oct. 17, at Herb Parker Stadium.

Northern State struck first, with a goal from Chloe Voss in the sixth minute. The Beavers responded in the 20th minute when Emerie Campbell scored her second goal of the season, assisted by Sierra Haren, to knot the score.

The 1-1 score held for the remainder of the match. Minot

State goalkeeper Rebecca Sargent finished with three saves.

Minot State 3, Wayne State 2

The Minot State women's soccer team rallied from an early deficit to defeat Wayne State 3-2 on Sunday, Oct. 12, at Herb Parker Stadium.

The win improved Minot State's record to 4-5-2 overall and 4-2-2 in Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference play.

Wayne State took a 1-0 lead in the fourth minute. Minot State quickly responded, with Sabrina Amezcua leveling the match in the seventh minute. The Beavers took a 2-1 lead in the 10th minute on a goal from Anna Miotto, assisted by Adriana Gonzalez and Leah Salas. The Wildcats tied the game at 2 in the same minute.

Salas scored the winning goal in the 49th minute, assisted by Elsa Duquesne, giving the Beavers the 3-2 advantage.

"We had a good game against a strong opponent; we had to

dig it out against the win in the second half, and the team did a good job of digging in, to get the result they did," Head Coach Chris Logan said.

Minot State goalkeeper Rebecca Sargent recorded six saves against 16 total Wayne State shots. The Beavers finished with seven shots on goal.

Augustana 2, Minot State 1

The Minot State women's soccer team lost a tight 2-1 match to Augustana on Friday, Oct. 10, at Herb Parker Stadium.

Augustana scored two goals in the first half from Grace Katter in the 26th minute and Connor Rylance in the 32nd minute.

The Beavers cut the deficit in half in the second period when Sabrina Amezcua scored her second goal of the season in the 55th minute, assisted by Anna Miotto. Minot State goalkeeper Rebecca Sargent finished the game with five saves.

Beaver men’s basketball tabbed as underdog for upcoming season

Under the guidance of a new head coach, and with a roster filled with new faces, the NSIC might be underestimating the Minot State men’s basketball team.

With lots of changes coming after a first-ever berth to the NCAA National Tournament, the Beavers were picked to finish 11th this season by the league’s coaches as NSIC released the 2025-26 NSIC Men’s Basketball Preseason Coaches’ Poll today.

While the Beavers were No. 11 with 79 points overall, Minot State was picked 3rd in the North Division poll with 35 points.

“With only four players returning from last year’s roster, and with 11 newcomers having joined the program, I am excited for the challenges and oppor-



Darik Disette

tunities that lie ahead,” new Minot State head coach Randall Herbst said. “We have some depth and some versatility; let’s see where this thing goes.”

Minot State opens the new season at the NSIC/GAC Crossover tournament hosted by Southeastern Oklahoma State on Nov. 14-15, playing the host Savage

Storm on Friday, and East Central (Okla.) on Saturday.

Southwest Minnesota State was a heavy favorite to win the NSIC title, and the South Division, as the Mustangs collected 11 first-place votes and 219 points overall, and 6 first-place votes and 48 points in the South Division poll.

South Division teams St. Cloud State, Minnesota State, Mankato, Concordia, St. Paul, and Augustana were the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th picks respectively in the overall poll as the Huskies had 2 first-place votes and 194 points, the Mavericks 1 first-place vote and 189 points, the Golden Bears 1 first-place vote and 176 points, and the Vikings had the final first-place vote and 174 points.

Minnesota Duluth tied

with the Vikings for 5th overall with 174 points, and the Bulldogs were the No. 1 pick in the North Division poll with 5 first-place votes and 47 points. Minnesota State Moorhead was next in the North poll with 2 first-place votes and 43 points, and 7th overall with 138 points.

The South Division’s Sioux Falls was next overall in 8th with 120 points, then Winona State in 9th with 115 points, and Wayne State in 10th with 101 points, before Minot State, which was 11th overall with 79 points, and third in the North Division poll with 35 points.

