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**2008-09 SCSU MEN'S BASKETBALL NEWS**

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**Witt Earns First Player of the Week Honor**

St. Paul, Minn. – St. Cloud State sophomore guard Taylor Witt has been named Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference men's basketball player-of-the-week, announced today by the league office. Witt led the Huskies to a 2-0 mark and a weekend sweep over Jan. 30 & 31.

The Morris, Minn. native posted averages of 21 points, and 7.5 assists while shooting 57% from the field, 43% from three-point range, and 83% from the free throw line as the Huskies beat Wayne State 66-50 on Jan. 30, and Augustana 96-90 on Jan. 31.

Against Wayne State, Witt was held scoreless in the first half but handed out four of his game-high six assists. In the second half he scored 12 points as the Huskies stretched their lead into the 20's and never looked back. In the game he was 2-3 from behind the arc, marking his career high-tying fourth straight game with multiple threes, as well as his 10th game of the season.

The next night against Augustana, Witt hit a career high for scoring and became just the seventh NSIC player this season -- and fourth in conference games -- to score 30 points. A career game all around, he also tied a career high with nine assists, and went a career best 13-of-15 from the free throw line. He hit 11 of his free throws in the final 2:54 of the second half as the Huskies put to bed any idea of a Viking comeback.

Witt has now scored in double figures in a career high seven straight games, which includes 21, 25, and 30 point performances. In five of those games he was the Huskies leading scorer, and has led SCSU in scoring in 10 games overall. He is currently the leagues fourth leading scorer (15.6) and ranks second in assists (5.38).

At 14-6 and 9-4 in the NSIC, Witt and the Huskies are in a three-way ties for third place in the NSIC standings, just a game behind two teams tied for first place. The win over Augustana, was win for SCSU over the #10 team in the region. SCSU is currently ranked sixth in the region. St. Cloud State has now been home to the player-of-the-week four times this season, a league high.

Next up is a pair of home dates with Minnesota Duluth on Feb. 6 and Bemidji State on Feb. 7. A month ago, on the road, the Huskies fell on back-to-back nights to UMD and BSU. Tip-off for this weekend is set for 8:00 pm each night.

St. Cloud State University is the largest member of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) system. Founded in 1869, and located 70 miles northwest of the Twin Cities in St. Cloud, Minn. along the banks of the scenic Mississippi River, SCSU boasts an enrollment of nearly 17,000 students and is a member of NCAA Division II athletics where they compete in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC).



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## NSIC PLAYER OF THE WEEK



**#20 Taylor Witt**  
**G, 6-2, 185, So.,**  
**Morris, Minn.**  
**Morris Area HS**  
**St. Cloud State**

Taylor Witt averaged 21 points, 7.5 assists and 1.5 rebounds while shooting 57% from the field, 43% from three-point range and 83% from the line to lead SCSU to a weekend sweep. He dished out four of his six helpers against Wayne State in the first half as SCSU ran out to their lead, and then scored all 12 of his points in the second half as they thwarted a Wildcats comeback. Against Augustana, he became just the seventh NSIC player this season to net 30 points, and just the fourth in conference play. He went 13-15 from the free throw line and handed out a career high-tying nine assists. He made 11 of his free throws against Augie in the second half to preserve the Husky win.

### Past NSIC Players of the Week

- 11/18/08 Matt Schneck, SCSU
- 11/24/08 Kevin Ratzsch, NSU
- 12/01/08 Brian Sykora, UMD
- 12/08/08 Andrew Bernstetter, SCSU
- 12/15/08 Kevin Ratzsch, NSU (2)
- 12/22/08 Lee Stephens, Augie
- 12/29/08 Mitch Boeck, NSU
- 01/05/09 Matt Schneck, SCSU (2)
- 01/12/09 Seth Haake, BSU
- 01/19/09 Travis Nelson, MSU
- 01/26/09 Brian Sykora, UMD (2)
- 02/02/09 Taylor Witt, SCSU

### NCAA Central Region Rankings

1/28/09

	DII Rec	Reg Rec	Lst Wk
1. Northern State	9-4	9-4	N/A
2. Fort Lewis	13-4	13-4	N/A
3. Winona State	13-5	9-3	N/A
4. Minn. St. Mankato	12-4	8-3	N/A
5. Southwest Minn. St.	12-4	10-4	N/A
6. St. Cloud State	9-6	9-4	N/A
7. Metro State	10-2	10-2	N/A
8. Colorado Christian	7-6	7-6	N/A
9. Minnesota Duluth	12-6	10-5	N/A
10. Augustana (S.D.)	10-5	10-5	N/A

Dropped Out: N/A

The NSIC is a 14-team, 17-sport, NCAA Division II Conference with teams located in Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota.

