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UMC Baseball Has Three Players Named to All-NSIC Teams



BURNSVILLE, Minn. – The University of Minnesota Crookston baseball team had three student-athletes named to Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) All-Conference Baseball Teams announce Tues., May 10 by the conference office.

[Nolan Wahlberg](#) (Sr., RHP, Blaine, Minn./Criminal Justice), [Zach Seipel](#) (Fr., RHP, Eagan, Minn./Health Management) and [Kenny Perez](#) (Sr., DH, Orlando, Fla./Sports and Rec Management) were named All-NSIC Second Team for their performances during the 2016 season.

The three student-athletes were instrumental in helping the Golden Eagles to their first NSIC Tournament berth since 2001. The Golden Eagles set their all-time bests for overall wins (25) and conference wins (18). Minnesota Crookston will open up play in the NSIC Tournament Wed., May 11 at 3 p.m. against St. Cloud State University.

The three student-athletes are all first-time All-NSIC honorees.

Wahlberg has been the ace of the Golden Eagle pitching staff for the last two seasons, as he has posted 14 wins and shattered the all-time wins mark in Golden Eagle baseball history. Wahlberg is currently tied for the NSIC lead with eight conference wins and leads the league for innings pitched. Wahlberg is 8-1 with a 4.56 ERA in 75 innings pitched with 40 strikeouts. Wahlberg has four complete games on the season. He will go down as one of the best pitchers to don the Maroon and Gold.

Seipel broke on to the scene as a freshman after pitching sparingly in high school. He was recruited to UMC primarily as a catcher but has made himself one of the best relief pitchers in the league. Seipel leads the league in saves with 11 and is tied for seventh in NCAA Division II for saves. He is 2-1 with a 4.50 ERA in 16 innings pitched with 27 strikeouts on the year.

Perez had a strong year at the plate for the Golden Eagles, blasting 10 home runs with a team-high 47 RBI's. Perez gives people fits with his 5-6 250 frame, hitting right behind 6-5 [Ryan Haggstrom](#) on most occasions. Perez hit .362 on the season with 27 runs scored and nine doubles. He has a .613 slugging percentage.

The NSIC Player of the Year was Alex Wojciechowski of Minnesota Duluth, who is among the NCAA's best hitters with 31 home runs and a .464 batting average. Sheldon Miks of St. Cloud State University was named the NSIC Pitcher of the Year after going 7-2 with a 1.89 ERA in 71.1 innings pitched. Minnesota Duluth coach Bob Rients was named NSIC Coach of the Year after leading his team to the NSIC Regular-Season Championship.

Northern State pitcher Nick Hoffard was named NSIC Newcomer of the Year and St. Cloud State second baseman Judd Davis was named NSIC Freshman of the Year.

Last season, Haggstrom was the only Golden Eagle to earn any accolades, taking home Gold Glove for First Base.

2016 All-Conference First Team

- # Name Pos. Yr. School Hometown**
 16 Sheldon Miks LHP So. SCSU Shakopee, Minn.
 37 Mike Letkewicz RHP Sr. Augie Waterloo, Iowa
 32 Brody Rodning LHP SO MSU Gaylord, Minn.
 20 Nick Hoffard RHP Jr. NSU Thief River Falls, Minn.
 17 Mitch Voter Relief SR WSU LaCrosse, Wis.
 21 Connor Olson C SO CSP Plymouth, Minn.
 35 Alex Wojciechowski 1B Sr. UMD Coon Rapids, Minn.
 13 Alex Fink 1B Sr. Augie Springfield, Minn.
 18 Jimmy Heck 2B Sr. UMD St. Louis Park, Minn.
 1 Justin Warne SS Sr. Augie Sioux Falls, S.D.
 33 Kyle Comer 3B Sr. UMD Rhinelander, Wis.
 18 Patrick O'Donnell OF Jr. Augie Andover, Minn.
 24 Jack Schmidt OF SO NSU Forest Lake Minn.
 22 Grant Farley OF Jr. UMD Andover, Minn.
 1 Tyler Nelson OF Sr. BSU Hayfield, Minn.
 28 Reese Gregory DH Sr. SCSU St. Cloud, Minn.
 17 Mitch Voter DH Sr. WSU LaCrosse, Wis.

2016 All-Conference Second Team

- # Name Pos. Yr. School Hometown**
 19 Spencer Diedrich LHP Sr. UMC Cottage Grove, Minn.
 32 [Nolan Wahlberg](#) RHP Sr. UMC Blaine, Minn.
 15 Bo Hellquist LHP Sr. UMD Savage, Minn.
 22 Dylan Gavin RHP So. USF Pueblo, Colo.
 21 [Zach Seipel](#) Relief Fr. UMC Eagan, Minn.
 36 Gunner Olszewski C Fr. BSU Alvin, Texas
 33 Zach Hoffmann 1B Sr. SCSU New Ulm, Minn.
 8 Patrick Fiala 2B Sr. Augie Sioux Falls, S.D.
 17 Luke Waldek SS So. MSU Trumbull, Conn.
 15 Kyle Lieser SS Sr. SCSU St. Martin, Minn.
 13 Matt Stubbs 3B Sr. NSU Rochester, Minn.
 14 Karl Sorensen OF Sr. SCSU Maple Grove, Minn.
 1 Brandon Arnold OF Sr. SCSU Chanhassen, Minn.
 13 Jordan Schulz OF Jr. MISU Strasbourg, Sask.
 7 Curtis Bussard OF Sr. WSC Papillion, Neb.
 27 Nate Ackerman OF Sr. WSC Langley, B.C.
 29 [Kenny Perez](#) DH Sr. UMC Orlando, Fla.

