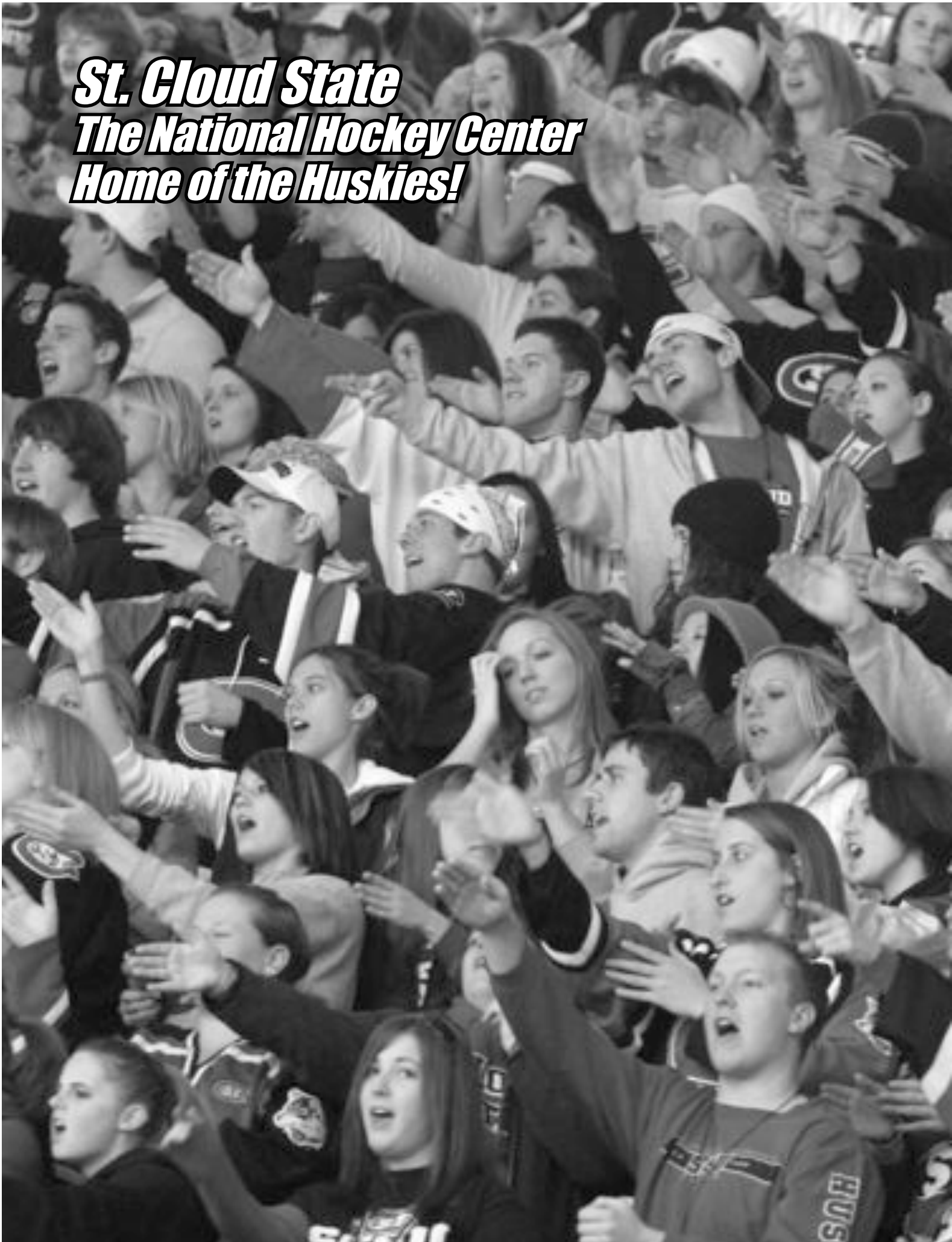


***St. Cloud State  
The National Hockey Center  
Home of the Huskies!***



# ***SCSU's National Hockey Center***

## ***The Home of Husky Ice Hockey since 1989***

Loyal and loud fans, great sight lines and a true collegiate atmosphere make the National Hockey Center one of the best places in the nation to watch NCAA Division I hockey.

The National Hockey Center, located on the south end of the St. Cloud State University campus, has been the home to Husky hockey since December of 1989. In the first game played at the NHC, the Huskies defeated Northern Michigan 5-4.

