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University of Minnesota  
University of Minnesota Duluth  
Minnesota State University  
University of North Dakota  
Ohio State University  
St. Cloud State University  
University of Wisconsin

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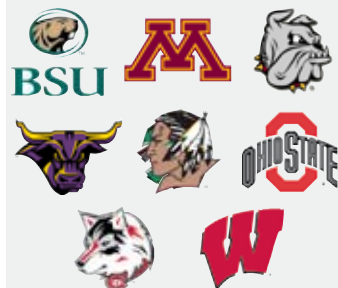
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## FIRST ROUND WCHA PLAYOFF PAIRINGS SET

**WCHA CHAMPION MINNESOTA DULUTH TO HOST #8 BEMIDJI STATE; #2 MINNESOTA TO HOST #7 NORTH DAKOTA; #3 WISCONSIN TO HOST #6 MINNESOTA STATE; #4 ST. CLOUD STATE TO HOST #5 OHIO STATE**

MADISON, Wis. – The first round of WCHA Playoffs, four best-of-3 series set for Friday, Feb. 29, Saturday, March 1 and Sunday, March 2 (if necessary) have been set. WCHA champion, No. 1 tournament seed and No. 3-ranked Minnesota Duluth (27-4-1) will play host to No. 8 Bemidji State (4-27-3) at the Duluth Entertainment & Convention Center (5,294), No. 4-ranked and No. 2-seed Minnesota (25-5-4) will entertain No. 7 seed North Dakota (4-24-6) at Ridder Arena (3,400) in Minneapolis, No. 5-ranked and No. 3-seed Wisconsin (24-7-3) will play host to No. 6-seed Minnesota State (11-19-2) at the Kohl Center (15,237) in Madison, and No. 4-seed St. Cloud State (16-13-5) will entertain No. 5-seed Ohio State (16-15-3) at the National Hockey Center (5,763) in St. Cloud.

During the regular season, Minnesota Duluth went 4-0-0 vs Bemidji State, winning 4-0 and 1-0 in Duluth on Oct. 13-14 and 5-1 and 6-1 at Bemidji on Jan. 18-19. Minnesota was 4-0-0 vs North Dakota, winning 5-1 and 5-3 in Minneapolis on Nov. 24-25 and 4-1 and 2-1 in Grand Forks on Jan. 18-19. Wisconsin was 4-0-0 vs Minnesota State during the regular season, winning 4-2 and 4-2 in Madison on Oct. 26-27 and 4-1 and 3-1 in Mankato on Jan. 4-5. And St. Cloud State went 2-1-1 against Ohio State, splitting 4-1 and 1-4 in Columbus back on Nov. 23-24 and tying 2-2 (ot) and winning 5-4 in St. Cloud on Jan. 11-12.

Minnesota Duluth clinched the program's third WCHA championship (1999-2000, 2002-03, 2007-08) following a 5-1 victory over visiting St. Cloud State this past Saturday (Feb. 23), while on Sunday (Feb. 24), the final day of the regular season, the Bulldogs completed the sweep of the Huskies with a 3-2 victory while host Minnesota and Wisconsin played to a 2-2 overtime tie that gave the Golden Gophers second place. Wisconsin won by a 5-1 count over UM on Saturday. In other WCHA action this past weekend, Ohio State clinched fifth place in the final regular season standings with 6-3 and 3-2 victories at Bemidji State on Friday and Saturday while Minnesota State took three of four points from visiting North Dakota with a 3-2 victory on Friday and a 3-3 overtime draw on Saturday in Mankato.

The four first round playoff winners will then advance to the 2008 WCHA FINAL FACE-OFF, set for Saturday, March 8 and Sunday, March 9 at the Duluth Entertainment & Convention Center. Tickets for the WCHA FINAL FACE-OFF are still available via the UMD Ticket Office at (218) 726-8595.

## 2007-08 WCHA STANDINGS

	Pts	Conference Only					Overall				
		GP	Record	Win%	GF-	GA	GP	Record	Win%	GF-	GA
1\$Minnesota Duluth*	48	28	24- 4- 0	.857	118-	43	32	27- 4- 1	.859	129-	47
2 Minnesota*	44	28	21- 5- 2	.786	96-	53	34	25- 5- 4	.794	118-	67
3 Wisconsin*	43	28	20- 5- 3	.768	94-	36	34	24- 7- 3	.750	118-	41
4 St. Cloud State*	26	28	11-13- 4	.464	54-	78	34	16-13- 5	.544	77-	85
5 Ohio State	25	28	11-14- 3	.446	81-	94	34	16-15- 3	.515	100-	106
6 Minnesota State	22	28	10-16- 2	.393	67-	82	32	11-19- 2	.375	75-	95
7 North Dakota	12	28	4-20- 4	.214	45-	99	34	4-24- 6	.206	55-	121
8 Bemidji State	4	28	1-25- 2	.071	24-	94	34	4-27- 3	.162	37-	104

\$ WCHA champion; \* first round WCHA Playoff host

## THIS WEEK IN THE WCHA • WCHA PLAYOFFS • FIRST ROUND • BEST-OF-3

**Games for Friday, February 29:** #5 Ohio State at #4 St. Cloud State, 2:07 pm CT; #6 Minnesota State at #3 Wisconsin, 7:07 pm CT; #7 North Dakota at #2 Minnesota, 7:07 pm CT; #8 Bemidji State at #1 Minnesota Duluth, 7:07 pm CT.

**Games for Saturday, March 1:** #5 Ohio State at #4 St. Cloud State, 2:07 pm CT; #7 North Dakota at #2 Minnesota, 7:07 pm CT; #6 Minnesota State at #3 Wisconsin, 7:07 pm CT; #8 Bemidji State at #1 Minnesota Duluth, 7:07 pm CT.

**Games for Sunday, March 2 (if necessary):** #5 Ohio State at #4 St. Cloud State, 2:07 pm CT; #7 North Dakota at #2 Minnesota, 7:07 pm CT; #8 Bemidji State at #1 Minnesota Duluth, 7:07 pm CT; #6 Minnesota State at #3 Wisconsin, 8:07 pm CT.