Bemidji State was 12th overall with 71 points, and 4th in the North poll with 30 points and 1 first-place vote, then Northern State, which was 13th overall with

58 points, and 5th in the North Poll 24 points, then Jamestown was 14th with 54 points, and 6th in the North poll with 22 points, Minnesota Crookston was 15th overall with 30 points, and 7th in the North poll with 12 points, then Mary was 16th overall with 28 points, and 8th in the North poll with 11 points.

The league also announced its Preseason Players of the Year and Players to Watch for each team, and Minot High School product Darik Disette was named the Beavers’ Player to Watch this season.

The junior guard transferred to Minot State after two successful seasons at NCAA Division I North Dakota State. The North Dakota Gatorade Player of the Year and North Dakota’s

Mr. Basketball in 2022-23, Disette averaged 2.8 points and 1.9 rebounds playing in 61 games over two seasons coming off the bench for the Bison.

“Darik is a long, athletic, versatile player who can play multiple positions on both sides of the floor,” Herbst said. “He has a tremendous work ethic, he can run, rebound, slash, and is good in transition. We are excited to have him back in the Magic City.”

Minnesota Duluth junior guard Caleb Siwek was named the North Division’s Preseason Player of the Year, and Southwest Minnesota State’s senior guard, Jakob Braaten, a First Team All-NSIC pick last year, was named the South Division’s Preseason Player of the Year.



Submitted Photos

Elsa Duquesne moved from Raimbeaucourt, France to Minot to be a center back for the Minot State women’s soccer team.

France

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When she first arrived in the U.S., the size of everything surprised her.

“Here, everything is so big,” she said. “The food, the campus — everything. Life here feels like an American movie. In France, you do your own thing and don’t really talk to people around you, but here it’s more like a community. Everyone’s

really close.”

Still, moving halfway across the world came with challenges. “I came alone,” she said. “I don’t have my friends and family from home. At first, it was hard, especially after games when we lost. My parents were asleep with the seven-hour time difference, and I couldn’t call and talk. But it strengthened me and helped me realize I’m not alone. A lot of my teammates are internationals too, so we share that and support each other. It’s like a second family.”

Duquesne said she’s learned a lot about herself since coming to Minot.

“I moved across the world and learned how to be independent,” she said. “I got my first apartment alone without my parents. I discovered a lot about myself and people. There’s not a huge difference between France and the U.S., but I’ve still learned so much. I just love it, I enjoy the life I’ve built for myself.”

The hardest part, though, is still being far from home.

“I miss my mom, my parents, my sister, and all my friends,” she said. “Just being home in France, it’s so different. But now, I also have my second family here. When I’m back home, I miss my team and friends in the U.S. too.”

Duquesne thought hard about what advice she would give her past self before coming here.

“All I would say is to cherish time with family and friends

more and be ready for the wave of homesickness that comes when you are so far from home.”

I would also tell myself to eat a lot of croissants and baguettes before leaving,” she added with a laugh.

Duquesne’s story is one of bravery, independence, and heart. She may be far from France, but she’s built a new home, one that cheers her on every time she steps onto the field in red and green.



Photo

Wyatt Waselenchuk began his MSU career as a men’s hockey player and has since worked his way up to head coach.

Coach

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pionship team three years ago.”

That mix of veteran leadership and motivation has built one of

the tightest groups Waselenchuk has coached.

“These players have seen the highs and the lows,” he said. “They know what it takes to be successful at this level.”

With the season underway,

Wyatt and the Beavers are focused on what’s ahead.

“We’ve got a huge weekend,” he said. “We just came off our first home loss in a couple of years, and the guys are hungry. Maryville is coming to town they have had our

number for a few years, so it’s going to be a great matchup.”

As he prepared for the game, Waselenchuk reflected on how far he’s come from skating on a frozen driveway to leading one of the top programs in college hock-

ey.

