



# ST. CLOUD STATE UNIVERSITY

## Athletic Media Relations - Football

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### SPRING FOOTBALL

All practices held at Husky Stadium

April 6 - 11:00 a.m.  
 April 8 - 3:00 p.m.  
 April 9 - 9:00 a.m.  
 April 11 - 3:00 p.m.  
 April 13 - 3:00 p.m.  
 April 15 - 3:00 p.m.  
 April 16 - 11:00 a.m. - SCRIMMAGE  
 April 18 - 3:00 p.m.  
 April 20 - 3:00 p.m.  
 April 22 - 3:00 p.m.  
 April 23 - 11:00 a.m.  
 April 25 - 3:00 p.m.  
 April 27 - 3:00 p.m.  
 April 29 - 3:00 p.m.  
 April 30 - 1:00 p.m. - SPRING GAME  
 11:00 a.m. - Youth Clinic



### 2005 St. Cloud State Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 27	vs. Wayne State	7 pm
Sept. 3	at Minnesota-Crookston	1:30
Sept. 10	at Western Washington	8 pm
Sept. 17	vs. Northern State	6 pm
Sept. 24	at Minnesota State-Mankato*	6:30
Oct. 1	at North Dakota*	1 pm
Oct. 8	vs. Augustana*	6 pm
Oct. 15	vs. South Dakota* !	1 pm
Oct. 22	at Nebraska-Omaha *	1 pm
Oct. 29	vs. Missouri Western #	1 pm
Nov. 5	vs. Minnesota-Duluth*	1 pm

\*North Central Conference game  
#Hall of Fame Game ! Homecoming

### 2004 St. Cloud State Results

Date	Opponent	Result
8/26	at Wayne State	W, 45-14
9/2	Minnesota-Crookston	W, 49-14
9/11	Western Washington^	W, 44-29
9/18	at Northern State	W, 42-7
9/25	Minnesota State*	W, 38-17
10/2	North Dakota#	W, 21-17
10/9	at Augustana*	W, 36-17
10/16	at South Dakota*	L, 21-37
10/23	Nebraska-Omaha*!	L, 13-28
11/6	at Minnesota Duluth*	W, 28-0
11/13	North Dakota**	L, 17-20 (2ot)

\* NCC Games

\*\*NCAA DII First Round Playoff Game

^Parent's Day

#Hall of Fame Game

!Homecoming

## 2005 SCSU FOOTBALL TEAM NEWS

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**SPRING PRACTICE:** The 2005 edition of St. Cloud State University Husky football will begin preparation for the fall 2005 schedule on Wednesday, April 6 at 3:00 p.m., when spring practice officially begins. All spring practices will be held at Husky Stadium. The complete schedule is on the left hand side of this page.

**2004 RECORD:** St. Cloud State enjoyed one of its most success seasons in over a decade. The 17th ranked (AFCA) St. Cloud State football team finished the 2004 season with an 8-3 overall record and a 4-2 mark in the North Central Conference. The Huskies tied for second in league play. SCSU advanced to the first round of the NCAA Division II Football Playoffs in the Huskies first post season appearance since 1989. The Huskies, ranked #4 in the Northwest Region hosted fifth ranked University of North Dakota. UND won a thriller 20-17 in double overtime.

**IN THE POLLS:** The Huskies were ranked throughout the 2004 season in all four Division II college football polls. SCSU enjoyed its highest ranking of sixth in the Oct. 11 polls. SCSU was ranked sixth in both the AFCA, and D2football.com polls, seventh in the Dopke.com poll and eighth in the Don Hansen Football Gazette poll. SCSU was ranked second in the Northwest Region the weeks of Oct. 11 and Oct. 18, and finished the season ranked fourth in the Region. In the final rankings of the year, the Huskies were rated 17th in the AFCA and D2football.com polls, 25th in the Don Hansen poll, and 27th in the Dopke.com poll.

