



# ST. CLOUD STATE UNIVERSITY

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### UPCOMING GAMES:

Mar. 19 @ Morningside 1:30  
Mar. 20 @ Morningside 12:00

### 2005 SCSU Baseball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Mar. 2	Morningside Coll. Metrodome	L 0-3 L 5-7
Mar. 6	@ Mesa State	L 8-13
Mar. 7	@ Mesa State	L 3-11
Mar. 8	@ Metro State	cancelled
Mar. 9	@ Metro State	L 7-9/W 14-13
Mar. 10	@ CSU-Pueblo	W 4-3/W 6-4
Mar. 11	@ CSU-Pueblo	L 10-14
Mar. 12	@ CSU-Pueblo	L 6-16
Mar. 16	@ Univ. of Minn. Metrodome	L 0-6
Mar. 19	@ Morningside	1:30
Mar. 20	@ Morningside	12:00
Mar. 29	SW Minn. State	1:00
Mar. 30	Lincoln University Metrodome	11:00 a.m.
Apr. 2	MN-Crookston	1:00
Apr. 3	MN-Crookston	1:00
Apr. 5	Bemidji State	1:00
Apr. 6	Winona State	1:00
Apr. 9	@ Neb.-Omaha*	12:00
Apr. 10	@ Neb.-Omaha*	12:00
Apr. 16	Augustana Coll.*	1:00
Apr. 17	Augustana Coll.*	1:00
Apr. 18	@ St. John's Univ.	3:30 (1-9)
Apr. 19	@ Bemidji State	1:00
Apr. 21	St. John's Univ.	6:00 (1-9)
Apr. 22	@ MSU-Mankato*	2:00
Apr. 24	MSU-Mankato*	2:00
Apr. 30	@ Minn. Duluth*	2:00
May 1	Minn. Duluth*	2:00
May 4	Conc.- St. Paul	3:00 (1-9)
May 6	North Dakota*	3:00
May 7	North Dakota*	1:00

\*North Central Conference Game  
All Home Games Played at Dick Putz Field

## 2005 ST. CLOUD STATE UNIVERSITY BASEBALL TEAM NEWS



Release Date: March 17, 2005

**Huskies Head to Morningside College:** The St. Cloud State baseball team will play a pair of doubleheaders against Morningside College this weekend. The games will start at 1:30 pm on Saturday, March 19 and 12:00 noon on Sunday, March 20. The Huskies dropped two games to Morningside College in the season opener on March 2.

**3-5 in Colorado:** The Huskies went 3-5 during their tour of Colorado last week. They finished 1-3 against Mesa State and 2-2 against Colorado State University-Pueblo. The Huskies' first win of the season came against Mesa State on an eighth inning Mark McGuire single that scored Nate Swan. Other highlights included a Luke Klitzke three-run homer against CSU-Pueblo that gave the Huskies the winning position and a hard-fought rallying loss to CSU-Pueblo that featured 12 SCSU hits.

**Home Opener:** The 2005 SCSU home opener is scheduled for Tuesday, March 29 against Southwest Minnesota State University. The doubleheader will begin at 1:00 p.m. and be played at Dick Putz Field.

**2004 SCSU Record:** The Huskies posted a 14-35 overall record and a 7-21 record in the North Central Conference.



**Head Coach:** St. Cloud State University head coach Denny Lorsung (St. Cloud State) begins his 27th season leading the Huskies. The winningest coach in SCSU history, Lorsung has posted a 511-497-3 overall won/loss record with the Huskies in 26 seasons. In addition, the 2005 season marks Lorsung's 30th year overall as a collegiate coach, in which he has accumulated a 548-521-3 career record. His career total placed him 26th in NCAA Division II coaching records for most victories among active coaches and in the top 50 in the all-time NCAA Division II coaching records for most career wins.

**Assistant Coaching Staff:** Assisting Lorsung in 2005 are two former Huskies, graduate assistant Jason Fischer and volunteer assistant Paul Buboltz. Fischer was a two-year player for the Huskies in 1998 and 1999 as a pitcher and infielder. In 1999, he posted a 4-1 record on the mound with a team best 1.61 ERA, and set the SCSU single season appearance record with 17 games. Fischer also tied for the conference lead with a 0.00 ERA and led the conference in opponents against batting average at .125. Buboltz pitched for the Huskies in 2002 and 2003. He made 23 mound appearances and was named to the 2003 Academic Honorable Mention All-NCC team.

**Husky Sports Website:** For up to date information on all 21 Husky sports, go to the St. Cloud State University Athletics official web site at [www.stcloudstate.edu/athletics](http://www.stcloudstate.edu/athletics).



