

HUSKY TAILS



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2009 Fall Husky Wrap Up

The St. Cloud State Softball Team had a great Fall Season. Off the field we had success in our annual Golf Tournament and Spaghetti Feed. On the field we put up an impressive 5-1 record against conference foes along with beating teams from UW-Superior and Iowa Lakes Community College. They also played competitive ball against the University of Minnesota and a scrimmage verses the #18 (as of June 9) ranked North Dakota State.

Bob Cross Fields in Sauk Rapids, Minn. The Huskies went a perfect 5-0 over the course of two days outscoring their opponents 20-6. Outstanding pitching efforts were led by two workhorses Alyssa Roberts (P, Kenosha, Wis.) and Brit Krieg (P, Hudson, Wis.). Krieg managed to accomplish a no-hitter against Minnesota Duluth on Sept. 20.

Several Huskies led the team through the final tournament of the season in Gopher

territory. Over the span of four games, Senior Lizzy Dwyer (OF, Kalispell, Mont.) paced the team offensively with three multi hit games going 8 for 15 with a batting average of .533. Three other Huskies Soph. Jackie Dooley (OF, St. Paul, Minn.), and newcomers Kelly Olson (SS, Oak Grove, Minn.), and Kate Robinson (INF, Slayton, Minn.) had two multi-hit games while three others had one-hit games.

The softball squad opened up at

Coaches Corner:

This has been a great fall of Husky Softball. With the returning of some outstanding Husky players, the addition of talented freshmen everyone couldn't be more excited for the upcoming spring season. After a challenging 6 weeks of fall training and competition, the Husky program is building and preparing for our spring season. I feel blessed to be able to work with such a great team, and enthusiastic coaches. The staff brings a great deal of positive energy and passion for the game of softball. The combination of the player's and coaching staff's passion and energy along with the chemistry of this year's team creates a

great atmosphere for something

special to happen this season. We are preparing right now with our individual skill work and our 4 day a week Strength and Conditioning sessions.

We are in full swing with our scoreboard pledge campaign after Selke Field has been updated over the past two seasons to create a home field atmosphere! Selke field has been home to some exciting softball games and with your donations we can continue to make Selke Field. A great place to play our home games and one of the best fields in our conference. The golf tournament and alumni



game was a chance to bring old and new faces together for a match up of the new team and many outstanding players from our programs past. In that same spirit of building on our program's tradition we look to host our first ever pre-season banquet on February 6, 2010. We hope everyone will be able to join us for a pizza/pasta home style family event to meet the new team as they begin their season! As the holiday season approaches we wish you and your family a great holiday season with family and friends!

Selke Field/Scoreboard Update

SELKE FIELD										
BALL	3	STRIKE	2	OUT	2	H/E/H				
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	RUNS
GUEST	1	0	2	0	0	0				3
SCSU	3	0	1	0	3					7

New Scoreboard

Selke Field, Home to the Huskies, has recently gotten a new look and with continued efforts to make Selke Field one of the top facilities in the Northern Sun Conference. With upgraded and repainted dugouts, windscreen to the outfield fence,

Husky Signs, renovated bleachers and an addition of a sound system, Husky Field has already gotten a lot better, but we want to take it one step further. The program is now in the process of fundraising for a new scoreboard to cap off the renovation for the field. The fundraising goal is \$20,000! Many of you have received a fund drive letter for working towards the funds needed for a new scoreboard. Please contribute in any way that you can as any donation is a step closer to reaching our goal for

an addition to the future of Selke Field. We are already starting to receive some donations bringing us closer and closer to our goal. Thank you to all of those who have helped us in our efforts. If you did not receive a pledge form and would like to donate go to our website, www.stcloudstate.edu/athletics click on softball and then scroll to the bottom of your page and click The Future of Selke. The link at the top of the page will open a pledge form to donate. Thank you!