“It all came together pretty naturally,” he said. “I’ve been skating since I was three, and now I get to help these players chase their own dreams. That’s what it’s all about.”

Journey

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in Cleveland Ohio.

As we landed, I saw numerous security personnel rushing onto the plane. Shocked by what had just happened, panic surged through me. I feared I would be interrogated about the circumstances surrounding her collapse. My anxiety spiked further when a fellow passenger, someone from whom I had borrowed the extra air sickness bag, introduced himself as a lawyer and handed me his telephone number, suggesting that legal matters might follow.

In that moment, I felt utterly isolated. Without a SIM card for communication, I relied solely on airport Wi-Fi. I imagined how my family back home would react to the news. It’s uncertain whether they might receive the information. I still remembered the tearful look on my wife’s face as I boarded the vehicle to Kigali International Airport.

After we landed in Cleveland around 10 p.m., Delta Airlines helped us book hotels, instructing each passenger to use Uber for transportation. Although the term “Uber” was new to me, I was fortunate to connect with a fellow passenger who was also booked same hotel; they helped me navigate the app.

Despite my exhaustion and hunger, I had neither the appetite nor the time to think about food, so I couldn’t sleep. My mind raced, replaying the day’s events while I prayed for safety. The next morning, we returned to the airport at 7 a.m.. Security staff carefully scrutinized my documents as they consulted their supervisor, raising my anxiety once more about what might happen next.

Fortunately, I learned that special considerations were being made for all passengers on our flight to ensure we could continue our journeys. When it was finally time to board the plane from Cleveland to Minot via Minneapolis, my heart felt a bit lighter, even

though I was still shaken by the traumatic events of the previous day.

This experience taught me a profound lesson about the fragility of life and how quickly things can change during travel. It was a day I would never forget, and I couldn’t shake the deep sense of regret that my help hadn’t been enough to save that woman. It reminded me of the importance of carrying compassion and empathy for those around us, especially in difficult situations.

As we ascended into the sky once again, I couldn’t help but reflect on how fleeting life can be. One minute, you’re sitting next to a stranger, offering a helping hand, and the next, everything can change in an instant. This struck me hard; too often, we take these moments for granted.

When I boarded that plane, I was just another passenger, wrapped up in my excitement and worries about starting a new chapter in my life. Yet, witnessing someone in distress made me feel

the heavy weight of responsibility. I had tried to help, but I couldn’t shake the feeling of inadequacy. This experience underscored how quickly life can shift and highlighted the importance of being present.

Arriving in Minot was bittersweet; I felt a complex mix of relief and the weight of loss. The campus was welcoming, offering a fresh start, yet I carried the memories of the previous day’s events close to my heart. I recalled the kindness shown by Delta employees and the passengers who supported one another in the chaos, reminding me of the beauty in humanity.

As I settled into my classes and made new friends from diverse backgrounds, my perspective on relationships deepened. Sharing my trauma provided solace, fueling my desire to engage in mental health initiatives on campus. I wanted to ensure that no one faced struggles alone, honoring the memory of a woman whose impact on my life had inspired

compassion and empathy in our community.

Every small act of kindness became a means to channel my emotions, creating connections and understanding the stories behind people’s lives. My experience transformed my transition into an empowering narrative of loss and community. Writing about it reinforced the unpredictability of life and the importance of fostering kindness.

I still think of that woman and wish I could have done more, but I carry her spirit with me, transforming grief into purpose. My journey in the U.S. became less about education and more about deeper lessons in humanity and resilience, revealing the values of empathy and connection that extend beyond academics.

In the end, this surreal journey taught me that each of us has the power to impact others, even in the smallest ways. As I continue my studies, I strive to honor her memory by spreading compassion and understanding wherever I go.

