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Four members of the National Collegiate Hockey Conference face off in two conference series this week while two more take part in tournament action. No. 4 Colorado College visits North Dakota while Nebraska Omaha hosts St. Cloud State in two WCHA series. No. 9/10 Denver hosts its annual Denver Cup tournament with a game against Miami in the second game of the weekend. The Pioneers will open with Princeton. In addition to Denver, the RedHawks will square off with Providence College in the opener. No. 12/13 Western Michigan, which played a rare Tuesday game against Notre Dame, and sixth-ranked Minnesota Duluth both have the weekend off.

LAST WEEK'S ACTION

Seven of the eight members of The National were in action last weekend with only Western Michigan idle. The only series pitting future NCHC members against one another was in Denver where the Pioneers beat Nebraska Omaha, 7-3, before tying the Mavericks 3-3 on Saturday.

In other action, Minnesota Duluth ran its unbeaten string to ten games (8-0-2), beating visiting Minnesota State 5-2 and 7-3. Miami is now unbeaten in six straight (4-0-2) following a 4-0 win and a 4-4 tie with Bowling Green. Colorado College picked up a home sweep of Wisconsin, winning 4-2 and 4-1 at Colorado Springs World Arena.

St. Cloud State split a home-and-home series with then No. 1 Minnesota, beating the Gophers, 4-3, on Friday at the National Hockey Center before losing 5-0 the following night at Mariucci Arena. North Dakota earned a road split at Bemidji State, beating the Beavers 5-2 on Friday before losing 1-0 on Saturday. Western Michigan played on Tuesday, Nov. 22, tying Notre Dame, 2-2, before winning a shootout, 2-0.

POLLING PLACES

Colorado College remains the top-ranked NCHC team in the national polls, coming in fourth in the USCHO.com and the *USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine* polls. Minnesota Duluth moved up to sixth in the rankings. Full results are on page six.

NCHC TEAM NOTES

COLORADO COLLEGE

Record: (7-2-0, 5-2-0 WCHA)

National Rank: 4

Recent Games:

Nov. 18 and 19: vs. Wisconsin - 4-2 W, 4-1 W

Upcoming Games:

Nov. 25 and 26: at North Dakota, 7:37 p.m./7:07 p.m.

- CC has lost only four times in its last 19 meetings with Wisconsin dating back to the 2006-07 season, going 14-4-1 against the Badgers during the stretch, including a current four-game winning streak in the rivalry. Head coach Scott Owens is 23-14-6 (.605) against UW during his 13 seasons at the helm.
- Senior center/team captain Nick Dineen, who scored the game-winning goal in both victories last weekend, became the fourth different Tiger to be credited with at least one so far in 2011-12.
- Colorado College has held its opponent scoreless on the power play in six of its nine outings overall, including last Saturday's when Wisconsin went 0-for-4 with the man advantage.
- After going 0-for-4 themselves in their season opener against Bemidji State, the Tigers now have struck for at least one PPG in eight consecutive games while building a 30.3-percent success ratio (12-for-43) during the streak. They were 1-for-5 both nights against UW last weekend.
- Twenty-four of the 28 players on CC's roster, including all three goaltenders, suited up for one or both games against the Badgers. Twenty-one different skaters, in addition to sophomore netminder Josh Thorimbert, saw action.
- The sweep marked the first time in Thorimbert's collegiate career that he has started both games of a series. With the two victories, during which he stopped 55 of 58 shots (.948) by Wisconsin, he improved his record this season to 3-1. He also collected his first assist as a Tiger on Dineen's GWG in the series opener.
- Sophomore left wing Jaden Schwartz has extended his point-scoring streak to 15 consecutive games dating back to last season.

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- First-period tallies by junior forward Scott Winkler and Dineen in the opening 2:20 of play last Saturday came just 61 seconds apart, and represents CC's quickest two goals of the campaign. The Tigers now have struck twice in less than two minutes on seven occasions in 2011-12. Six of those pairs have come within 65 seconds of each other.
- With a couple of assists in Saturday's victory, including one on Dineen's game-winning goal, senior defenseman/alternate captain Gabe Guentzel recorded the 18th multiple-point game of his collegiate career. He ranks fourth nationally among defensemen with 1.11 points per contest this season.
- Guentzel's three assists overall in last week's series – in addition to one each Mike Boivin, Joe Marciano and Eamonn McDermott in Friday's 4-2 victory – gave Colorado College's blue-line corps a combined 29 points (5g,24a) through nine games. That's just under 30 percent of the team's total of 98 (39g,59a).
- Boivin's 8 points (2g,6a) already this season matches his total in 31 appearances as a sophomore in 2010-11.
- Junior forward Scott Winkler's eight points (2g,6a) is just one shy of his production in 26 outings in '10-11.
- With a shorthanded goal in both games of last week's sweep, by sophomore wingers Dakota Eveland on Friday and Jeff Collett on Saturday, the Tigers doubled their SHG output for the season.
- Collett, who also picked up an assist both nights against the Badgers, turned in the first multiple-point performance of his CC career in the series finale. Collett was named the game's No. 1 star.

DENVER

Record: (5-3-3, 4-2-3 WCHA)

National Rank: 10/9

Recent Games:

Nov. 18 and 19: vs. Nebraska Omaha - 7-3 W, 3-3 T

Upcoming Games:

Nov. 25: vs. Princeton, 7:37 p.m./Nov. 26 vs. Miami, 7:07 p.m.