Kaity Strever



Lizzy Dwyer

Standout Seniors

The Husky Program will be lead by two outstanding seniors: Lizzy Dwyer and Kaity Strever. **Dwyer** finished last season fourth on the squad with a .315 batting average. In the NSIC, she ranked seventh with 62 hits and tied for fourth in the league with four triples. Last year **Strever** finished the season with a 3.69 ERA in a 170 innings pitched. With an

11-15 record we are very excited to get her back on the mound. The two seniors are absolutely great for this program and are two of our biggest leaders. They are very excited to get this season started. Working hard everyday to make themselves better, even if she is still recovering from back surgery (**Strever**). They are with each other every step of the way,

pushing each other, pushing their teammates so that they can have their best senior year.



Lizzy Dwyer



Kaity Strever

Academic All-Stars

The National Fastpitch Coaches Association recently announced the 2009 Academic All-American Team. To qualify for the honor, athletes must have a 3.5 GPA or greater for the academic year. The Huskies had 7 players selected to the Division II Academic

Team. Seniors Kaity Strever (Business) and Lizzy Dwyer (Nursing). 4 Time Selection Rachel Haines (currently at the U of MN on a graduate school scholarship), Juniors Nicole Brandenburg (Nursing) Mel Uphchurch (Medical Graphic Arts), and Katie Hendrickson

(Biomedical Sciences) all were named to the team. Overall the team had a 3.1 GPA for the academic year finishing 54th in the nation. The Huskies also had 13 of the 18 members named to the St. Cloud State's Dean's List (3.0 or better last season.

Golf Fundraiser

The St. Cloud State softball team held its 9th Annual Golf Fundraiser at Blackberry Ridge Golf Course on

October 3, 2009. Over 125 golfers came out to support the Husky Softball program and take



Golfers enjoying their day out on the course.

in a round of either nine or 18 holes of golf. Golfers can participate in the men's, women's, or the coed division of the tournament. We had many opportunities for our golfers to win a lot of great prizes. Thank you for all your support and we really hope to see you again next year. October 2, 2010 be will be



Dani Rahn and Sarah Nohrenburg flipping burgers.

holding our 10th annual golf fundraiser at Blackberry Ridge Golf Course.

Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser

The SCSU Softball Team had their 1st annual Spaghetti Feed back on September 18th at Howie's Sports Bar and Grill was a success! A great turnout of friends, family, and fans came to celebrate the Husky fall season. The feed gave parents of the

Huskies and fans too meet the new faces of the Husky program. The event served a hefty portion of spaghetti, breadsticks, and salad. Don't miss out on all the action, next year come join us!!!



Champions are made from something they have deep inside them - a desire, a dream, a vision .
- Muhammad Ali

First Pitch Banquet

The Inaugural Leadoff Banquet is set to kick off at 5p.m. on Saturday, February 6th at the Kelly Inn in St. Cloud, MN. Come join the Huskies to kick off the start of their spring season! Support the Huskies by enjoying a pizza/pasta family style dinner for a price of \$40.00 per adult or \$75.00 per

couple (12.95 for kids 4 and up; 3 and under free). Silent auction prizes include 2010 Twins, Minnesota Wild tickets, signed Olympics softball players jersey and gloves and much more! A block of rooms will be reserved at the Kelly Inn at a special rate! Just make sure to mention you're there for the

SCSU Softball Banquet. For more information click on the Inaugural Leadoff Banquet link on the Husky Softball web page. Can't wait to see you there!



Britt Krieg

“Attitude is a choice. Think positive thoughts daily. Believe in yourself.”

-Pat Summitt



2010 Huskies and Husky Alumni after the Alumni game.

Huskies vs. Alumni

The St. Cloud State softball program hosted its annual Alumni Game on Sunday, Oct. 4, at Historic Selke Field. The game consisting of seven innings, with the current Husky softball squad suiting up against 27

softball alumni who returned for the day. Among the 27 alumni that returned were All-Americans **Jenny Gensch** (2005-08), **Abby Bourman** (2000-03), **Abby Velta** (2002-05) and **Brooke Gentzler** (2001-04). Taking the field along with these 4 All-Americans were All-Region and All-Conference players, **Jessica Preiner** (2004-06), **Abby Augdahl** (2004-06), **Alison Huselid** (1996-99), and **Lisa Rosauer** (1997-00), the Husky Alumni



Brooke Gentzler taking a pitch.

outlasted the pesky young St. Cloud State squad for a 4-3 victory. The alumni game is a great chance for family and friends to get together and talk about past, present, and future Huskies. It is something we look forward to every year.