Minot State women picked 9th in preseason coaches’ poll

The Minot State women’s basketball team heads into season No. 2 under head coach Ryan Clark as a playoff contender, according to the coaches around the NSIC.

The Beavers were picked to finish 9th in the 2025-26 NSIC Preseason Women’s Basketball Coaches’ Poll, which the league released today.

Also, Minot State’s junior guard Maya Aguilar was highlighted as a Player to Watch for the Beavers.

“I am excited for year No. 2 at Minot,” Coach Clark said. “We have a number of returning players on our roster, so it has been great to build off the foundation we laid last year.

“Although we have a relatively young group of players, I am excited and optimistic to see what we can achieve,” he added. “The ladies have been working extremely hard all fall, and I look forward to having the opportunity to compete with them in a talented conference.”



Maya Aguilar

The Beavers were 9th with 110 points in the overall preseason poll, and picked 4th in the NSIC North Division poll with 30 points.

Minot State opens the 2025-26 season on the road on Halloween, Oct. 31, playing in Langley, British Columbia, at the Preseason Classic Tip-off hosted by Simon Fraser, taking on Saint Martin’s at 3:15 pm (Minot time) on Friday, Western Washington at 1 pm (Minot time) on Saturday, and host Simon Fraser on Sunday at 6:15 pm (Minot time).

Minnesota State Mankato was the heavy fa-

vorite to win the NSIC title with 8 first-place votes and 215 points, and also picked to win the South Division, which dominated the top 5 spots in the overall poll as Concordia, St. Paul and Sioux Falls were tied for the No. 2 spot with 202 points. The Golden Bears received 4 first-place votes and the Cougars 3 first-place votes. Then came Southwest Minnesota State with 172 points in 4th, and St. Cloud State in 5th with 1 first-place vote and 155 points.

The University of Mary was picked 6th overall with 152 points, and Minnesota State Moorhead was 7th with 140 points, but were flip-flopped in the North Division poll with MSU Moorhead No. 1 by a slim single point with 43 points and 3 first-place votes, and Mary 2nd with 42 points and 2 first-place votes.

Minnesota Duluth was 3rd in the North poll with 37 points and 2 first-place voters, and No. 8 in the overall poll, then came

Minot State in 9th overall and 4th in the North Division with 30 points.

Northern State was 10th overall with 107 points, and 5th in the North with 27 points and 1 first-place vote, then Minnesota Crookston, which was 11th overall with 85 points, and 6th in the North with 22 points.

South Division’s Winona State was 12th overall and 6th in the Division with 17 points, and Wayne State was 13th overall with 64 points, and 7th in the South with 13 points. Then came Bemidji State, which was 14th overall with 42 points, and 7th in the North with 13 points, then Jamestown, which was 15th overall with 32 points and 8th in the North with 10 points, and finally Augustana, which was 16th overall with 28 points and 8th in the South with 9 points.

The NSIC also named its Preseason Players of the Year and Players to Watch, with Aguilar being honored as the Beavers’ Player to Watch.

The junior from Minot High School had career highs in points (301), rebounds (84), assists (45), steals (26), and 3-pointers made (54), which was third most in a single season in Minot State’s NCAA Division II history. “After setting career highs in points, rebounds, assists, field-goal percentage (41.7), and 3-point percentage (37.5) her sophomore year, Maya has set high expectations for herself and is a great example of achieving goals through hard work,” Clark said.

While Aguilar was highlighted for the Beavers, Minnesota Crookston’s senior guard Emma Miller, a two-time All-NSIC First Team performer, was named the North Division’s Preseason Player of the Year, and MSU, Mankato’s senior guard Natalie Bremer, an honorable mention All-American last season, was named the South Division’s Preseason Player of the Year.



Jake Anthony

Anthony rejoins team as assistant coach

A star who backstopped the Beavers to their 3rd ACHA National Championship is returning to the Minot State bench, this time as an assistant coach.