- Denver (5-3-3, 4-2-3 WCHA) hosts Princeton (2-6-1, 2-5-0 ECAC) and Miami (6-6-2, 4-4-2 CCHA) during the 20th annual Denver Cup Classic on Nov. 25-26. Providence (6-4-1, 4-3-0 HEA) joins the Pioneers, Tigers and RedHawks in the four-team field.
- The Pioneers have won 15 of 19 Denver Cup titles, including the past two and nine of the last 11. The Pioneers sports a 30-6-2 mark in the Denver Cup, while Miami is 3-1 with a title in 1997. Princeton makes its third appearance in the Denver Cup and is 2-2, while Providence makes its second appearance and is 1-1.
- The Pioneers are unbeaten at 2-0-1 in their last three games and are tied for fourth in the WCHA with 11 points.
- DU is 4-3 all-time against Miami, including a pair of wins in the Denver Cup. The Pioneers are 2-2 all-time against Princeton, including a 4-1 loss to the Tigers in the Denver Cup on Dec. 30, 2005.
- Drew Shore (Denver, Colo.) leads Denver in scoring with 16 points (5g, 11a), while Jason Zucker (Las Vegas) is second with 15 points (6g, 9a).
- Shore is sixth in the nation with 1.45 points per game and Zucker is tied for 12th at 1.36 ppg.
- Beau Bennett (Gardena, Calif.) has nine points (2g, 7a) during his five-game point streak.
- Freshman Joey LaLeggia (Burnaby, British Columbia) is tied for first among NCAA defensemen with five goals and leads WCHA rookie blueliners in goals, assists (5) and points (10).
- Adam Murray (5-2-1, 3.40 GAA, .902 Sv%) and Juho Olkinuora (0-1-2, 2.11 GAA, .918 Sv%) have shared the goaltending duties. Murray left last Saturday's tie with a lower-body injury in the first period and did not return.
- DU is clicking at 18.4 percent (9-for-49) on the power play and 79.3 percent (46-for-58) on the penalty kill.
- DU head coach George Gwozdecky, who has a career record of 553-366-79, will coach his 1,000th career game on Nov. 26 vs. Miami.
- DU returns to WCHA action at Colorado College on Dec. 2. Puck drop is set for 8:07 p.m. MT and the game will be televised live on CBS Sports Network.

MIAMI

Record: (6-6-2, 4-4-2-1 CCHA)

National Rank: Receiving Votes/NR

Recent Games:

Nov. 18 and 19: vs. Bowling Green - 4-0 W, 4-4 T

Upcoming Games:

Nov. 25: vs. Providence, 4:37 p.m./Nov. 26: at Denver, 7:07 p.m.

- Miami beat and tied Bowling Green over the weekend to extend its unbeaten streak to a season-long six games (4-0-2). The win Friday was Miami's 12 straight over Bowling Green and 17th win in the last 18 meetings. The tie Saturday then made it a 13-game unbeaten streak against the Falcons.
- Miami improved to .500 (6-6-2) over the weekend for the first time since Oct. 15 when a loss at Colgate made the RedHawks 2-2. The 'Hawks are also now 4-4-2 in the CCHA, the first time Miami has been at .500 all season in league play.

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- Senior goalie Cody Reichard recorded his 11th career shutout Friday, which was Miami's first of the season. He now ranks second in school history in career shutouts and is just one shy of tying David Burleigh ('03) for the school record at 12. Reichard also has started each of the last six games for Miami, the first time a goalie has done that for the 'Hawks since Jeff Zatkoff did so in the 2007-08 season.
- The 4-0 win Friday marked Miami's first game this season (in 13 games) that was not decided by two goals or less, which was the longest stretch to start a season with such close margins of victory in program history. Miami is 5-2 in one-goal games but 0-4 in two-goal games along with two ties.
- Miami scored four goals both nights, matching its season high. The RedHawks also had four goals Oct. 14 at Colgate in a 4-3 win.
- Miami went 4-for-4 on the penalty kill Friday and killed its first penalty Saturday to run its consecutive penalty kill streak to 27 until BGSU scored a man up in the first period. The streak dated back to Oct. 28 and included seven games.
- Freshman Blake Coleman scored two goals Friday for his first career multi-goal and multi-point game. He scored Miami's first and last goals in the 4-0 win, including his first career game-winning goal. He entered the game with just one goal in his career.
- Miami steps out of CCHA play to participate in the Denver Cup in Colorado this weekend. The RedHawks play Providence Friday before taking on nationally-ranked Denver Saturday. The game with Providence will be Miami's first and only regular-season neutral site game of the year.
- The RedHawks are 3-4-0 all-time against the Pioneers. The two teams last met in 2008-09 when Miami beat DU, 4-2, in the first round of the NCAA Tournament on March 27, 2009. Miami is 1-3 all-time at DU with the lone win coming Dec. 27, 1997. The 'Hawks have also won each of the last two meetings with the Pioneers.
- Miami is 2-3-0 all-time against the Friars, last meeting Oct. 20, 2000, a 5-0 Providence win. The sides have never met on neutral ice, however.
- Saturday's game against Denver will feature head coaches who have each coached at the other institution. DU head coach George Gwozdecky coached Miami from 1989-94 as he led the RedHawks to their first NCAA Tournament appearance in school history in 1993. Miami head coach Enrico Blasi was an assistant under Gwozdecky at Denver for four years prior to taking over at his alma mater. Gwozdecky also coached Blasi at Miami from 1990-94.

MINNESOTA DULUTH

Record: (9-3-2, 7-2-1 WCHA)

National Rank: 6

Recent Games:

Nov. 18 and 19: vs. Minnesota State - 5-2 W, 7-3 W

Upcoming Games:

Nov. 25 and 26: Idle

- UMD, the owners of the longest unbeaten streak in all of college hockey at the moment, will have the Thanksgiving weekend off before returning to the ice on Dec. 2-3 for a two-game set at Michigan Tech University.
- The defending NCAA champion Bulldogs posted their third consecutive home sweep last weekend by turning back Minnesota State University-Mankato 5-2 on Friday and 7-3 the following night. UMD got points from 15 different players in the series, including sophomore right winger J.T. Brown, who scored twice and added three assists. The seven goals the Bulldogs racked up in Saturday's rematch were a 2011-12 single-game high.
- The Bulldogs are 7-3-0 at AMSOIL Arena this season and have won six straight games at the downtown facility. UMD won't be back home for another nine weeks until it host Alabama-Huntsville on Jan. 20-12.
- UMD, which sports the second longest unbeaten in the nation at the moment, will make its final home appearances of 2011 this Friday and Saturday night by hosting Minnesota State University-Mankato. The two clubs traded wins in their lone two meetings one year ago (Feb. 18-19 in Mankato) and have not collided in Duluth since Oct. 16-17, 2009. The Bulldogs are unbeaten in their last six home confrontations with the Mavericks (5-0-1) since being swept by them on Jan. 27-28, 2006.
- During their 10-game unbeaten streak, the Bulldogs have outscored the opposition 41-15.
- Two-time All-American senior center Jack Connolly was credited with two goals and two assists on the weekend against MSU and will head into the bye week toting a personal-best 12 game scoring streak. He currently shares the WCHA scoring lead with 21 points (eight goals and 13 assists) and paces all league skaters in power play points with 14.
- Senior goaltender Kenny Reiter, who has made 13 consecutive starts, picked up both wins in the two-game sweep of MSU. In his last 10 appearances, Reiter is 8-0-2 with a 1.48 goals against, a .947 saves percentage and three shutouts.
- UMD currently sports the highest-scoring senior class in the NCAA. The seven Bulldogs in the group, including goaltender Kenny Reiter (one assist) and left winger Cody Danberg, who suffered a season-ending knee injury on the opening night of play last month, have combined to produce 25 goals and 46 assists for 71 points -- 25 points more than their nearest competitors Clarkson University.
- Senior center Travis Oleksuk, who has pieced together two different five-game scoring streaks already this season (the last of which was terminated by MSU Saturday night) ranks second in the WCHA in goals with 12 -- two shy of his career best which he set last winter.
- The Bulldogs have outshot the opposition in all but one game thus far (at Denver on Nov. 6) and hold a 498-382 advantage in that department. •

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- UMD's 35.6 shots per game average is the fifth best figure in the NCAA at the moment.
- UMD has gotten more scoring production out of its defensemen (42 points) than all but one blueline crew in the entire country (the University of Michigan with 45 points).
- Left wing Caleb Herbert, who collected three goals (including a pair Friday night) and one assist last weekend, has moved into second place in the WCHA rookie scoring race with 14 points.
- Senior Scott Kishel, the fourth top point getter among WCHA defensemen (one goal and 11 assists) will take a career high six-game scoring streak into the Michigan Tech series in two weeks. Kishel skated in just seven games last winter (he was a healthy scratch in the other 35 outings) and had just one point to show for it.

NEBRASKA OMAHA

Record: (6-6-2, 5-3-2 WCHA)

National Rank: 19/NR

Recent Games:

Nov. 18 and 19: at Denver - 7-3 L, 3-3 T

Upcoming Games:

Nov. 26 and 27: vs. St. Cloud State, 7:07 p.m./2:07 p.m.

- UNO lost to Denver 7-3 and then tied the Pioneers, 3-3, in action last week in Denver. Saturday's tie marked the first time the Mavericks had not lost in eight games at DU. The Mavericks are 0-7-1 all-time in the Mile High City.
- Four different players had two points each during the weekend series. Freshman Josh Archibald, last week's WCHA Rookie of the Week, led all players with two goals and a +3 rating.
- Freshman goaltender Dayn Belfour got his first collegiate start in Saturday's 3-3 tie. He made 26 saves and allowed three goals.
- Terry Broadhurst and Matt White are in a four-way tie for fifth in WCHA scoring with 18 points each. Broadhurst leads the Mavericks with 12 goals, which ties him with Minnesota Duluth's Travis Oleksuk for second overall in the WCHA in goals, while White leads UNO with 13 assists.
- Broadhurst is tied with Oleksuk for fourth nationally in goals per game at 0.86. He has reached a dozen goals faster than any player in UNO history.
- Freshman Jayson Megna leads all of UNO's first-year players with 13 points. He had a goal and an assist last weekend at Denver. He ranks third in rookie scoring in the WCHA.
- Archibald is fourth in the WCHA in freshman scoring with 11 points and his seven goals rank second among all WCHA freshman.
- With two assists last weekend, sophomore defenseman Andrej Sustr has already surpassed his rookie point total in just 14 games. Sustr has three goals and seven assists for 10 points, one more than he registered in 39 games last year. He leads all UNO defensemen in scoring and is in a three-way tie for sixth in WCHA defenseman scoring for all games played.
- Junior forward Brent Gwidt tied his career mark for points in a season with an assist on Friday. He now has six points in 14 games, the same point total he had in 39 games last year.
- UNO had its string of 40-shot games snapped at three during their weekend series at Denver. Still, the Mavericks managed to outshoot the Pioneers in both games. They have outshot opponents in all but one of 14 games this season and have registered 40 or more shots in six of 14 games. They have failed to register at least 30 shots on goal just twice this year.
- The Mavericks scored a powerplay goal in each game at Denver and have now earned at least one man-advantage marker in seven of their last eight games (12/40, 30 percent). They have scored a powerplay goal in four straight (4/17, 23.5 percent).
- The Mavericks return home to host St. Cloud State on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 26 and 27.
- UNO trails the all-time series with the Huskies 3-4-1 but went 3-0-1 vs. SCSU last season including two 3-0 shutouts. The Mavericks won 3-0 and 4-3 in a pair of meetings in Omaha in February of last season.

NORTH DAKOTA

Record: (4-7-1, 2-6-0 WCHA)

National Rank: NR

Recent Games:

Nov. 19 and 20: at Bemidji State - 5-2 W, 1-0 L

Upcoming Games:

Nov. 25 and 26: vs. Colorado College, 7:37 p.m./7:07 p.m.

- North Dakota (4-7-1, 2-6-0 WCHA) returns home to host Colorado College (7-2-0, 5-2-0 WCHA) on Friday and Saturday in the annual Subway Holiday Classic at Ralph Engelstad Arena.
- CC enters the week in sixth place in the WCHA with 10 points, while UND is tied with Minnesota State for 10th place with four points.
- UND leads the all-time series with the Tigers by a 135-76-10 (.633) margin after winning two of three last year.
- Last year's season series included a regular season split in Colorado Springs, and a 4-3 Sioux victory in the Red Baron WCHA Final Five semifinal. UND is 80-19-6 (.790) all-time against CC in Grand Forks.