**SCSU HEAD COACH RANDY HEDBERG:** SCSU head coach Randy Hedberg (Minot State 1977) begins preparation for his seventh season with the Huskies beginning in the fall. **He netted his 75th career coaching win against UND on October 2, 2004 and his 30th with the Huskies. He has a current record of 32-33 at SCSU and is 77-56-2 overall in 15 years as a collegiate coach.** Since arriving at SCSU, Hedberg coached teams posted a 3-8 record in 1999, 1-9 in 2000, 4-7 in 2001 and 9-2 in 2002. The Huskies won the NCC title in 2002, which marks the second time in team history that SCSU has won the NCC title. In 2003, SCSU went 7-4,



and in 2004 posted an 8-3 record, and hosted the University of North Dakota in the first round of the NCAA Division II playoffs. The Parshall, N.D. native has been the head coach at Minot State (1982-89), and assistant coach at Central Missouri State (1990-95) and an assistant coach at North Dakota (1996-98). Hedberg was an honorable mention All-America quarterback at Minot State. He was drafted by Tampa Bay of the NFL in 1977, and played with the Bucs through 1978. He also played with the Oakland Raiders (1979) and Green Bay Packers (1980).

**ASSISTANT COACHING STAFF:** The 2005 assistants include Paul Rudolph (Off. Coordinator/Off. Line), Scott Underwood (Def. Coordinator/Secondary), Steve Grimit (Defensive Line), Steve Crutchley (Wide Receivers), Brian Bergstrom (Linebackers/Strength & Conditioning), Derek Johnson (Defensive Backs), Derek Moore (Offensive Line), Brian Webb (Runningbacks/Strength & Conditioning), Andrew Tippins (Defensive Ends), Eric Mattson (Linebackers), Ryan Mills (Tight Ends/Volunteer).

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**HUSKY TEAM NOTES:** The Huskies return 39 letterwinners in 2005, including 24 on defense, 14 on offense and one special teams player. SCSU has eight returning starters on offense, ten returning starters on defense and one returning starter on special teams. The Huskies lose ten seniors from the 2004 squad in punter Scott Dirkes, wide receiver Tim Greene, tight end/offensive lineman Clint Grundahl, offensive tackle Matt Henry, linebacker Derek Jensen, receiver/special teams player Jason Koch, offensive lineman Lucas Leaton, offensive guards Jim McCarville and Cory McLouden, and linebacker Chris Schmitz.

**HUSKY PLAYER NOTES:** St. Cloud State returns Harlon Hill Candidate in senior running back **Matt Birkel** (Ellsworth, WI). Birkel is a two-time All-North Central Conference First Team pick. He led the NCC in overall rushing and scoring in 2004. He rushed for 1,689 yards and 18 touchdowns during the season and ranks third on the all-time rushing chart at SCSU with 3,362 yards and is third in rushing TD's with 33...directing Birkel in the backfield will be senior quarterback **Daniel Kaczor** (St. Cloud). Kaczor replaced two-time Harlon Hill Finalist Keith Heckendorf as the starting quarterback in 2004. Kaczor led the team to an 8-3 record and its first NCAA playoff game since 1989. He threw for 2,403 yards and 23 touchdowns. An All-NCC Second Team pick, he became the sixth SCSU quarterback to pass for over 2,000 yards in a season, a feat that has only been accomplished 11 times in school history...senior wide receivers **Ryan Koch** (Madison, WI) and **Ed DeShazer** (Milwaukee, WI) will head the Husky receiving corps. Koch, a second team All-NCC pick led the Huskies with 43 catches and was second in receiving yards with 653 and TD receptions with seven. DeShazer, a first team All-NCC pick led the Huskies in receiving yards with 698 and TD receptions with nine...junior free safety **Mitchell Denne** (St. Cloud) was named to the 2004 Associated Press Little All-American Football Third Team and to the All-NCC First Team. He led the Huskies in interceptions with seven and tied for the team lead in overall tackles with 85.

**SCHEDULE NOTES:** The Huskies will play six games at the year old Husky Stadium in 2005. SCSU will open the season on Saturday, August 27 with a non-conference game against Wayne State at 7:00 p.m. under the lights of Husky Stadium. New to the schedule is a non-conference game against Missouri Western. This will be the first game ever played between these two teams.

