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**2007-08 SCSU SWIMMING & DIVING NEWS**

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**Honors Continue To Come In For Verwey:**

Somers, Wis. – After gaining his second North Central Conference swimmer of the week award in as many meets yesterday, St. Cloud State sophomore Matt Verwey (Red Deer, Alberta) was honored today, Feb. 13, by CollegeSwimming.com as National College Swimmer of the Week.

Verwey is one of just two Division II swimmers, and one of six swimmers nationally across all divisions that was bestowed the NCSW honor. The six honorees were selected by a panel of collegiate coaches.

In Minneapolis at the University of Minnesota, Aquatic Center for the Minnesota Challenge on Feb. 8-9, Verwey began his weekend with a ninth place finish and a B-cut time of 1:53.94 in the 200 IM. Although he just missed the national qualifier, his time puts him among the top marks nationally this season.

In day two, Verwey followed his strong start with an even stronger finish gaining a fourth place tally in the 200 backstroke. He cruised by the qualifying mark and the SCSU record touching the wall at 1:50.57. Verwey broke his own school record and now has the three best times in the 200 back in SCSU history.

The first national honor for Verwey and SCSU this season, his 200 back time is a top-five time across Division II, and will make him a favorite at the upcoming NCC Championship meet next weekend, starting on Feb. 21.

A national qualifier last season, Verwey will be returning to the NCAA's this season in Columbia, Mo. on Mar. 12.

St. Cloud State University is a member of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) system. Founded in 1869, and located in St. Cloud, Minn. along the banks of the scenic Mississippi River, SCSU boasts an enrollment of 16,000 students and is a member of NCAA Division II athletics where they compete in the North Central Conference (NCC).



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