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- The Sioux are 11-5-2 (.667) at the Subway Holiday Classic, which began in 2002-03, after claiming a win and a tie versus Notre Dame last season.
- This year's SHC will mark the first time UND has faced a WCHA opponent.
- The Sioux have faced a non-conference opponent in a two-game series in five of the previous eight SHC's. The other three tournaments featured four-team 'classic' formats.
- The Sioux are coming off of a WCHA split at Bemidji State, winning 5-2 on Saturday and losing 1-0 on Sunday.
- Senior captain Mario Lamoureux broke a 2-2 tie with 4:38 left in the third period of last Saturday's win, a game-winning goal that was significant for several reasons. First, it was Lamoureux's first goal of the season. Second, UND improved to 13-0-0 all-time when Lamoureux scores a goal. Third, it was the 10,000th goal in the history of UND men's hockey history, which dates back to the 1946-47 season.
- Sophomore forward Brock Nelson scored twice in the final 1:30 of last Saturday's game (netting a PPG and an ENG), and now has a team-leading seven goals in 12 games.
- Freshman Brendan O'Donnell, who returned to the lineup Saturday after a six-game injury absence, scored his first collegiate goal in his first game back.
- BSU's win on Sunday was the first over UND during the Beavers' Division I era, and its first win against the Sioux since 1970. It was also UND's first loss in Bemidji (8-1-1).
- Junior goalie Aaron Dell, who stopped 46 of 49 shots at BSU, has a 1.82 goals-against average and a .938 save percentage in his last five starts. He had opened the season with a 3.88 GAA and an .823 SV% in his first six games (five starts).
- UND's penalty-killing units have killed 25 of the last 27 opponent power-plays dating back to the Oct. 22 game at Wisconsin.
- One of the two goals allowed came during a full 2:00-minute 5-on-3 power-play this past Sunday at BSU.
- The Sioux rank second in the WCHA in penalty-killing (league games) at 85.4%, and third in overall games at 82.4%.
- After going without a point through the season's first nine games, sophomore defenseman Dillon Simpson has three assists in his last three games. Two of those came in Saturday's win at BSU.

ST. CLOUD STATE

Record: (6-6-2, 4-3-1 WCHA)

National Rank: Receiving Votes/NR

Recent Games:

Nov. 18 and 19: vs. Minnesota 4-3 W, 5-0 L

Upcoming Games:

Nov. 26 and 27: at Nebraska Omaha, 7:07 p.m./2:07 p.m.

- The St. Cloud State men's hockey team split a weekend series against #1 Minnesota on Nov. 18-19. The Huskies opened the weekend at home with a big 4-3 win before a capacity house at the National Hockey Center in St. Cloud on Nov. 18. SCSU completed the weekend on Nov. 19 with a 5-0 setback against the Gophers at Mariucci Arena in Minneapolis.
- Junior forwards Ben Hanowski and David Eddy both had three-point performances for the Huskies in their win over #1 Minnesota on Nov. 18. Hanowski tallied SCSU's first goal of the game at 3:52 of the first period and also had assists on Cam Reid's power play marker in the first period and Jared Festler's game winner in the second period.
- Eddy had three helpers in the game, which marked his first career playmaker at SCSU. Eddy's assisted on Hanowski goal and also had assists on Nic Dowd's second period goal and the Festler game winner.
- Hanowski now leads the Huskies this season with 8 goals and 16 points, while Reid (4g/8a), Festler (7g/5a) and Drew LeBlanc (2g/10a) all rank second on the team with 12 points apiece.
- Freshman goalie Ryan Faragher earned the number one star of the game on Nov. 18 with a 40 save effort in the 4-3 win over #1 Minnesota. This was his second best effort of the season with his 40 saves against the Gophers. Faragher's top effort this season was 44 saves in a 4-0 win at North Dakota. Faragher's efforts were key on Nov. 18, as the Gophers outshot the Huskies 43-18 in the game.
- The 5-0 loss at UM marked the Huskies' first shutout loss of the season. The last time the Huskies suffered a shutout was a 3-0 setback on Feb. 4, 2011 at Nebraska Omaha.
- On the topic of Nebraska Omaha, the Huskies will travel to Omaha on Nov. 26 and Nov. 27 for a pair of game against the Mavericks. SCSU is 4-3-1 in the all-time series against UNO and the Huskies are 0-3-1 against the Mavs since they joined the WCHA last year.
- Last year in Omaha, the Huskies lost 3-0 and 4-3 on Feb. 4-5, 2011.
- At the NHC in 2010-11, the Huskies lost 3-0 on Nov. 12, 2010 and then rebounded with a 4-4 tie on Nov. 13, 2010.
- This will mark the lone regular season meeting against UNO and SCSU.
- SCSU played four games against UNO back in 1998 and 1999, prior to UNO move to the WCHA. All of the games were played in St. Cloud, with the Huskies winning all four of those games during the 1997-98 and 1998-99 seasons.
- SCSU owns a 1-3-0 record in games played at the Century Link Center in Omaha. Last year, SCSU opened its season with a win over RIT and a loss

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to Clarkson at UNO's Mutual of Omaha tournament.

- The Huskies will return home on Dec. 2-3 for a pair of home games against Bemidji State.

WESTERN MICHIGAN

Record: (6-4-4, 4-4-2-2 CCHA)

National Rank: 12/13

Recent Games:

Nov. 22: vs. Notre Dame, 2-2 T

Upcoming Games:

Nov. 25 and 26: Idle

- The Broncos are coming off their second Tuesday night face off of the year, tying Notre Dame 2-2 at Lawson Arena and winning the shootout, 2-0. They also played the Irish on Nov. 15, losing 3-2 in South Bend.
- The Broncos have scored two goals in each of their last five games, losing the first four before last night's tie. Western Michigan is winless (0-4-3) when they tally only twice in a game this season.
- Before last night, the Broncos hadn't played since Tuesday, Nov. 15, a 3-2 loss at Notre Dame. It was the first time this season that Western Michigan lost after scoring first. WMU is 5-1-2 this season when tallying before their opponents.
- During WMU's five-game winless streak (0-4-1), they have outshot their opponent in all but one game (11/22/11 vs. Notre Dame). Western Michigan is 5-4-1 when outshooting an opponent but 1-0-3 when being outshot.
- In their first game against Notre Dame, JR F Dane Walters moved to a line with SR F Ian Slater and JR F Trevor Elias, breaking up the SO F Shane Berschbach, SO F Chase Balisy, Walters line that had accounted for 48 percent of the team's points. The three were paired up for the first time last season in WMU's 18th game of the year against Lake Superior State. From then on the trio combined for a scoring line of 21-21-42. After the change each line produced a goal as Slater and Berschbach scored against the Irish on Nov. 15.