Minot State head coach Wyatt Waselenchuk is pleased to announce the addition of former Beaver goalie Jake Anthony as a volunteer assistant with the Beavers.

Anthony began his duties with the team this week and is expected to be on the bench with the team as Minot State opens its season at No. 6 Jamestown tonight at 7, then hosts the Jimmies on Saturday at the Maysa Arena at 7:30 p.m.

“We are incredibly excited to add Jake Anthony to our staff,” Coach Waselenchuk said. “He was everything to our program while playing; he set the standard day in and day out, not only with his on-ice performances, but with his work ethic, his willingness to compete, and his team-first attitude. His experience as a player, having won a championship, and all the accolades that he received while wearing our jersey will help him connect with our players on a very personal level.

“My goal this off-season was to not only recruit great people and players on the ice, but bring in the right people to help lead the way, and Jake could not fit that model any more perfectly,” Waselenchuk added. “I know our guys have been excited to have him around, and now that he is officially on board, we are all thrilled for Jake to begin his coaching journey as a continuation of his Beaver hockey career.”

Anthony, who graduated in May from Minot State with his bachelor’s degrees in Entrepreneurship and Management, played in 93 games in goal over the previous four seasons for the Beavers.

“It’s an honor to be back with the Beavers. I’m grateful for the opportunity to give back to a team that’s meant so much to me,” Anthony said. “It didn’t feel quite right just watching the exhibition games from the stands, and I am eager to work with so many former teammates.

“I’m incredibly excited to start my coaching career with a program that has such a rich history of winning. I’m looking forward to working and learning from the coaching staff, and bringing my energy to the team.”

An ACHA All-American, Anthony recorded 76 career wins, 13 career shutouts, a 1.78 career goals against average, a 92.7 career save percentage during his time with the Beavers. He also set single-season records for wins (25) and shutouts (6) during the 2022-23 season.

The 2022-23 season ended with Anthony recording his 6th shutout of the year, making 19 saves in a 1-0 win over Adrian (Mich.) in the national title game as the Beavers claimed the program’s 3rd ACHA National Championship.

Away from the rink, Anthony was named to the Minot State President’s List four times, and to the Vice President for Academic Affairs’ Honor Roll once.

Minot State women’s hockey No. 7 in nation in latest poll

The Minot State women’s hockey team battled its way to an unbeaten record during a four-game road trip last week, but still slipped in the latest ACHA national poll.

The Beavers checked in at No. 7 in the ACHA Division I Women’s Hockey Poll released this

week after Minot State tied Adrian (Mich.) in a pair of games, then tied and picked up a 3-1 win at Niagara (N.Y.), as well.

Minot State (3-2-3 overall) returns home this weekend to host No. 4 Arizona State in the first-ever meeting between the programs. The Sun Devils (4-0-0) leapt six

spots in this week’s poll.

Puck drop for Saturday’s game at the Maysa Arena against the Sun Devils is slated for 3:45 p.m., with the teams playing again on Sunday at 1 p.m.

McKendree, who the Beavers split a season-opening series with earlier this month, moved to No. 1

in the ACHA poll for the first time in the Bearcats’ history, while Midland was No. 2, Liberty No. 3, Arizona State No. 4, then came Maryville, which slipped from No. 1 to No. 5. Minot State also split a weekend series with Maryville two weeks ago at the Maysa Arena.

WOMEN’S HOCKEY

Minot State 4, Arizona State 0

After playing to a fourth tie in their last five contests on Saturday, the 7th-ranked Minot State women’s hockey team left little doubt Sunday in a shutout win over visiting Arizona State.

Jillian Ackerman stopped all 21 shots she faced and her teammates scored in every period, skating to a 4-0 win over the 4th-ranked Sun Devils at the Maysa Arena, wrapping up the weekend series that saw the two teams tie 2-2 on Saturday.

Olivia Kirwan put Minot State (4-2-4 overall) on top 1-0 with 4 minutes, 7 seconds left on the clock in the first period, finishing off an assist by Cameron Schmidt.

