








# Husky Dugout Club Newsletter

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## Welcome to the Husky Dugout Club



Welcome to the Husky Dugout Club Newsletter. This newsletter is designed to provide you with the current information about the Husky Dugout Club, and how you can help support St. Cloud State University baseball.

The Board of Director's number one goal is to have Husky baseball parents, Husky baseball alumni and Husky baseball boosters join in the excitement and camaraderie of Husky baseball.

The proceeds, as designed in our by-laws,

will go directly to the operations of the baseball program. There are a number of projects that we need financial help with to update our program and we feel this club can give us the funds to keep our program competitive as SCSU moves to the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference in 2008.

We are asking for your contribution to support our ability to remain competitive with the best Division II baseball programs in the country. We thank you for your support and

hope that you will follow the exciting Husky baseball season.

For complete information about becoming a member of the Husky Dugout Club, please contact Pete Pratt, Husky Dugout Club Vice President at: [p.pratt18@yahoo.com](mailto:p.pratt18@yahoo.com) or call the SCSU baseball office at (320)-308-3541.



## A Letter From Head Coach Pat Dolan



It's an exciting time to be involved with the SCSU Husky baseball program!

The Huskies are primed to be a strong competitor in the very competitive Northern Central Conference,

before joining the NSIC next year.

We are excited to be entering our first year of the Husky Dugout Club. The Dugout Club has been very instrumental in a num-

ber of endeavors that have benefited the Huskies. Hope to see you at the Ballpark!

Head Coach  
Pat Dolan





## Kick-Off to a New Season (Sponsored by Palmer Charter Service)



The St. Cloud State University baseball program will kick-off the 2008 season on Saturday, February 9, with a banquet featuring former Husky baseball player and major league standout Jim Eisenreich, along with SCSU graduate and Minnesota Twins play-by-play announcer Dick Bremer. The event will help raise funds for the SCSU baseball program and the battle against Tourette's Syndrome.

The banquet will begin with a social at 5:30pm and will be held at the Holiday Inn in St. Cloud. Tickets for this event are \$50 per person or \$75 per couple and they can be purchased in advance by calling the St. Cloud State University baseball office at 320-308-3541 or by e-mailing head coach Pat Dolan at [pldolan@stcloudstate.edu](mailto:pldolan@stcloudstate.edu). Corporate tables of eight can be purchased for \$300. Menu items will be: a 10oz. Bistro steak, pan fried walleye over wilted spinach with blue cheese cream sauce or breast of chicken with smoked gouda cream sauce.

The event will include a keynote address by Eisenreich, who played at St. Cloud State from 1978-80 and later enjoyed a standout 15-year career in the major leagues with stops at Minnesota, Kansas City, Philadelphia, Florida, and Los Angeles. In his career in the majors Eisenreich helped Florida win a World Series

title in 1997. He batted .290 during his career, which included 1,160 hits, 221 doubles, 39 triples, 52 home runs, 492 runs, 447 RBIs and 105 stolen bases.

The Minnesota Twins play-by-play announcer for Fox Sports North, Bremer will serve as the event's master of ceremonies. The banquet will also honor Coach John Kasper and the 1958 St. Cloud State team, which was the first Husky baseball squad to gain a national tournament bid. SCSU advanced to the NAIA tournament that season, where it faced San Diego State and Creighton. The event will also include appearances by former SCSU players and former major leaguers Greg Thayer and Dana Kiecker. Professional baseball player Ben Hendrickson, who is currently with the Kansas City Royals organization and Ryan Morse, with the Tampa Bay Devil Rays organization, are scheduled to appear at the banquet. He will replace Jon Lieber, who will miss the banquet due having to report to spring training early.



A special thanks to **Palmer Charter Service** for sponsoring this big event for Husky Baseball.