NATIONAL RANKINGS

USCHO.com Poll

(As of 11/21/11)

Team	1st		
	Place	Votes	Pts.
1. Merrimack	(27)	967	2
2. Notre Dame	(10)	932	4
3. Minnesota	(11)	914	1
4. Colorado College	(1)	842	5
5. Boston College	(1)	789	3
6. Minnesota Duluth		744	8
7. Ferris State		647	6
8. Yale		629	9
9. Ohio State		562	14
10. Denver		549	11
11. Michigan		481	7
12. Western Michigan		410	10
13. Lake Superior Union		389	12
14. Union		389	13
15. Boston University		311	16
16. Colgate		266	17
17. Cornell		249	18
18. Michigan Tech		186	15
19. UNO		69	19
20. Michigan State		48	NR

(#) - First place votes

Receiving votes: Miami (43), St. Cloud State (18), Northern Michigan (17), Massachusetts-Lowell (15), Clarkson (10), New Hampshire (9), Providence (9), RIT (4), Air Force (2).

USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine Poll

(As of 11/21/11)

Team	1st		
	Place	Votes	Pts.
1. Merrimack	(20)	492	2
2. Minnesota	(12)	461	1
3. Notre Dame	(2)	455	4
4. Colorado College		410	5
5. Boston College		363	3
6. Minnesota Duluth		328	8
7. Ferris State		274	6
8. Yale		269	9
9. Denver		202	11
10. Ohio State		192	T-14
11. Michigan		139	7
12. Union		133	12
13. Western Michigan		125	10
14. Lake Superior State		69	13
15. Colgate		61	NR

(#) - First place votes

Receiving votes: Boston University (54), Cornell (48), Michigan Tech (5).