**2005 Captains:** The 2005 Husky captains are senior pitcher Chase Nelson (Pequot Lakes), senior outfielder Ryan Kapsner (North Mankato), and junior infielder/outfielder/pitcher Nathan Swan (Sauk Rapids).

**2005 SCSU Baseball Outlook:** With 15 returning letterwinners, including six starters, the 2005 edition of the St. Cloud State University baseball team will put more experience on the field.

St. Cloud State returns seven pitchers and five position players in 2005. Leading the way among the returnees is junior co-captain Nate Swan (Sauk Rapids). Swan was a 2004 All-NCC second team selection. In 2005, he will play a versatile role for the Huskies at first base, third base, outfield and pitcher. Swan hit .351 last season and started at third base in 42 games.

Four starters return on the infield for the Huskies. Swan, at third base leads the way. Sophomore Dan Skog (Anoka) will start at shortstop. He started 44 games last season and hit .282. He led the team in walks with 15 and stolen bases with eight. Junior Noah Czech (Little Falls) will see some playing time at shortstop. He played in 28 games last season, started in 15, and hit .267. He also had eight stolen bases. Sophomore Bobby Gregoire (Maple Grove) is a returning starter at second base. He started 40 games last season. Senior Kevin Macdonald (London, Ont.) will find playing time at second base. He made 18 starts last season and had 55 plate appearances. Junior Travis Thompson (Rice Lake, WI) is the returning starter at catcher. Thompson caught and started in 41 games last season. Two other players could provide relief for Thompson in 2005. First year Brandon May (Wayzata), a transfer from Liberty University, and junior Reid Weber (St. Michael) are listed as back-ups to Thompson. Weber saw some limited playing time last season. First year player Luke Klitzke (Hutchinson) will get the nod at first base with Swan filling in as a back-up. Overall the infield is expected to be very strong defensively.

Coach Lorsung is looking to see improved play both offensively and defensively from his outfield in 2005. Sophomore Gary Kiess (Cold Spring) will start in center field. Kiess played in 40 games last season, starting 38, and hit .264. Senior co-captain Ryan Kapsner (North Mankato), first year player Mark McGuire (Crystal), junior Darrin Shroyer (Brooklyn Park), if healthy, will compete for the starting spot in left field. Kapsner played in 34 games last season and made 28 starts. Shroyer played in 21 games. Sophomore Kyle Johnson (Prior Lake), first year Dave Carlson (St. Joseph), and redshirt freshman Ryan Tschida (Long Prairie) will compete for the starting position in right field. Johnson played in 17 games last season. Nate Swan could move into the outfield if needed.

With seven returning pitchers, the pitching staff should be strong in 2005 for the Huskies. Junior Mike Hoelscher (Alexandria) made ten starts last season and posted a 4-5 record with a 3.45 ERA. He pitched 57 innings. Senior captain Chase Nelson (Pequot Lakes) made a 12 appearances, pitched 38.2 innings and posted a 6.05 ERA. Left handed junior Jeremy Liebher (Greendale, WI) made seven appearances with five starts. Sophomore Darrin Haala (Sleepy Eye) made nine starts, pitched 41.0 innings, and posted a 2-5 record with a 6.15 ERA. Senior Nate Larson (Sauk Rapids) made six starts and threw 32 innings. Left handed sophomore Ryan Carlson (Moundsview) went to the mound seven times and made four starts. Sophomore Adam McGrane (Plymouth) made the most appearances of the staff with 13. He posted a 2-2 record in 27.2 inning pitched with a 4.88 ERA. Junior Matt Means (Brainerd) saw limited playing time last year but has gained some experience. The all-around player Nate Swan, will also pitch during the 2005 season. Four new pitchers will add to the mix this season. First year players Andy Graf (Richfield), Jim Smith (Rice Lake, WI) and Bruce Thompson (Maplewood), along with sophomore Josh Hadley (Sleepy Eye), a transfer from Ridgewater Community College will proved depth on the mound.