The Beavers wasted no time in period No. 2 pushing the margin to 2-0 as Paige Kozak scored off an Olivia Opheim assist 57 seconds into the session.

In control, Minot State iced the win with a pair of late goals in the third period as Journey Miller scored off a Maddie Beek assist with 2:28 left, then 36 seconds later Abby Tallman added a power-play goal off assists from Abby Pineau and Kozak for the final 4-0 margin.

Minot State 2, Arizona State 2

For the fourth time in 10 days, the Minot State women’s hockey team left the ice with a tie.

The 7th-ranked Beavers erased a one-goal deficit in the final period but had to settle for a 2-2 tie with visiting Arizona State on Saturday in the teams’ first-ever meeting.

Minot State (3-2-4 overall) and the Sun Devils (4-0-1) met again at 1 p.m. on Sunday to wrap up their weekend series.

Midway through the opening period, the Beavers jumped in front on a short-handed goal by Journey Miller, but the 4th-ranked Sun Devils answered with a late goal in the first, then one midway through the second.

Battling back, Makenna Beard tied it for the hosts with 1:26 gone in the third period, off assists by Carlin Zant and Olivia Opheim.

From there, neither team scored again in regulation, nor the 5-minute overtime period, officially ending the game in a tie before a shootout.

Arizona State won the shootout as Breanne Powell had the lone goal.

Jillian Ackerman finished with 30 saves on the day in goal for Minot State.

Minot State 4, Midland 2

FREMONT, Neb. – The Minot

State men’s hockey team took some time to get rolling Friday night, but when the Beavers did, they skated past host and 25th-ranked Midland, 4-2.

The comeback victory by the 2nd-ranked Beavers also was the first collegiate win for goalie Blake Sittler, who finished with 30 saves on the night.

The same two teams meet again Saturday in Nebraska to wrap up the weekend series.

After a scoreless first period, Midland took the lead 3 minutes, 15 seconds into the second period, igniting Minot State (4-0-1 overall, 2-0-1 MCH).

Joey Moffatt tied it 1-1 just 3:06 later off a Jay Buchholz assist, then 52 seconds into the third period, Colby Joseph found the back of the net, breaking the 1-1 tie. Slade Stanick assisted on Joseph’s goal.

Brett Tataryn then made it a 3-1 game with his first of two goals, a power-play score with assists by Matthew Yakobowski and Christian Kadolph.

Tataryn added his second of the night just 1:24 later off an Eric Krywy assist for a commanding 4-1 lead.

The Warriors (2-6-1, 2-4-0) got one back late, but it wasn’t enough to spoil the first collegiate win for Sittler.

Minot State 3, Niagara 3

The 2nd-ranked Minot State women’s hockey team wrapped up its week on the road unbeaten, securing a third tie in four games, playing even with No. 14 Niagara, 3-3 on Sunday.

The Beavers (3-2-3 overall) prevailed in the shootout for the unofficial victory.

Cameron Schmidt and Liberty Miller each scored in the second period after the teams played to a scoreless tie through one period.

The host Purple Eagles took a late lead before the 2nd intermission, and it stayed a 1-goal game until the final 1:11 of regulation when Krissy Rink tied it 3-3.

Neither team scored in the overtime leaving the game tied, Minot State’s third tie this week as the Beavers tied 0-0 and 1-1 to start the week at Adrian on Thursday and Friday.

Minot State 3, Niagara 1

Carlin Zant scored her first collegiate goal and Bailey Grunewald stopped 14 of the 15 shots she faced to earn her first collegiate win as the Minot State women’s hockey team skated to a 3-1 win at Niagara on Saturday afternoon.

The same two teams meet again Sunday morning as the No. 2-ranked Beavers (3-2-2 overall)

wrap up a four-game road trip.

Zant’s first goal came just 54 seconds into the action Saturday off assists by Karlyn Gudz and Paige Kozak.