2011-12 COMPOSITE SCHEDULE - NATIONAL COLLEGIATE HOCKEY CONFERENCE MEMBERS

	TV	Time		TV	Time
Saturday, Oct. 1			Thursday, Oct. 27		
Univ. of Toronto 2 @ Western Michigan 7 (Exh.)		7:05 p.m. ET	Lake Superior State 3 @ Miami 2 OT	ONN	7:35 p.m. ET
Univ. of Regina 1 @ North Dakota 8 (Exh.)	FSSN/FCS	7:07 p.m. CT	Friday, Oct. 28		
Univ. of British Columbia 1 @ Nebraska Omaha 4 (Exh.)		7:07 p.m. CT	Colorado College 4 @ Rensselaer 1		7 p.m. ET
McGill Univ. 2 @ Denver 2 OT (Exh.)		7:07 p.m. MT	Northern Michigan 2 @ Western Michigan 4		7:05 p.m. ET
Sunday, Oct. 2			Denver 2 @ Michigan Tech 7		7:07 p.m. ET
Windsor 1 @ Miami 4 (Exh.)		3 p.m. ET	Lake Superior State 5 @ Miami 3		7:35 p.m. ET
Lakehead Univ. 1 @ Minnesota Duluth 5 (Exh.)		6:07 p.m. CT	Nebraska Omaha 5 @ Wisconsin 4	FSNWis.	7:07 p.m. CT
McGill Univ. 2 @ Colorado College 3 (Exh.)		6:07 p.m. MT	Bemidji State 2 @ Minnesota Duluth 6	My9-TV	7:07 p.m. CT
Friday, Oct. 7			St. Cloud State 4 @ North Dakota 0	FSSN/FCS	7:37 p.m. CT
Alabama Huntsville 1 @ Western Michigan 7		7:05 p.m. ET	Saturday, Oct. 29		
Bemidji State 5 @ Miami 3		7:35 p.m. ET	Colorado College 4 @ Rensselaer 1		7 p.m. ET
Notre Dame 3 @ Minnesota Duluth 4	My9-TV	7:07 p.m. CT	Northern Michigan 2 @ Western Michigan 3 OT		7:05 p.m. ET
<i>Ice Breaker Tournament @ Ralph Engelstad Arena, Grand Forks, N.D.</i>			Denver 2 @ Michigan Tech 2		7:07 p.m. ET
Air Force 3 vs North Dakota 4	FSSN/FCS	7:37 p.m. CT	Nebraska Omaha 3 @ Wisconsin 6	FSWis./NET	7:07 p.m. CT
<i>Mutual of Omaha Stampede @ CenturyLink Center Omaha, Omaha, Neb.</i>			Bemidji State 0 @ Minnesota Duluth 1	My9-TV	7:07 p.m. CT
Mercyhurst 1 vs Nebraska Omaha 5		7:37 p.m. CT	St. Cloud State 1 @ North Dakota 3	FSSN/FCS	7:07 p.m. CT
<i>Kendall Hockey Classic @ Sullivan Arena, Anchorage, Alaska</i>			Friday, Nov. 4		
St. Cloud State 4 vs. Alaska 1		5:07 p.m. AT	Western Michigan 3 @ Michigan 2	FSND	7:35 p.m. ET
U.S. Under-18 Team 0 @ Denver 3 (Exh.)		7:37 p.m. MT	North Dakota 0 @ Minnesota 2		7:07 p.m. CT
Saturday, Oct. 8			Colorado College 5 @ Nebraska Omaha 7		7:37 p.m. CT
Alabama Huntsville 0 @ Western Michigan 4		7:05 p.m. ET	Wisconsin 2 @ St. Cloud State 7	Charter	7:37 p.m. CT
Bemidji State 2 @ Miami 3	ONN	7:05 p.m. ET	Minnesota Duluth 3 @ Denver 3	ROOT	7:37 p.m. MT
Notre Dame 5 @ Minnesota Duluth 3	My9-TV	7:07 p.m. CT	Miami 2 @ Alaska 1		7:05 p.m. AT
<i>Mutual of Omaha Stampede @ CenturyLink Center Omaha, Omaha, Neb.</i>			Saturday, Nov. 5		
Colgate 4 vs Nebraska Omaha 3		7:07 p.m. CT	Western Michigan 2 @ Michigan 5	Comcast	7:35 p.m. ET
<i>Ice Breaker Tournament @ Ralph Engelstad Arena, Grand Forks, N.D.</i>			North Dakota 2 @ Minnesota 3		7:07 p.m. CT
Boston College 6 vs North Dakota 2	FSSN/FCS	7:37 p.m. CT	Colorado College 5 @ Nebraska Omaha 2		7:07 p.m. CT
<i>Kendall Hockey Classic @ Sullivan Arena, Anchorage, Alaska</i>			Wisconsin 3 @ St. Cloud State 3	Charter	7:07 p.m. CT
St. Cloud State 3 @ Alaska Anchorage 4 OT		7:07 p.m. AT	Minnesota Duluth 4 @ Denver 0		7:07 p.m. MT
U.S. Under-18 Team 0 @ Colorado College 5 (Exh.)		7:07 p.m. MT	Miami 2 @ Alaska 1		7:05 p.m. AT
Friday, Oct. 14			Friday, Nov. 11		
Western Michigan 2 @ Union 2		7:05 p.m. ET	Michigan State 3 @ Western Michigan 2		7:05 p.m. ET
Miami 4 @ Colgate 3		7 p.m. ET	Michigan 1 @ Miami 2	ONN	7:35 p.m. ET
Denver 4 @ Boston College 2		7:05 p.m. ET	Alaska Anchorage 0 @ Minnesota Duluth 5	My9-TV	7:07 p.m. CT
St. Cloud State 2 @ Northern Michigan 5		7:30 p.m. ET	Nebraska Omaha 3 @ Bemidji State 3		7:37 p.m. CT
Minnesota 5 @ Minnesota Duluth 4 OT	My9-TV	7:07 p.m. CT	St. Cloud State 2 @ Minnesota State 4		7:37 p.m. CT
Maine 1 @ North Dakota 3		7:37 p.m. CT	Saturday, Nov. 12		
Bemidji State 1 @ Colorado College 3		7:37 p.m. MT	Michigan 3 @ Miami 3 (Miami 1-0 SOW)	ONN	7:05 p.m. ET
<i>Alaska Goal Rush @ Carlson Center, Fairbanks, Alaska</i>			Michigan State 4 @ Western Michigan 2	Comcast	7:05 p.m. ET
Nebraska Omaha 0 vs Alaska Anchorage 3		5:05 p.m. AT	Alaska Anchorage 1 @ Minnesota Duluth 3	My9-TV	7:07 p.m. CT
Saturday, Oct. 15			Nebraska Omaha 5 @ Bemidji State 1		7:07 p.m. CT
Western Michigan 3 @ Union 3		7:05 p.m. ET	St. Cloud State 3 @ Minnesota State 2		7:07 p.m. CT
Miami 2 @ Colgate 3 OT		7 p.m. ET	Colorado College 4 @ Denver 5		7:07 p.m. MT
Denver 3 @ Boston University 4		7:05 p.m. ET	Tuesday, Nov. 15		
St. Cloud State 2 @ Northern Michigan 3		7:30 p.m. ET	Western Michigan 2 @ Notre Dame 3	Comcast	7:05 p.m. ET
Minnesota 5 @ Minnesota Duluth 4	My9-TV	7:07 p.m. CT	Friday, Nov. 18		
Maine 3 @ North Dakota 3		7:07 p.m. CT	Bowling Green 0 @ Miami 4		7:35 p.m. ET
Bemidji State 4 @ Colorado College 6		7:07 p.m. MT	Minnesota State 2 @ Minnesota Duluth 5	My9-TV	7:37 p.m. CT
<i>Alaska Goal Rush @ Carlson Center, Fairbanks, Alaska</i>			Minnesota 3 @ St. Cloud State 4	Charter	7:37 p.m. CT
Nebraska Omaha 1 vs Alaska Fairbanks 4		7:05 p.m. AT	Nebraska Omaha 3 @ Denver 7	ROOT	7:37 p.m. MT
Friday, Oct. 21			Wisconsin 2 @ Colorado College 4		7:37 p.m. MT
Miami 2 @ Ferris State 4		7:05 p.m. ET	Saturday, Nov. 19		
Minnesota Duluth 5 @ Providence College 2		7:05 p.m. ET	Bowling Green 4 @ Miami 4	ONN	7:05 p.m. ET
North Dakota 3 @ Wisconsin 5		7:07 p.m. CT	Minnesota State 3 @ Minnesota Duluth 7	My9-TV	7:07 p.m. CT
Alaska Anchorage 1 @ Nebraska Omaha 4		7:37 p.m. CT	North Dakota 5 @ Bemidji State 2		7:07 p.m. CT
New Hampshire 5 @ St. Cloud State 7	Charter	7:37 p.m. CT	St. Cloud State 0 @ Minnesota 5		7:07 p.m. CT
Minnesota State 2 @ Denver 4		7:37 p.m. MT	Nebraska Omaha 3 @ Denver 3		7:07 p.m. MT
Western Michigan 4 @ Alaska 1		7:05 p.m. AT	Wisconsin 1 @ Colorado College 4		7:07 p.m. MT
Saturday, Oct. 22			Sunday, Nov. 20		
Miami 0 @ Ferris State 2		7:05 p.m. ET	North Dakota 0 @ Bemidji State 1		5:07 p.m. CT
Minnesota Duluth 2 @ Providence College 2		7:05 p.m. ET	Tuesday, Nov. 22		
North Dakota 4 @ Wisconsin 5		7:07 p.m. CT	Notre Dame 2 @ Western Michigan 2	Comcast	7:05 p.m. ET
Alaska Anchorage 1 @ Nebraska Omaha 3		7:07 p.m. CT	Friday, Nov. 25		
New Hampshire 3 @ St. Cloud State 3	Charter	7:07 p.m. CT	Colorado College @ North Dakota	FSSN/FCS	7:37 p.m. CT
Minnesota State 2 @ Denver 10		7:07 p.m. MT			
Western Michigan 2 @ Alaska 2		7:05 p.m. AT			