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## Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Men's Basketball Standings

2008-09 Standings  
as of 2/2/09

	(-----NSIC Games-----)						(-----All Games-----)						
	W	L	Win %	GP	PF	PA	W	L	Win %	GP	PF	PA	STR
#20 Winona State	10	3	.769	13	1099	897	17	5	.773	22	1856	1517	W3
Southwest Minnesota State	10	3	.769	13	903	812	17	5	.773	22	1610	1400	W7
#13 Minnesota State	9	4	.692	13	1049	939	18	5	.783	23	1966	1609	L1
St. Cloud State	9	4	.692	13	1020	937	14	6	.700	20	1602	1424	W2
Minnesota Duluth	9	4	.692	13	914	867	15	8	.652	23	1643	1559	W1
#23 Northern State	8	5	.615	13	948	915	15	5	.750	20	1527	1342	W1
Augustana	8	5	.615	13	953	905	14	6	.700	20	1540	1376	L1
Concordia St. Paul	7	6	.538	13	918	955	9	11	.450	20	1437	1492	W1
Bemidji State	5	8	.385	13	937	1002	7	13	.350	20	1424	1514	L4
Wayne State (NE)	4	9	.308	13	858	902	8	12	.400	20	1327	1344	L4
Minnesota State Moorhead	4	9	.308	13	873	972	7	11	.389	18	1243	1306	W2
Mary	3	10	.231	13	838	939	5	15	.250	20	1341	1486	L4
Upper Iowa	3	10	.231	13	853	976	4	16	.200	20	1346	1533	L2
Minnesota Crookston	2	11	.154	13	756	901	4	16	.200	20	1197	1374	L1

\* Rankings based on 1/27/09 NABC Coaches Poll

## WEEK 13 RESULTS

- Tuesday, January 27
- Upper Iowa 73 at North Dakota 84
- Friday, January 30
- C St. Cloud State 66 at Wayne State (NE) 50
- C #13 Minnesota State 84 at Bemidji State 66
- C Mary 59 at Minnesota Crookston 64 OT
- C #23 Northern State 63 at MSU Moorhead 87
- C SMSU 56 at Minnesota Duluth 55
- C Concordia St. Paul 69 at Augustana 87
- Saturday, January 31
- C Concordia St. Paul 81 at Wayne State (NE) 74
- C Upper Iowa 53 at #20 Winona State 101
- C Southwest Minnesota State 66 at Bemidji State 54
- C #23 Northern State 79 at Minnesota Crookston 53
- C Mary 70 at Minnesota State Moorhead 71
- C #13 Minnesota State 65 at Minnesota Duluth 73
- C St. Cloud State 96 at Augustana 90



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## WEEK 14 SCHEDULE

- Tuesday, February 3
- North Dakota at Southwest Minnesota State 7:00 pm
- Friday, February 6
- C #20 Winona State at #23 Northern State 8:00 pm
- C Bemidji State at Concordia St. Paul 8:00 pm
- C #13 Minnesota State at Minnesota Crookston 8:00 pm
- C SMSU at MSU Moorhead 8:00 pm
- C Upper Iowa at Mary 8:00 pm
- C Minnesota Duluth at St. Cloud State 8:00 pm
- Saturday, February 7
- C Wayne State (NE) at Augustana 8:00 pm
- C #20 Winona State at Mary 8:00 pm
- C Minnesota Duluth at Concordia St. Paul 8:00 pm
- C SMSU at Minnesota Crookston 8:00 pm
- C #13 Minnesota State at MSU Moorhead 8:00 pm
- C Upper Iowa at #23 Northern State 8:00 pm
- C Bemidji State at St. Cloud State 8:00 pm



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