The Beavers tacked one a goal in each of the next two periods for a comfortable 3-0 lead, as Kozak scored in the second period and Krissy Rink added a third-period goal. That was plenty of support for Grunewald who made 14 saves and didn’t let the 14th-ranked Purple Eagles on the board until the final 3:10 of the game.

Zant, Marlie Rutherford, Journey Miller, and Cameron Schmidt each added an assist in the Beavers’ win.

Minot State 1, Adrian College 1

ADRIAN, Mich. — The No. 2 Minot State women’s hockey team concluded its two-game series against No. 9 Adrian College with a 1-1 overtime draw on Friday, Oct. 17, 2025, at the Arrington Ice Arena.

The tie shifted the Beavers’ season record to 2-2-2.

Adrian College scored first in the opening period at 3:10 on a goal by Hailey Wiltshire. Minot State tied the game late in the third period when Paige Kozak netted her first goal of the season at 15:23, assisted by Erica Fijala, to send the game to overtime. Neither team scored in the extra period.

Minot State generated heavy offensive pressure throughout the contest, outshooting Adrian 53-30. Goaltender Jillian Ackerman had another strong performance, making 29 saves on 30 shots. The Beavers’ penalty kill was perfect, neutralizing both of Adrian’s power-play chances.

Minot State 0, Adrian College 0

ADRIAN, Mich. — The No. 2 Minot State women’s hockey team played to a scoreless 0-0 draw against No. 9 Adrian College on Thursday, Oct. 16, 2025.

The tie brought the Beavers’ record to 2-2-1 on the season.

The contest was a defensive battle, with neither side scoring through regulation or overtime. Minot State goaltender Jillian Ackerman was outstanding, recording her second shutout of the season by stopping all 27 shots she faced. Adrian’s Rieley Jessie-Gerelli also earned a shutout, making 34 saves.

Minot State outshot Adrian 34-27. Both teams’ penalty kills were effective, as Minot State went 0-for-2 on the power play and successfully killed all five Adrian power-play opportunities.

Maryville 5,

Beavers stand victorious over University of Jamestown



Photo by Courtney Hernandez

The Minot State football team stands by the sidelines and celebrate their victory over the University of Jamestown.

FOOTBALL

Sioux Falls 24, Minot State 17

The Minot State football team fell to the Sioux Falls Cougars 24-17 on Saturday afternoon at First Western Bank Field at Herb Parker Stadium in Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference action.

The Beavers, who fell to 2-6 overall, built a 17-10 halftime lead before the Cougars rallied with 14 unanswered points in the second half for the win.

Minot State's offense was powered by a strong running game, out-gaining Sioux Falls 299-155 on the ground and 351-333 in total yardage. Carson Chrisman led all rushers with 124 yards and a touchdown, while Evan Lovett added 100 yards. Devan Daniels contributed 76 yards and a score.

Minot State took a 14-10 lead in the second quarter after Carter Coauette recovered an onside kick, setting up Chrisman's 24-yard touchdown run.

Defensively, Kevin Speed and Julian Kameristy each recorded six tackles and a sack.

"If you turn the ball over 3 or 4 times, it's going to be hard to win," Minot State head coach Ian Shields said. "The yards, that's nice and all, but you can't turn the ball over 3 or 4 times, and you certainly can't turn it over in the fourth quarter going in to score. That's the difference in the game, is the turnover battle."



Photo by Sean Arbaut

Minot State quarterback **Carson Chrisman** breaks into the open during the Beavers game against Sioux Falls on Saturday. Chrisman ran for 124 yards and a touchdown.

Minot State 35, Jamestown 28

Evan Lovett scored a 7-yard rushing touchdown with 1:44 left to lift Minot State to a 35-28 victory over Jamestown on Saturday

afternoon at Herb Parker Stadium.