**SCSU Football in the 2004 Division II Polls**

Region	AFCA	d2football	Don	College
		<u>.com</u>	<u>Hansen</u>	<u>Sports</u>
Pre-Season -04	-	nr	36	32nd
8/29	rec'd	nr	-	-
9/5	25th	nr	30th	-
9/12	19th	22nd	28th	17th
9/19	17th	18th	23rd	14th
9/26	15th	15th	19th	13th
10/04	8th	9th	11th	9th
10/11	6th	6th	8th	7th
10/18	16th	15th	21st	17th
10/25	24th	nr	32nd	33rd
11/1	20th	23rd	29th	28th
11/8	17th	17th	26th	27th
12/14	17th	-	26th	-

**Husky Stadium**

Husky Stadium opened in August of 2004 and is home to the St. Cloud State University football and soccer teams. Located on the banks of the Mississippi River on the south side of the SCSU



campus, the stadium features an OmniGrass playing surface, seating for 4,198 fans, two concession areas, lockerrooms, modern restrooms and a full service press box. A state of the art sound system and scoreboard round out the features. A year round facility, an inflatable dome will enclose the playing surface during the winter months. This will allow SCSU students to use the facility for recreational and intramural sports events. In addition, the Husky baseball and softball teams will conduct practices, and in the case of the softball team, hold tournaments under the dome.

**Husky Stadium Attendance Figures**

9/2/04	4,021
9/11/04	4,102
9/25/04	4,038
10/2/04	4,198 (sell-out)
10/23/04	4,031
11/13/04	2,240 (NCAA playoff game)

**2004 Final NCC Standings**

TEAM	NCC			Overall		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	Pct.
Nebraska-Omaha	5	1	.833	8	3	.727
North Dakota	4	2	.667	11	3	.785
South Dakota	4	2	.667	9	2	.818
St. Cloud State	4	2	.667	8	3	.727
Minnesota State	3	3	.500	6	5	.545
Minnesota Duluth	1	5	.166	4	7	.363
Augustana	0	6	.000	3	8	.272

**NCAA DII Playoff Results**

11/13 North Dakota 20, St. Cloud State 17 (2ot)  
 11/20 North Dakota 20, Michigan Tech 3  
 11/27 North Dakota 19, Grand Valley State 15  
 12/4 North Dakota 19 at Pittsburg State 31 (NCAA semifinal game)

**2004 NCC Players of the Week**

**Offensive**

Dan Kaczor, QB, SCSU, Sept. 13, Oct. 11  
 Matt Birkel, RB, SCSU, Sept. 27

**Defensive**

Mark Henderson, LB, SCSU, Sept. 13  
 Mitchell Denne, DB, SCSU, Nov. 8

**St. Cloud State Football General Information**

**Name of School:** St. Cloud State University  
**City/Zip:** St. Cloud, Minn. 56301  
**Founded:** 1869  
**Enrollment:** 16,000  
**Nickname:** Huskies  
**School Colors:** Cardinal and Black  
**Home Stadium:** Husky Stadium  
**Capacity:** 4,198  
**Affiliation:** NCAA Division II  
**Conference:** North Central Conference  
**President:** Dr. Roy Saigo  
**Athletics Director:** Dr. Morris Kurtz  
**Athletics Phone:** 320-308-3102

**History**

**All-Time Record:** 369-326-23 (dating back to 1920)  
**Last Playoff Appearance:** 2004, NCAA First Round, 20-17 double overtime loss to North Dakota.