Former coach Sue Becker with Husky Alumni



Youth Development/Community Service



Kelly Laas

The St. Cloud State Softball Team hosted their annual Fall Development Clinics. Held at Halenbeck Hall and Selke Field, the Husky Program worked with over 100 young athletes at their annual fall event. The clinics will cover topics such as proper pitching warm up, pre-practice/pre-game routines, pitching

fundamental skills, pitching mechanics, speed training for pitchers, hitting techniques and mechanics, fielding and throwing skills and mechanics and player development techniques. The Huskies are also volunteering at Toys for Tots and Salvation Army food drive on the 14th, 15th, and 16th of December.

New Coaches on Staff

This year SCSU Softball has added new faces to the coaching staff. Erin Dickhausen works with hitters, pitchers and catchers. Meghan Ward works with hitters and infielders, They join Coach Paula U'Ren as her graduate assistants this spring. Returning to the Staff as a volunteer coach is Jen Redlinger Williams who assisted Coach U'Ren in 2003-2004 will be working with the outfielders and volunteer assistant coach Kelli Niess who returns for her 3rd year on the staff working with outfielders and slappers.



Erin Dickhausen joins the Husky softball coaching staff as a graduate assistant coach. She finished her playing career as one of the

best in Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference history, twice earning NSIC Player of the Year honors and being named First Team All-NSIC all four years while at Southwest Minnesota State University. Her name decorates the SMSU Mustang record books She was a member of three NSIC regular season championship teams and played in three different NCAA regional tournaments.



Meghan Ward, a former All-American joins St. Cloud State coaching staff as a graduate assistant. During her tenure

at the University of Mary she earned numerous awards. She was named NFCA All-America Third Team, North Central Region First Team, and First Team All-NSIC. In her senior season she ranked 6th nationally for "toughest to strikeout." Ward was an assistant coach at the University of Mary last season and has experience coaching ASA softball in her home state of California.

Jen Williams (formally Jen Redlinger) is back at St. Cloud State as a volunteer assistant coach after serving as a graduate assistant coach from 2002-2004. Williams attended the University of Nebraska-Omaha and played softball from 1998-2001. Williams was the starting centerfielder all four. Williams gained All-American status in 2001 while helping her team to a 2001 National Championship season, finishing 54-6. From 2005-2007 Williams was an assistant girls' softball coach at St. Cloud Tech High School. In 2008 and 2009 she was head coach at Foley High School.



Kaity Strever



The strength of the group is the strength of the leaders.
-Vince Lombardi

Team Captains

The St. Cloud State softball team has a leadership council that is selected by votes of each member of the team and the coaching staff. Each class selects a member to represent their class and the program. This model was employed two years ago and it allows for the growth of the leaders on the team throughout all classes. This year the council is represented by

seniors Kaity Strever and Lizzy Dwyer, juniors Emily Edgerton and Heather Trobec, sophomore Brit Krieg, and freshman Mikayla Hogan. Leadership is a learning process and by developing skills in each class, it promotes an opportunity for these your women to grow into a leadership and accountability role, and also provides each class with a captain.



Juniors
Emily Edgerton and Heather Trobec



Sophomore
Brit Krieg

Freshman
Mikayla Hogan



Fall Results

University of Mary	W, 6-1
Bemidji State	W, 6-1
Northern State	W, 4-3
University of MN-Duluth	W, 1-0
MN State-Moorhead	W, 5-2
University of Minnesota	L, 0-6
University of Wisconsin-Superior	W, 8-5
Iowa Lake C.C	W, 6-2
Concordia-St. Paul	L, 3-12

Husky Dome Classic

Feb. 27	SMSU	9:00 am
	UW-Superior	1:00 pm
Feb. 28	Bemidji	9:00 am
	Crookston	7:00 pm

Rebel Spring Games

Mar. 6	Lake Superior State Northwood (Mich.)
Mar. 7	Indiana (Penn.) Tiffin
Mar. 9	Indianapolis Lock Haven
Mar. 10	Northern Kentucky Seton Hall
Mar. 12	UW - Parkside Ferris State
Mar. 13	Southern Indiana Caldwell