The victory was just a harbinger of the good times to come at the NHC. Since 1989, St. Cloud State has enjoyed a 63.8 percent home ice winning rate, which features a 229-122-36 since that first game on Dec. 16, 1989.

In terms of hockey history, the National Hockey Center has created its own sense of tradition. The raucous Dogg Pound student section, SCSU's trademark player introductions and a deafening sieve chant whenever the Huskies score make the NHC the place to be during winter nights in Central Minnesota. In fact, almost 2 million fans have watched the Huskies play at the NHC since 1990.

The National Hockey Center is a multi-purpose facility featuring two Olympic size sheets of ice under one roof. Overall, the facility measures 138,000 square feet with each sheet of ice measuring 200x100.

The main ice arena, which has been named in honor of former SCSU president Brendan J. McDonald (an advocate for the Huskies' move to Division I in 1987-88), seats 5,371 spectators. The lower level seating throughout the main arena features seatbacks, and seatbacks were added to upper level seating on the north side of the building in 2000 and the south side in 2006. The remainder of the upper level seating is bench style.

The main arena has several VIP boxes on the east end of the rink. Two scoreboards with jumbo video replay screens are located on the east and west ends of the main arena. The wide concourse of the main arena features full concession stands, ATM, bathroom facilities, ticket office (with Ticketmaster) and in-game television monitors located throughout. On game nights, the campus bookstore sets up a souvenir stand that includes a full line of SCSU related merchandise.

Fans can also check out team photos from SCSU's Division I era, on the concourse level, along with a display of NHL jerseys from SCSU's pro alumni. Media providing coverage for National Hockey Center events are able to work in a spacious press box along the upper level of building's north side. The press box was remodeled in 2000, and it offers in-game statistic monitors and ample seating for newspaper, radio and television coverage. Press work rooms and interview areas are located on the lower level of the building. An elevator provides complete access to all levels of the facility.

The second sheet of ice is adjacent to the main area, and it can accommodate several hundred spectators. Two Zambonis maintain and groom the ice on both rinks.

On the lower level, one can find 11 locker rooms, two officials rooms, a fully equipped athletic training room, a weight lifting/fitness center, player lounges, a classroom, a facility manager's office, equipment rooms and office space for the SCSU coaches.

The Huskies' locker room is just steps from the main arena. This spacious facility offers players an outstanding place to prepare for games and practice. The main area of the locker room provides players with individual oak lockers and carpeting embossed with the St. Cloud State logo. A player lounge is connected to the main locker area, which includes a wide screen television and computer stations with high speed Internet connections. The NHC also offers wireless Internet access for SCSU's student-athletes. Players also have inside access to the main training room and the team's equipment area.

### **Nothing Beats Home Cooking!**

Since opening the National Hockey Center on Dec. 16, 1989, with a 5-4 win over Northern Michigan, the Huskies have made full use of their home ice advantage.

A total of more than 1,993,214 fans have packed themselves into the National Hockey Center since the doors opened.

In fact, SCSU owns a 229-122-36 all-time record in the National Hockey Center since 1989-90 — which translates to a .688 winning rate in the NHC. Over the last nine seasons, the Huskies own a 120-56-15 home ice record at the National Hockey Center.



*The NHC features a first-class locker facility for the Husky players and coaches.*