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**Team Information**

**2004 Overall Record:** 8-3  
**2004 NCC record:** 4-2  
**2004 NCC finish:** Tied 2nd  
**Letterwinners returning/lost:** 39/12  
**Starters returning/lost:** 19/5  
**Offensive:** 8/3  
**Defensive:** 10/1  
**Special Teams:** 1/1

**Coaching Staff**

**Head Coach:** Randy Hedberg  
**E-Mail Address:** rrhedberg@stcloudstate.edu  
**Alma Mater/ Yr:** Minot, 1977  
**Record at School (yrs):** 32-33 (6 years)  
**Career Record:** 77-56-2 (15 years)  
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**Assistant Coaches:**

**Paul Rudolph** - Offensive Coordinator, Offensive Line  
**Scott Underwood** - Defensive Coordinator, Defensive Backs  
**Steve Grimit** - Defensive Line  
**Steven Ctuchley** - Wide Receivers  
**Brian Bergstrom** - Linebackers, Strength & Conditioning  
**Derek Johnson** - Defensive Backs  
**Derek Moore** - Offensive Line  
**Brian Webb** - Running backs, Strength & Conditioning  
**Andrew Tippins** - Defensive Ends  
**Eric Mattson** - Linebackers  
**Ryan Mills** - Volunteer, Tight Ends

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**SCSU Chronicle**  
320-308-4086

**Minneapolis Star Tribune**  
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**St. Paul Pioneer Press**  
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**UTVS-TV Sports**  
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**Associated Press**  
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\* Commercial Game broadcast (all)  
\*\* Campus station game broadcast (select)



**SCSU's 1,000 Yard Club:** Ten times in the history of SCSU football has a player rushed for over 1,000 yards in a season. Matt Birkel became only the sixth player in SCSU football to reach the milestone. Both Randy Martin and Harry Jackson rushed for over 1,000 yards three times during their playing careers. Birkel's 1,689 yards was the second highest total in the history of SCSU football.

2004	Matt Birkel	1,689
1996	Randy Martin	1,635
1995	Randy Martin	1,426
1994	Randy Martin	1,225
1993	Charles Dean	1,153
1989	Harry Jackson	1,777
1988	Harry Jackson	1,522
1987	Harry Jackson	1,342
1984	Chuck Abbadessa	1,117
1967	Gary Bahr	1,093

**7-0 Start:** The Huskies' 7-0 start in 2004 is one of the best in school history. Following is a look at the best starts in SCSU football.

Year	Start	Final Record
2004	7-0	-
2002	4-0	9-2
1998	4-0	7-4
1983	4-0	5-6
1976	7-0	8-3 (first four games were later forfeited)
1967	8-0	8-1 (lost last game of season)
1953	6-0	6-1 (lost last game of season)
1942	6-0	6-0
1941	7-0	7-0
1933	7-0	7-0
1927	4-0	6-0-1
1923	4-0	5-1-1

**2,000 Yard Passing Seasons:** For only the 11th time since the 1965 season, an SCSU quarterback has passed for over 2,000 yards. Dan Kaczor had 2,403 yards passing this season. He follows Keith Heckendorf who threw for over 2,000 yards in each of the last three seasons of his career. Following are the 2,000 yard passers at SCSU.

Year	Quarterback	Yards
2004	Dan Kaczor	2,403
2003	Keith Heckendorf	2,905
2002	Keith Heckendorf	2,817
2001	Keith Heckendorf	2,406
1998	Jon Miller	2,210
1998	Jon Miller	2,234
1985	Tom Leiverman	2,106
1983	Tom Nelson	2,226
1982	Tom Nelson	2,100
1976	Steve Erickson	2,291
1975	Steve Erickson	2,260