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Friday, Nov. 25	TV	Time	Friday, Jan. 6	TV	Time
<i>Denver Cup Classic @ Magness Arena, Denver, Colo.</i>			Cornell @ Colorado College		7:37 p.m. MT
Miami vs Providence		4:37 p.m. MT	Saturday, Jan. 7		
Princeton vs Denver	ROOT	7:37 p.m. MT	Miami @ Michigan State		7:05 p.m. ET
Saturday, Nov. 26			Minnesota Duluth @ Western Michigan		7:05 p.m. ET
Colorado College @ North Dakota	FSSN/FCS	7:07 p.m. CT	Clarkson vs North Dakota @ MTS Centre, Winnipeg, MB		7:07 p.m. CT
St. Cloud State @ Nebraska Omaha		7:07 p.m. CT	Alabama-Huntsville @ Denver		7:07 p.m. MT
<i>Denver Cup Classic @ Magness Arena, Denver, Colo.</i>			Cornell @ Colorado College		7:07 p.m. MT
Miami vs Denver		7:07 p.m. MT	Friday, Jan. 13		
Sunday, Nov. 27			Western Michigan @ Notre Dame	CBSSN	7:05 p.m. ET
St. Cloud State @ Nebraska Omaha		2:07 p.m. CT	Miami @ Lake Superior State		7:35 p.m. ET
Friday, Dec. 2			Minnesota @ North Dakota	FSSN/FCS	7:37 p.m. CT
Western Michigan @ Ferris State		7:05 p.m. ET	Minnesota Duluth @ Nebraska Omaha	Versus	7:37 p.m. CT
Minnesota Duluth @ Michigan Tech		7:07 p.m. ET	Bemidji State @ Denver	ROOT	7:37 p.m. MT
Miami @ Northern Michigan		7:30 p.m. ET	St. Cloud State @ Colorado College		7:37 p.m. MT
Nebraska Omaha vs Alabama-Huntsville @ Bridgestone Arena, Nashville, Tenn.		7 p.m. CT	Saturday, Jan. 14		
Bemidji State @ St. Cloud State	Charter	7:37 p.m. CT	Miami @ Lake Superior State		7:05 p.m. ET
Denver @ Colorado College	CBSSN	8:07 p.m. MT	Notre Dame @ Western Michigan		7:05 p.m. ET
North Dakota @ Alaska Anchorage		7:07 p.m. AT	Minnesota @ North Dakota	FSSN/FCS	7:07 p.m. CT
Saturday, Dec. 3			Minnesota Duluth @ Nebraska Omaha		7:07 p.m. CT
Nebraska Omaha vs Alabama-Huntsville @ Bridgestone Arena, Nashville, Tenn.		1 p.m. CT	Bemidji State @ Denver		7:07 p.m. MT
Ferris State @ Western Michigan		7:05 p.m. ET	St. Cloud State @ Colorado College		7:07 p.m. MT
Miami @ Northern Michigan		7:30 p.m. ET	Friday, Jan. 20		
Minnesota Duluth @ Michigan Tech		7:07 p.m. ET	Western Michigan @ Miami	ONN	7:35 p.m. ET
Bemidji State @ St. Cloud State	Charter	7:07 p.m. CT	Colorado College @ Minnesota	FSNN	7:07 p.m. CT
North Dakota @ Alaska Anchorage		7:07 p.m. AT	Alabama-Huntsville @ Minnesota Duluth	My9-TV	7:07 p.m. CT
Friday, Dec. 9			North Dakota @ St. Cloud State	Charter	7:37 p.m. CT
Miami @ Ohio State		7:05 p.m. ET	Nebraska Omaha @ Minnesota State		7:37 p.m. CT
Western Michigan @ Bowling Green		7:05 p.m. ET	Saturday, Jan. 21		
Minnesota Duluth @ Wisconsin		7:07 p.m. CT	Western Michigan @ Miami	ONN	7:05 p.m. ET
Denver @ Bemidji State		7:37 p.m. CT	Colorado College @ Minnesota	FSNN	5:07 p.m. CT
Nebraska Omaha @ North Dakota	FSSN/FCS	7:37 p.m. CT	North Dakota @ St. Cloud State	Charter	7:07 p.m. CT
Alaska Anchorage @ Colorado College		7:37 p.m. MT	Nebraska Omaha @ Minnesota State		7:07 p.m. CT
Saturday, Dec. 10			Alabama-Huntsville @ Minnesota Duluth	My9-TV	7:07 p.m. CT
Ohio State @ Miami	ONN	7:05 p.m. ET	Friday, Jan. 27		
Bowling Green @ Western Michigan		7:05 p.m. ET	Bowling Green @ Western Michigan		7:05 p.m. ET
Minnesota Duluth @ Wisconsin		7:07 p.m. CT	Northern Michigan @ Miami	ONN	7:35 p.m. ET
Denver @ Bemidji State		7:07 p.m. CT	Michigan Tech @ Minnesota Duluth	My9-TV	7:07 p.m. CT
Nebraska Omaha @ North Dakota	FSSN/FCS	7:07 p.m. CT	St. Cloud State @ Minnesota		7:07 p.m. CT
Alaska Anchorage @ Colorado College		7:07 p.m. MT	Wisconsin @ North Dakota	FSSN/FCS	7:37 p.m. CT
Friday, Dec. 16			Denver @ Alaska Anchorage		7:07 p.m. AT
Denver @ St. Cloud State	Charter	7:07 p.m. CT	Saturday, Jan. 28		
Colorado College @ Minnesota State		7:37 p.m. CT	Northern Michigan @ Miami	ONN	7:05 p.m. ET
Saturday, Dec. 17			Western Michigan @ Bowling Green		7:05 p.m. ET
Denver @ St. Cloud State	Charter	7:07 p.m. CT	Michigan Tech @ Minnesota Duluth	My9-TV	7:07 p.m. CT
Colorado College @ Minnesota State		7:07 p.m. CT	Wisconsin @ North Dakota	FSSN/FCS	7:07 p.m. CT
Russian Red Stars @ North Dakota (Exh.)	FSSN/FCS	7:07 p.m. CT	Minnesota @ St. Cloud State	Charter	7:07 p.m. CT
Thursday, Dec. 29			Denver @ Alaska Anchorage		7:07 p.m. AT
Western Michigan @ St. Cloud State	Charter	7:07 p.m. CT	Friday, Feb. 3		
Friday, Dec. 30			Alaska @ Western Michigan		7:05 p.m. ET
Western Michigan @ St. Cloud State	Charter	7:07 p.m. CT	Miami @ Michigan	FSND+	7:35 p.m. ET
Harvard @ North Dakota	FSSN/FCS	7:37 p.m. CT	St. Cloud State @ Wisconsin		7:07 p.m. CT
Quinnipiac @ Nebraska Omaha		7:37 p.m. CT	Bemidji State @ Nebraska Omaha		7:37 p.m. CT
Union College @ Denver		7:37 p.m. MT	Colorado College @ Denver	ROOT	7:37 p.m. MT
Air Force @ Colorado College		7:37 p.m. MT	Minnesota Duluth @ Alaska Anchorage		7:07 p.m. AT
Saturday, Dec. 31			Saturday, Feb. 4		
Quinnipiac @ Nebraska Omaha		2:07 p.m. CT	Alaska @ Western Michigan		7:05 p.m. ET
Harvard @ North Dakota	FSSN/FCS	7:07 p.m. CT	Miami @ Michigan	CBSSN	7:35 p.m. ET
Denver @ Air Force		6:05 p.m. MT	Bemidji State @ Nebraska Omaha	NET	7:07 p.m. CT
Union College @ Colorado College		7:07 p.m. MT	St. Cloud State @ Wisconsin		8:07 p.m. CT
Friday, Jan. 6			Denver @ Colorado College		7:07 p.m. MT
Miami @ Michigan State		7:05 p.m. ET	Minnesota Duluth @ Alaska Anchorage		7:07 p.m. AT
Minnesota Duluth @ Western Michigan	CBSSN	7:05 p.m. ET	Friday, Feb. 10		
Alabama-Huntsville @ Denver		7:37 p.m. MT	Ohio State @ Western Michigan		7:05 p.m. ET
			Nebraska Omaha @ Michigan Tech		7:07 p.m. ET
			Alabama-Huntsville @ Miami	ONN	7:35 p.m. ET
			Colorado College @ Bemidji State		7:37 p.m. CT