The Beavers (2-5, 2-4 NSIC) rushed for 371 yards, led by Carson Chrisman with 145 yards and two touchdowns, and Lovett with 136 yards and two touchdowns. Lovett's scores tied the

NCAA Division II career rushing touchdown record.

Minot State Head Coach Ian Shields credited the victory to the late-game execution. "We got the ball with two minutes and change left, went down the

field, scored, converted the two-point play, and then our defense closed it out. That was the difference," Shields said.

Jamestown (1-5, 1-5 NSIC) was held to 152 yards passing in the contest.

Minot State kicker Brandon McCary named to Fred Mitchell watch list

Off to a stellar start to the season, which included a record-setting 5 field goals in a single game for the Beavers, sophomore kicker Brandon McCary has been named to the Fred Mitchell Award mid-season watch list.

The Fred Mitchell Award watch list recognizes kickers who are at the top of their division for terrific performances through October 11. The recipient of the Fred Mitchell Award will be announced in December based on their performance on the football field and in the community.

The namesake for the award, Fred Mitchell, was a longtime (1974-2015) award-winning sports columnist for the Chicago Tribune and the author of 12 sports books. Mitchell set the NCAA record for career kick-scoring at Wittenberg University in 1968 among



Brandon McCary

"College Division" schools that are now classified as FCS, Division II, and Division III.

McCary, a sophomore from Plano, Texas, who transferred from Southwest Oklahoma State to Minot State, is 9-for-11 this season in field goals with a long of 44 yards.

His 9 field goals are second-most in the NSIC, which includes a 5 field-goal performance at Minnesota State Moorhead on Oct. 4. That effort broke

the all-time Minot State single-game record, and tied the NSIC single-game record held by Danny Laudet from Concordia, St. Paul (2019), Drew Behrens of Augustana (2010), and Randy Bishoff of MSU Moorhead (1978).

Along with his 9 made field goals this season, McCary also has converted 16-of-16 point-after-touchdown attempts, giving him 43 points this season, which is second-most for Minot State.

McCary is one of just seven players at the NCAA Division II level on the Fred Mitchell Watch List.

His 9 made field goals currently ranks No. 4 all-time at Minot State in a single season. He is 3 made field goals away from tying former NCAA All-American kicker JoseLuis Moreno for the school's single-season record of 12.

MSU men's hockey climbs to No. 2 in latest ACHA poll

Coming off a pair of wins over then No. 8-ranked Maryville, the Minot State men's hockey team has climbed one spot in the latest ACHA poll.

The Beavers (3-0-1 overall) moved up to the No. 2 spot in the nation in the ACHA Division I Men's Hockey Poll released this week after beating Maryville 3-1 and 5-2 over the weekend at the Maysa Arena.

The move up one spot sets the stage for a big mid-week matchup for Minot State as the 2nd-ranked Beavers will host No. 1-ranked and reigning ACHA National Champion UNLV on Tuesday, October 28, at 7:30 p.m. at the Maysa Arena.

Before that one-vs-two battle hits the ice, though, Minot State plays a weekend series at No. 25-ranked Midland (Neb.) this Friday and Saturday.

UNLV (4-0-0) retained the top spot in this week's poll with 774 points and 32 first-place votes, while the Beavers moved up to No. 2 with 718 points and one first-place vote. Ohio (8-0-0) was No. 3, up two spots, with 694 points and one first-place vote, Adrian (Mich.)



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(6-1-1) fell two spots to No. 4, with 682 points and the final first-place vote, and Liberty (Va.) (8-1-0) was up one spot to No. 5, with 675 points.

The Beavers' in-state rival Jamestown (7-1-0) remained at No. 6 with 623 points, while in-state rival Mary (8-3-0) moved up two spots to No. 12 with 407 points.

Minot State split with Jamestown in the Beavers' opening weekend, with the Jimmies' win coming in overtime. Minot State will host Mary on Halloween in the teams' first meeting of the season.