## 2005 NCC Standings

Team	NCC	Overall
Nebraska-Omaha	0-0	12-4
Augustana	0-0	7-5
Minnesota Duluth	0-0	1-2
Minnesota State	0-0	6-4
North Dakota	0-0	10-8
St. Cloud State	0-0	3-8

### Thursday-Saturday, May 12-14

NCC Tournament, Site of #1 Seed

## 2004 Final NCC Standings

Team	NCC	Overall
North Dakota	21-10	37-18
North Dakota State	21-10	31-22
Minnesota State	21-11	35-18
Nebraska-Omaha	14-14	23-26
Augustana	15-15	21-26
South Dakota	11-17	24-26
South Dakota State	8-20	12-36
St. Cloud State	7-21	14-35

**NCC Tournament Finish:** 1. North Dakota State, 2. Minnesota State, 3. North Dakota, 4. Augustana

### 2004 All-NCC Baseball Squad

Nate Swan, SCSU, Second Team  
Parnell O'Connor, SCSU, Second Team

### 2004 Academic All-NCC Squad

Honorable Mention: Parnell O'Connor, SCSU

### SCSU Quick Facts

Founded: 1869  
Enrollment: 16,000  
Nickname: Huskies  
School Colors: Cardinal and Black  
Home Field: Dick Putz Field  
Capacity: 2,400  
Affiliation: NCAA Division II  
Conference: North Central Conf.  
President: Dr. Roy Saigo  
Athletic Director: Dr. Morris Kurtz

Head Coach: Denny Lorsung  
Alma Mater/ Yr: St. Cloud State, 1971  
Record at School (yrs): 511-497-3 (26 yrs)  
Career Record: 548-521-3 (29 yrs)  
Asst. Coaches: Jason Fischer, Paul Buboltz

Letterwinners returning/lost: 15/5  
Starters returning/lost: 6/2  
Pitchers returning/lost: 7/3  
Position Players returning/lost: 6/2



## 2005 St. Cloud State University Baseball Roster

No.	Name	Pos	Birthday	HT	WT	B-T	YR	Hometown
1	Dan Skog	INF	03--4-85	6'1"	165	R-R	So	Anoka
3	Bruce Thompson	OF/P	01-31-86	5'9"	160	R-R	Fr	Maplewood
4	Josh Hadley	P	03-31-84	6'3"	185	R-R	So	Sleepy Eye
5	Bobby Gregoire	INF	9-2-84	6'2"	185	R-R	So	Maple Grove
6	Jim Smith	P	10-29-84	6'2"	180	R-R	Fr	Rice Lake, WI
7	Ryan Kapsner*	OF	09-30-81	5'8"	155	L-L	Sr	N. Mankato
8	Gary Kiess	OF	03-20-84	5'11"	180	R-R	So	Cold Spring
10	Ryan Tschida	OF	05-25-84	5'11"	175	L-L	Fr	Grey Eagle
11	Mark McGuire	OF	11-16-85	6'1"	170	R-R	Fr	Crystal
12	Nathan Larson	P	8-30-81	6'0"	205	R-R	Sr	Sauk Rapids
14	Kyle Johnson	OF	04-26-84	6'1"	175	L-R	So	Prior Lake
15	Noah Czech	INF	02-21-84	6'3"	180	R-R	Jr	Little Falls
16	Nate Swan*	INF	12-25-83	6'3"	210	R-R	Jr	Sauk Rapids
17	John Nemec	C/P	02-01-83	6'1"	190	S-R	Jr	St. Cloud
18	Mike Hoelscher	P	01-13-84	6'2"	170	R-R	Jr	Alexandria
19	Joe Kroc	INF	12-20-85	5'7"	140	R-R	Fr	Austin
20	Andy Graf	P	04-05-86	6'0"	220	R-R	Fr	Richfield
22	Kevin Macdonald	INF	6-25-83	5'11"	185	L-R	Sr	London, Ontario
23	Adam McGrane	P	6-24-85	6'3"	175	R-R	So	Plymouth
24	Luke Klitzke	INF	06-17-85	6'4"	200	L-R	Fr	Hutchinson
25	Travis Thompson	C	07-30-84	6'1"	193	R-R	Jr	Rice Lake, WI
26	Darrin Haala	P	09-28-83	6'2"	180	R-R	So	Sleepy Eye
27	Brandon May	C	02-28-85	6'0"	178	L-R	Fr	Wayzata
29	Jeremy Liebherr	P	04-30-84	6'0"	205	L-L	Jr	Greendale, WI
30	Chase Nelson*	P/INF	6-27-83	6'0"	190	R-R	Sr	Pequot Lakes
31	Ryan Carlson	P	9-16-84	6'4"	230	L-L	So	Moundsview
32	Matt Means	P	8-10-82	6'2"	215	R-R	Jr	Brainerd
33	David Carlson	OF	12-11-84	6'2"	196	R-R	So	St. Joseph
35	Reid Weber	C	10-11-83	5'10"	195	R-R	Jr	St. Michael

\*Team Captains

**#2 HEAD COACH: DENNY LORSUNG**

**#28 GRADUATE ASSISTANT COACH: JASON FISCHER**

**#34 VOLUTEER ASSISTANT COACH: PAUL BUBOLTZ**

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