"We want to celebrate the past and raise more awareness of the great tradition of Husky Baseball that Coach Kasper started and Coach Jim Stanek and (Denny) Skip Lorsung have continued the

past 50 plus years. Coordinating the special event with a fundraiser for Tourette's Syndrome, having Jim (Eisenreich) come back to St. Cloud and honoring the great achievements of Coach Kasper's 1958 team will be very special for all of us. We want to continue to keep this excitement running right into our 2008 season," said SCSU head coach Pat Dolan.

To complete the night's festivities, a live auction will be held to raise funds for the SCSU baseball program and the battle against Tourette's Syndrome. The auction will feature numerous sports memorabilia items including: Minnesota Twins, Vikings, Wild and Timberwolves autographed memorabilia, hunting and fishing getaway vacations, SCSU Spring Trip, SCSU baseball apparel packages, dinner with SCSU coaching staff, Xcel Energy Center suite package, over 20 gift baskets, various bobble heads, additional professional and celebrity autographed memorabilia, and much more.

There will be a coaches clinic and youth clinic during the day. The coaches clinic will be held in Brown Hall and will feature many different speakers and SCSU baseball coaches.

The youth clinic is the "Meet the Starz Clinic," which is hosted by the Starz of Tomorrow Academy and will feature players and coaches helping youth with fundamentals and many other aspects of the game of baseball.



2008 has the makings of a promising season for SCSU Baseball as new head coach Pat Dolan, 20 talented returnees -including All-NCC selection Bruce Thompson (Maplewood)- and 22 eager newcomers will try to lead the Huskies to their first winning season since 2001.

The Husky catching core looks to be as deep as it has ever been as two returning backstops along with

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three newcomers make up a deep group of catchers behind the dish.

The 2007 pitching staff checked in at fourth on the NCC team pitching charts. Five pitchers return, as two of the team's five seniors occupy spots on the staff. The veteran presence will be key as up to 12 new pitchers could make their first appearance in a Husky uniform.

The Husky infield will have familiar

faces returning for '08 as seniors Kyle Resser and Ryan Sturm return as the two most experienced infielders. Resser was one of the most productive all-around players for the '07 Huskies, as his .326 average was second among regulars. Playing at second and third base, Resser committed just four errors in 141 chances, good for a .972 fielding percentage.

Two of three starters return in the Husky outfield as juniors Dan Gaughan and Bruce Thompson return after seeing significant time in 2007. Gaughan served as the starting centerfielder for much of the season, batting .277 and leading the team in stolen bases with nine in 10 attempts.

The Huskies open the 2008 season in the Metrodome against Rockhurst on February 3. The Minnesota spring will force the Huskies on to the road for the first two months of the season before the home opener at Joe Faber Field on April 5 against Minnesota-Duluth.



## Home Game Schedule



The Huskies will play 13 home games, at Joe Faber Field, during the 2008 season and eight games will be played at the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome.

Home game schedule:

April 5	*University of Minnesota-Duluth	1:00
April 5	*University of Minnesota-Duluth	4:00
April 6	*University of Minnesota-Duluth	1:00
April 6	*University of Minnesota-Duluth	4:00
April 18	*Minnesota State University Mankato	2:00 (Alumni Day)
April 18	*Minnesota State University Mankato	5:00
April 23	St. John's University (1-9 inning) (Fill Faber Field Fundraiser)	6:00
April 26	*University of Nebraska-Omaha (Youth Baseball Clinic)	1:00 (Parents Day)
April 26	*University of Nebraska-Omaha	4:00
April 27	*University of Nebraska-Omaha	1:00 (Senior Day)
April 27	*University of Nebraska-Omaha	4:00 (Putz Field)
April 30	University of Sioux Falls	2:00 (Cold Spring)
April 30	University of Sioux Falls	4:00





# Meet the Captains



St. Cloud State University baseball coach Pat Dolan has announced that seniors Kyle Resser, Ryan Sturm, and Ryan Tschida have been selected to serve as team tri-captains for the upcoming 2008 season at SCSU.