**Top 30 Games in Attendance at the NHC**

	<b>Fans</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Date</b>
1.	7,051	vs. Minnesota	Oct. 12, 1990
	7,051	vs. Minnesota	Jan. 17, 1997
	7,051	vs. Minnesota	Dec. 20, 1998
	7,051	vs. North Dakota	Jan. 24, 1998
	7,051	vs. Minnesota	Oct. 24, 1998
	7,051	vs. Minnesota	Dec. 10, 1999
	7,051	vs. Minnesota	March 4, 2000
8.	7,041	vs. North Dakota	Feb. 5, 2000
9.	6,945	vs. Minnesota	Jan. 11, 1991
10.	6,717	vs. Minnesota	Nov. 4, 1995
11.	6,708	vs. Minnesota	Feb. 17, 1996
12.	6,705	vs. Minnesota	Dec. 14, 1996
13.	6,685	vs. Minnesota	Nov. 17, 2000
	6,685	vs. Minnesota	Mar. 2, 2002
	6,685	vs. Minnesota	Dec. 1, 2001
	6,685	vs. Minnesota	March 3, 2001
	6,685	vs. Minnesota	Jan. 4, 2003
	6,685	vs. Minnesota	March 7, 2003
	6,685	vs. North Dakota	Jan. 3, 2004
	6,685	vs. North Dakota	Jan. 4, 2004
21.	6,656	vs. North Dakota	Nov. 3, 2001
22.	6,651	vs. North Dakota	Feb. 4, 2000
23.	6,625	vs. Minnesota	March 6, 1998
24.	6,622	vs. North Dakota	Nov. 9, 2002
25.	6,536	vs. North Dakota	Nov. 2, 2001
26.	6,587	vs. Minnesota	Feb. 19, 1999
27.	6,522	vs. Colorado College	Feb. 15, 2003
28.	6,514	vs. Minnesota	Feb. 29, 1992
29.	6,508	vs. Minnesota	Oct. 29, 2005
30.	6,479	vs. North Dakota	Nov. 8, 2002



NHC weight training facility (above) and Athletic Training Room





### National Hockey Center Milestones

- Dec. 16, 1989 — First Game Played at NHC. SCSU defeated Northern Michigan 5-4 before a crowd of 3,680.
- Oct. 12, 1990 — First WCHA Game Played at NHC. SCSU and Minnesota played to a 3-3 overtime tie before a crowd of 7,051.
- March 11, 1994 — First WCHA Playoff Game Played at NHC. SCSU defeated Minnesota-Duluth, 3-0 before a crowd of 2,792.
- 1995-96 Season — Husky Hockey ranked seventh overall among the nation's Division I schools in average home attendance.
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- 1998-99 Season — Husky Hockey ranked tenth overall among the nation's Division I schools in average home attendance.
- 1999-00 Season — Husky Hockey ranked ninth overall among the nation's Division I schools in average home attendance.
- 2000-01 Season — Renovation project in NHC adds seatbacks to upper level seating on north side of building. Press box is also enlarged and improved.
- 2001-02 Season — Team sets new average attendance record at 6,071 per game. SCSU ranks among NCAA's top 10 for attendance.
- 2002-03 Season — Team sets new average attendance record at 6,334 per game. SCSU again ranks among NCAA's top 10 for attendance.
- 2004-05 Season — New video display monitors and scoreboards are installed on the east and west ends of the National Hockey Center's main arena. SCSU ranks 10th in the nation for attendance among NCAA Division I men's hockey programs.
- 2005-06 Season — Huskies draw over 100,000 fans for 10th consecutive season at the NHC. SCSU ranks 7th among NCAA's attendance leaders.
- 2006-07 Season - Huskies win 200th game at NHC. SCSU ranks 8th among NCAA attendance leaders.
- 2007-08 Season - Huskies rank ninth among NCAA Division I teams for attendance at 5,872 fans per game at the NHC.
- 2008-09 Season - Huskies rank seventh in nation among NCAA Division I teams for attendance at 5,988 per game.

### Home Attendance Totals

Year	Total Attendance	Average
1987-88	32,000 (16 games)	2,000
1988-89	37,981 (20 games)	1,899
1989-90	68,860 (22 games)	3,130
1990-91	78,146 (20 games)	3,907
1991-92	69,618 (18 games)	3,867
1992-93	77,011 (18 games)	4,278 <sup>^</sup>
1993-94	85,324 (20 games)	4,266
1994-95	91,142 (20 games)	4,557
1995-96	85,084 (17 games)	5,004
1996-97	109,457 (20 games)	5,473
1997-98	128,641 (23 games)	5,593
1998-99	114,713 (20 games)	5,736
1999-00	123,504 (21 games)	5,881
2000-01	123,199 (21 games)	5,867
2001-02	121,413 (20 games)	6,071
2002-03	114,004 (18 games)	6,334
2003-04	105,198 (18 games)	5,844
2004-05	106,176 (18 games)	5,898
2005-06	109,975 (18 games)	6,110
2006-07	125,396 (21 games)	5,971
2007-08	117,430 (20 games)	5,872
2008-09	107,783 (18 games)	5,988

<sup>^</sup>includes game played at Target Center in Minneapolis