Spring Schedule

Feb. 19-21	RMAC/NSIC Crossover	Kearney, NE
Feb. 26	Northern	Home 5:00 / 7:00 pm
Feb. 27-28	Husky Dome Classic	Home
Mar. 6-13	Rebel Spring Games	Orlando, FL
Mar. 19	St. Ben's	Home 5:00 / 7:00 pm
Mar. 20-21	Husky Invite	Home
Apr. 2	UMD	Duluth, MN 1:00 / 3:00 pm
Apr. 3	Bemidji	Bemidji, MN 12:00 / 2:00 pm
Apr. 7	MSU	Mankato, MN 2:00 / 4:00 pm
Apr. 10	MSU-Moorhead	Home 2:00 / 4:00 pm
Apr. 11	Crookston	Home 12:00 / 2:00 pm
Apr. 14	SMSU	Marshall, MN 2:00 / 4:00 pm
Apr. 17	Concordia	St. Paul, MN 12:00 / 2:00 pm
Apr. 21	Winona	Winona, MN 2:00 / 4:00 pm
Apr. 24	Mary	Home 1:00 / 3:00 pm
Apr. 25	Northern	Home 12:00 / 2:00 pm
Apr. 28	Upper Iowa	Fayette, IA 2:00 / 4:00 pm
May 1	Augustana	Home 12:00 / 2:00 pm
May 2	Wayne State	Home 12:00 / 2:00 pm
May 7-8	Conference Tournament	
May 14-15	Regional's	
May 22-23	Super Regional's	
May 27-31	NCAA National Tournament	



Future Huskies

St. Cloud State University's signs five: **Maggie Dunsmore, Jordyn Hubin, Casey Hiers, Jackie Manrique** and **Jordan Schaffer** for the 2011 softball season. **Maggie Dunsmore** hails from one of Minnesota's strongest high school softball programs in Burnsville High School. Maggie helped lead her squad to the Lake Conference Championship in 2009. The junior caught all 23 games with a flawless fielding percentage of 1.000 to help the Blaze chart a 14-0 record in the league and an overall mark of 20-3 this past season. Dunsmore was voted captain for the upcoming 2010 season after garnering a .417 batting average with runners in scoring position in 2009. A 2009 Lake Conference Honorable Mention recipient, Dunsmore also

collected All-Tournament team accolades at the North St. Paul Polar Classic. **Jordyn Hubin** is a two-time letter winner from Chippewa Falls High where she has garnered All-Big Rivers Conference First Team accolades and All-District honors as a middle infielder for the Cardinals. Hubin totaled 31 hits, five doubles, two home runs, 17 RBI's and a .420 slugging percentage in 2009. Her efforts helped lead her squad to the 2009 conference, regional and sectional championships. Her squad also advanced to the 2009 Division I Wisconsin State title game. **Casey Hiers** from Palinfeld, Ill. has signed with St. Cloud State to play softball in the fall of 2010. Hailing from Plainfield Central High, the utility player helped lead her prep squad to an

undefeated mark in Southwest Prairie Conference action in 2008. PCH also tabbed an overall mark of 28-2 during the 2008 regular season and garnered the Regional Championship, Coached by Anne Campbell, **Jackie Manrique** a native of Chicago, Ill., is a member of the Lane Technical College Prep High School where she has lettered three times. A three-time All-Conference player, Manrique has helped lead her prep squad to three straight conference titles. The past two seasons she batted .378 as a junior and .368 as a sophomore and posted on-base percentages and slugging percentages above .400. For her efforts, Manrique landed herself on the All-State, All-Region and All-Area top teams. **Jordan Schaffer** has had a standout career at

Hastings High School. A varsity player since the eighth grade, Schaffer is a two-time All-Conference and All-Section honoree. Voted Most Valuable Player twice during her prep career, the catcher has helped lead her HHS squad to Section Championships in 2009 and 2008. This past summer, Schaffer played with the Minnesota Sting Elite who placed 13th at the National Tournament. Jordan is a three-year academic letter winner and has landed herself on the A-Honor Roll throughout middle school and high school. A member of the National Honor Society, Schaffer is in the top 10% of her class academically and has qualified to be a PSEO student the past two years.