“All three of these seniors are team oriented players that put their individual awards behind what is best for the team. They are leaders on and off the field. We would really like to send these three young men out with their best baseball experience ever in 2008,” said coach Pat Dolan.

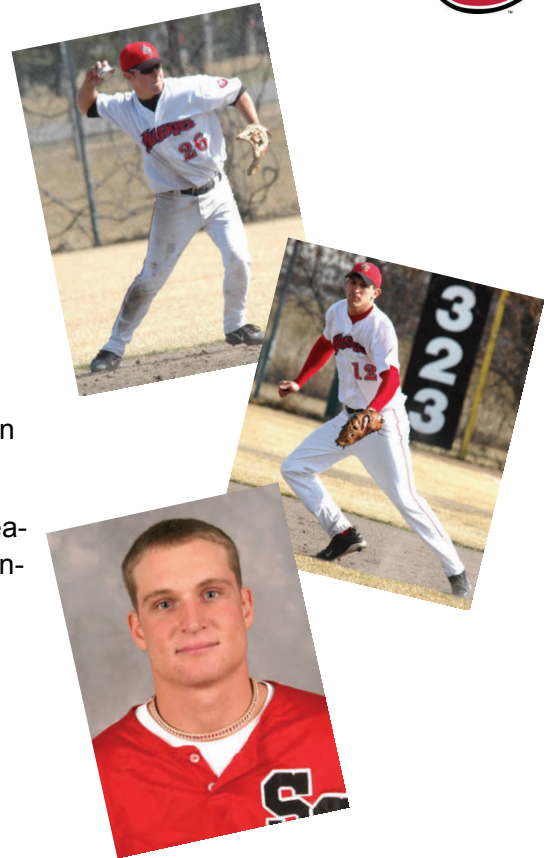
An infielder, Resser batted .326 with 14 extra base hits in 2007. He ranked first on the team with four triples and eight doubles. Last spring, Resser collected 43 hits with

a .972 fielding rate.

Strum, an infielder, led the Huskies in 2007 with a solid .382 batting average. He also led the club with six home runs in just 26 games last year.

Tschida will help patrol the outfield for the Huskies this season. In 2007, Tschida saw action as a pitcher and carded 11 strikeouts in just over 20 innings of work.

The Huskies will open the new season Feb. 3, with a game in the Minneapolis Metrodome against Rockhurst University.



# Husky Baseball Shows Well in the Classroom



The St. Cloud Stat University baseball program is not only getting things accomplished on the field, but in the classroom as well. In the recent fall semester, 19 baseball student-athletes achieved a grade point average of 3.0 or higher. Last spring just under 20 student’s topped the 3.0 grade point average.

“We have made a commitment from day one to make academics our number one priority.” SCSU head coach Pat Dolan said. “The players from last year have helped bring this commitment to our squad this fall, and they deserve all the credit. Sometimes, I think people just get caught up in the wins and losses and don’t see why these young

men are really here.”

The SCSU baseball program has mandatory study hall sessions along with academic progress forms that are completed by every student-athlete. The SCSU Green House also offers tutoring programs in every subject for students that are having difficulties with any of their classes.

“Shawn Kukuk and all the great people at the Green House have really been helpful with our players. Shawn is a former coach, so he knows the extra time demands student-athletes have. We believe in obtaining a quality education, having a great college experience, and

playing some great college baseball. And with everyone working together and pulling for each other, we can accomplish that,” said Dolan.

The Husky Baseball 3.0 Club (Fall 2007)

- Nick Friebel
- Dan Gaughan
- Jon Hoffman
- Ben Johnson
- Jared Johnson
- Mic Johnson
- Nate Johnson
- Issac Kindt
- Luke Klitzke
- Kent Koch
- Chris Koenig
- David Koening

- Joe Krock
- Tyler Maher
- Brandon Peyer
- Dylan Pittman
- Sam Radbil
- Scott Sand
- Tim Scott

