



## UPPER MIDWEST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

### 2007-08 MEN'S BASKETBALL ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS

**ST. PAUL, Feb. 25, 2008** – The 2007-08 Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (UMAC) men's basketball all-conference awards were announced in conjunction with the opening round of the UMAC postseason tournament on Friday. Northwestern College, who claimed their fifth consecutive regular season conference championship, led all schools with three first team selections, followed by one honorable mention pick. Bethany Lutheran College, the College of St. Scholastica and the University of Minnesota-Morris all had two first team selections, with Bethany and Morris each adding an honorable mention accolade.

The Eagles' Daniel Hanson was the league's top vote-getter, automatically earning UMAC Player of the Year honors. Hanson averaged 16.5 points and 10.1 rebounds per game in conference affairs, adding 1.4 assists and 1.2 steals per game. The senior posted double-doubles in nine of Northwestern's 14 conference games.

Martin Luther head coach Jim Unke was selected as the conference Coach of the Year, following the Knights' nine-game win streak after beginning the season at 4-12. Martin Luther finished their season at 13-13 (9-5 UMAC).

Bethany Lutheran's Andy Wills was honored with Newcomer of the Year honors. Wills, a junior who transferred to Bethany from Division II Southwest Baptist University, averaged 14.4 points and 5.8 rebounds per game in league play this season.

Northwestern, who defeated Martin Luther 90-88 in the postseason tournament championship, boasted the tournament's most valuable player in Mike Anderstrom. Anderstrom scored 24 points in the championship game - 10 of which came in the final five minutes. He also tied Northwestern's career block record of 126 in the contest.

#### ALL-CONFERENCE AWARDS

##### 2007-08 COACH OF THE YEAR

Jim Unke, Martin Luther College

##### 2007-08 PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Daniel Hanson, Northwestern College

##### 2007-08 NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Andy Wills, Bethany Lutheran College

##### 2007-08 TOURNAMENT MVP

Mike Anderstrom, Northwestern College

##### ALL-CONFERENCE FIRST TEAM

NAME	SCHOOL
Daniel Hanson	Northwestern
Phil Allen	Minnesota-Morris
Brady Zubke	St. Scholastica
Nathan Nass	Martin Luther
Andy Wills	Bethany Lutheran
Mike Anderstrom	Northwestern
Will Jensen	Minnesota-Morris
Stephen Hanson	Northwestern
Andrew Schmitz	St. Scholastica
Tommy Saffert	Bethany Lutheran

##### ALL-CONFERENCE HONORABLE MENTION

NAME	SCHOOL
Jacob Schwartz	Martin Luther
Travis Priem	Bethany Lutheran
Josh Strelecki	Northwestern
Richie Ward	Presentation
Kincade Kirkpatrick	Crown
Lucas Bruns	Presentation
Eric Dalbey	Minnesota-Morris

##### ALL-DEFENSIVE TEAM

NAME	SCHOOL
Tommy Saffert	Bethany Lutheran
Brian Gephardt	Martin Luther
Richie Ward	Presentation
Josh Strelecki	Northwestern
Daniel Hanson	Northwestern