**INDIVIDUAL Game Records/2004 Game Highs**

<b>Yards Rushing</b>	337 (39 att.) by Harry Jackson vs. USD, 1989 217 (35 att) by Matt Birkel vs. Minnesota Duluth, 11/6/04
<b>Pass Completions</b>	34 by Tom Nelson vs. SJU, 1982 21 by Daniel Kaczor vs. Nebraska-Omaha, 10/23/04
<b>Yards Passing</b>	369 by Keith Heckendorf vs. SDSU & UNO, 2002 302 by Daniel Kaczor vs. Augustana, 10/9/04
<b>TD Passes</b>	5 by Mike Leivermann vs. USD, 1985 <b>5 by Daniel Kaczor vs. Western Wash., 9/11/04</b>
<b>Receptions</b>	13 by Brent Otto vs. USD, 1985 & 13 by Mike McKinney vs. UND 1998 7 by Ed DeShazer vs. Nebraska-Omaha, 10/23/04
<b>Reception Yards</b>	228 by Mike McKinney vs. UND, 1998 140 by Ryan Koch vs. Minnesota Duluth, 11/6/04
<b>TD Receptions</b>	4 by Ben Nelson 3 times in 2002 2 by Ed DeShazer vs. Minnesota State & Augustana, 2004 2 by Ryan Koch vs. North Dakota, 11/13/04
<b>TDs Scored</b>	7 by Randy Martin vs. Mankato, Oct. 12, 1996 3 by Matt Birkel vs. Northern 9/1/8/04 & UMD 11/6/04
<b>PATs Scored</b>	9 by Shawn Braunagel vs. Crookston, 8/28/03 7 by Shawn Braunagel vs. Crookston, 9/2/04
<b>Points Scored</b>	42 by Randy Martin at Mankato, Oct. 12, 1996 18 by Matt Birkel vs. Northern St. 9/18/04 & UMD 11/6/04
<b>FGs Scored</b>	4 by Matt Hemenway vs. UNO, Oct. 1, 1994 1 by Shawn Braunagel vs. Wayne, 8/26/04 1 by Shawn Braunagel vs. Crookston, 9/2/04
<b>Longest TD Run</b>	97 yards by Dan Kamin vs. MSUM, 9/27/03 66 yards by Matt Birkel vs. Crookston, 9/2/04
<b>Longest TD Rec.</b>	90 yds from Mark Brenden to Walt Rhodes vs. M'side 1966 73 yds from Kaczor to Greene vs. Northern, 9/18/04
<b>Most Tackles.....</b>	25 by Gary Frericks vs. UMD, 1977 18 by Mark Henderson vs. Western Wash., 9/11/04
<b>Sacks.....</b>	3 by J. Sinz, 1995 & C. Cosgrove vs. New Haven, 2002 2 by Chris Schmitz vs. North Dakota, 10/2/04 2 by Charlie Cosgrove vs. Minnesota Duluth, 11/6/04
<b>Interceptions.....</b>	5 by Bill Trewick vs. Bemidji State, 1970 3 by Mitch Denne vs. Minnesota Duluth, 11/6/04
<b>Longest Punt</b>	78 yards by Barrie Lasure vs. Michigan Tech, 1967 54 yards by Scott Dirkes vs. Western Wash., 9/11/04

**TEAM Game Records/2004 Game Highs**

<b>Yards Rushing</b>	495 vs. Westmar, 1956 327 vs. Minnesota State 9/25/04
<b>Pass Completions</b>	34 vs. SJU, 1982 21 vs. Nebraska-Omaha 10/23/04
<b>Yards Passing</b>	379 vs. Crookston 8/28/03 302 vs. Augustana, 10/9/04
<b>Most TD Passes</b>	5 vs. five opponents various seasons <b>5 vs. Western Wash., 9/11/04</b>
<b>Total Offense</b>	686 vs. UN-Omaha 11/2/02 549 vs. Minnesota State, 9/25/04
<b>Points</b>	66 vs. UM-Crookston, 8/28/03 49 vs. Crookston, 9/2/04
<b>TDs Scored</b>	9 vs. SW State/Crookston 1976/Aug. 28, 2003 7 vs. Crookston, 9/2/04
<b>First Downs</b>	33 vs. UNO, 10/25/03; 32 vs. UNC, 1988 28 vs. Minnesota State, 9/25/04
<b>Pass Interceptions</b>	11 vs. Bemidji State 1970 3 vs. Western Wash., 9/11/04 & UMD 11/6/04
<b>Fumbles Rec.</b>	6 vs. SDSU, 1955 1 vs. Wayne, 8/26/04 & MSU, 9/25/04

Records set in 2004 are **bold-faced**