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Friday, Feb. 10		
North Dakota @ Minnesota Duluth	My9-TV	7:07 p.m. CT
Minnesota @ Denver	Versus	8:07 p.m. MT
Saturday, Feb. 11		
Nebraska Omaha @ Michigan Tech		5:07 p.m. ET
Alabama-Huntsville @ Miami	ONN	7:05 p.m. ET
Ohio State @ Western Michigan		7:05 p.m. ET
Colorado College @ Bemidji State		7:07 p.m. CT
North Dakota @ Minnesota Duluth	My9-TV	7:07 p.m. CT
Minnesota @ Denver	ROOT	7:07 p.m. MT
Friday, Feb. 17		
Western Michigan @ Lake Superior State		7:05 p.m. ET
Notre Dame @ Miami	CBSSN	7:35 p.m. ET
Denver @ Wisconsin	FSNWis	7:07 p.m. CT
Minnesota Duluth @ Minnesota State		7:37 p.m. CT
Alaska Anchorage @ St. Cloud State	Charter	7:37 p.m. CT
Michigan Tech @ North Dakota	FSSN/FCS	7:37 p.m. CT
Nebraska Omaha @ Colorado College	CBSSN	8:07 p.m. MT
Saturday, Feb. 18		
Notre Dame @ Miami	ONN	7:05 p.m. ET
Western Michigan @ Lake Superior State		7:05 p.m. ET
Denver @ Wisconsin	FSNWis	7:07 p.m. CT
Minnesota Duluth @ Minnesota State		7:07 p.m. CT
Michigan Tech @ North Dakota	FSSN/FCS	7:07 p.m. CT
Alaska Anchorage @ St. Cloud State	Charter	7:07 p.m. CT
Nebraska Omaha @ Colorado College		7:07 p.m. MT
Friday, Feb. 24		
Ohio State @ Miami	CBSSN	6:05 p.m. ET
Ferris State @ Western Michigan	FSND	7:05 p.m. ET
St. Cloud State @ Michigan Tech		7:07 p.m. ET
Colorado College @ Minnesota Duluth	My9-TV	7:07 p.m. CT
Minnesota @ Nebraska Omaha	FSNN	7:37 p.m. CT
North Dakota @ Denver	Versus	8:07 p.m. MT
Saturday, Feb. 25		
Miami @ Ohio State		7:05 p.m. ET
St. Cloud State @ Michigan Tech		7:07 p.m. ET
Western Michigan @ Ferris State		7:05 p.m. ET
Colorado College @ Minnesota Duluth	My9-TV	7:07 p.m. CT
Minnesota @ Nebraska Omaha	FSNN	7:07 p.m. CT
North Dakota @ Denver	ROOT	7:07 p.m. MT
Friday, March 2		
Minnesota Duluth @ St. Cloud State	Charter	7:37 p.m. CT
Minnesota State @ North Dakota	FSSN/FCS	7:37 p.m. CT
Denver @ Nebraska Omaha	Versus	7:37 p.m. CT
Michigan Tech @ Colorado College		7:37 p.m. MT
Saturday, March 3		
Minnesota Duluth @ St. Cloud State	Charter	7:07 p.m. CT
Minnesota State @ North Dakota	FSSN/FCS	7:07 p.m. CT
Denver @ Nebraska Omaha		7:07 p.m. CT
Michigan Tech @ Colorado College		7:07 p.m. MT

Schedule Key

(Exh.) exhibition game

Tournaments/special events in **bold**

Television Key

CBSSN - CBS Sports Network

Charter - Charter Cable, St. Cloud, Minn.

Comcast - Comcast Sports

FSND - Fox Sports Detroit

FSND+ - Fox Sports Detroit Plus

FSNN - Fox Sports North

FSNWis - Fox Sports Wisconsin

FSSN/FCS - Fighting Sioux Sports Network/Fox College Sports

My9-TV - Duluth, Minn. television

NET - Nebraska Public Television

ONN - Ohio News Network

ROOT - Root Sports

Versus - Versus