Gold Glove Team

- # Name Pos. Yr. School Hometown**
 37 Colton Boucher RHP SR NSU Chehalis, Wash.
 9 Tom Imholte C So. U-Mary St. Cloud, Minn.
 13 Alex Fink 1B Sr. Augie Springfield, Minn.
 8 Patrick Fiala 2B Sr. Augie Sioux Falls, S.D.
 33 Lucas Barry 3B So. Augie Inver Grove Heights, Minn.
 1 Justin Warne SS Sr. Augie Sioux Falls, S.D.
 26 Chase Lonetti OF OF MSU Woodbury, Minn.
 1 Ryan Nyhagen OF SR WSU Stoughton, Wis.
 6 Josh Wenzel OF SO MSU Randall, Minn.

2016 NSIC Player of the Year:
 Alex Wojciechowski (1B, Sr., Minnesota Duluth, Coon Rapids, Minn.)

2016 NSIC Pitcher of the Year:
 Sheldon Miks (LHP, So., St. Cloud State, Shakopee, Minn.)

2016 NSIC Newcomer of the Year:
 Nick Hoffard (RHP, Jr., Northern State, Thief River Falls, Minn.)

2016 NSIC Freshman of the Year:
 Judd Davis (2B, Fr., St. Cloud State, New Ulm, Minn.)

2016 NSIC Coach of the Year:
 Bob Rients (11th Season, Minnesota Duluth)

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PLAYERS MENTIONED

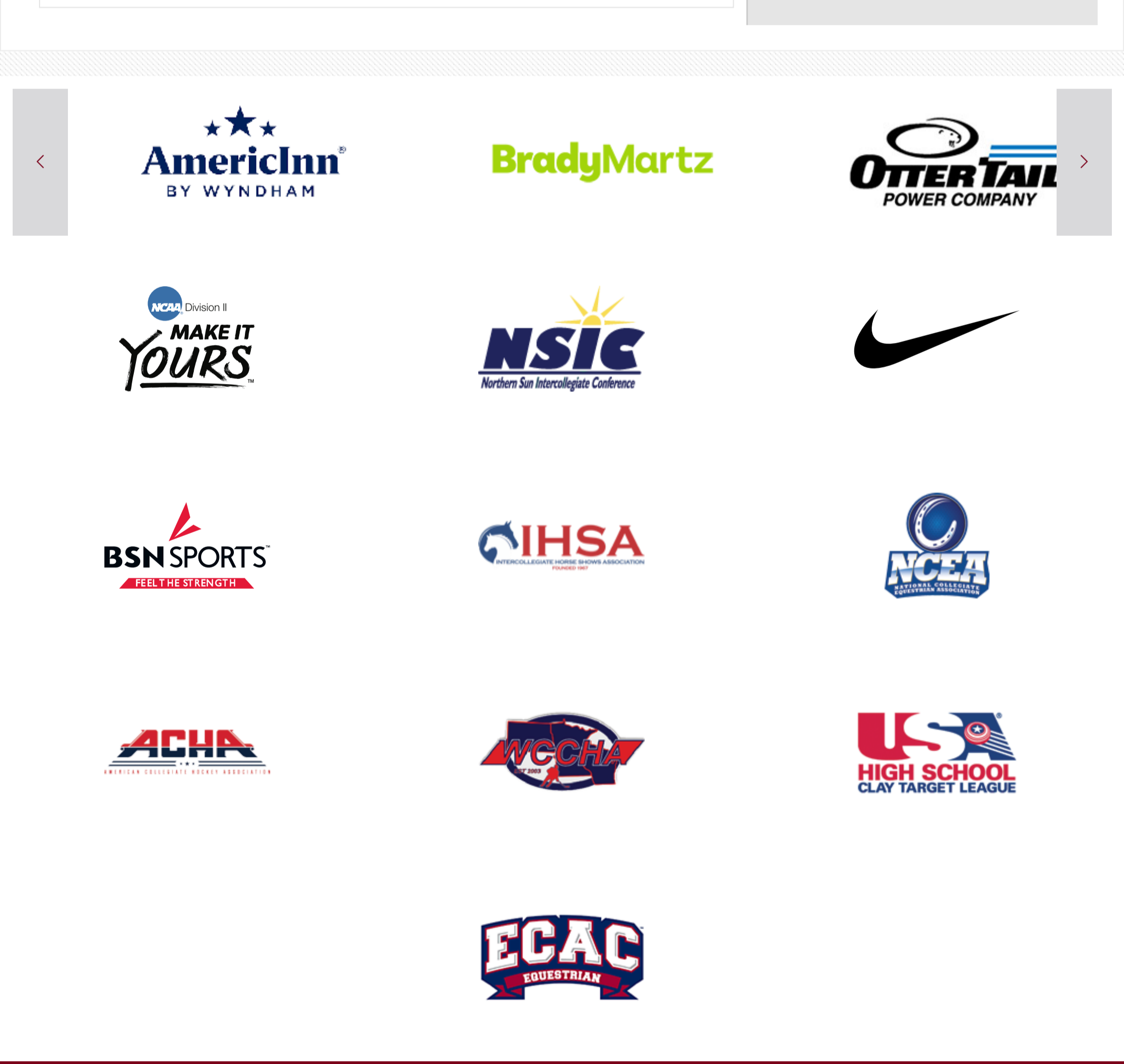
#8 Ryan Haggstrom 1B / 6' 5" / Senior / R	#29 Kenny Perez DH/1B / 5' 6" / Senior / R
#32 Nolan Wahlberg RHP / 6' 6" / Senior / R	#21 Zach Seipel RHP/C / 6' 3" / Freshman / R

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