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Construction Underway for SCCU Stadium

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Back in September of 2022, the University of Wisconsin-Superior announced a new edition to campus. That addition to campus is known as Superior Choice Credit Union Stadium which would host both men’s and women’s soccer teams as well as the track and field teams.

The stadium was pro-

jected to be finished in time for the 2023-24 academic year but due to issues with materials the project would have to be delayed. Now a year and a half after SCCU Stadium was announced the stadium will finally be being built.

On April 15, crews began preparing the grounds that the stadium will be built on. The stadium is being built on the

grounds of Ole Haugsrud Stadium which was torn down in the summer of 2023.

On April 25, UWS finally was able to officially break ground on the stadium. UWS Chancellor Renee Wachter says the arrival to this date was a long process.

“The journey to this occasion has been marked by meticulous planning and unwavering dedication by many people and organizations since 2018 when the stadium was identified as a top campus priority for its far reaching impact on academic courses, athletics, recreation programs, and community engagement,” said Wachter.

Along with UWS’ sports teams, the SCCU Stadium will also host events, classes, and intramurals. The stadium will also be open to the community.



Construction Sites of SCCU Stadium.
Photo by Isaiah Wiita

Alex Paredes who is heading into his senior season as a Goalkeeper for the men’s soccer team said he is ready for the impact the stadium brings to campus.

“It’s going to be amazing, the atmosphere that UWS already has off campus at the high school is phenomenal so I can’t wait to see everybody else who can’t really get a ride to other be able

to just walk in here and just support us, support the women’s team and support the track team and support every event that happens outdoors on this facility,” said Paredes.

The stadium is scheduled to open in time for the 2024 Fall Semester as well as both women’s and men’s soccer team’s home openers.



UWS Athletes, Coaches, and Athletic Staff break ground for the SCCU Stadium.
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UWS Hosts First Cenovus Women in Leadership Program

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UW-Superior Yellow-jacket Athletics held its first Cenovus women in leadership program on Wednesday April 3, for all women athletes in the northland.

This event looks to develop the next generation of female leaders at UW-Superior and in the community.

Guests could enjoy dinner before keynote speaker Lindsay Whalen, a six-

time WNBA all-star, took the stage. Whalen spoke about her experience in sports and all the challenges she had to overcome as an athlete during her career.

UW-Superior’s athletic director Nick Bursik spoke about the importance an event like this has for the community.

“In this room we have youth, we have current athletes, we have community members. Really a wide range on individuals

here tonight and it’s all been growing together and helping foster the future generation of female leaders,” said Bursik.

UW-Superior looks to make the Cenovus women in leadership program an annual event with new quest speakers every year to continue to build the next generation of female leaders in athletics and the community.



Guest enjoying the First Cenovus Women in Leadership Event in a packed YU Great Room.
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UWS Men’s and Women’s Golf Teams Tee off Spring Season

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The University of Wisconsin-Superior men’s and women’s golf teams are amongst those competing this spring. The men’s team has competed in five tournaments, finishing in the top ten on

five of the seven days of competition. The highest they placed was sixth at the Martin Luther College Spring Invitational on April 25, 2024.

The women’s team has competed in three tournaments, finishing in the top ten each time.

The highest they placed was third at the Martin Luther College Spring Invitational on April 25, 2024. What makes golf different is the spring season is just a warmup for next fall.

“All our matches in the spring season for us are Invites so our scores don’t matter towards the conference since all those matches are played in the fall. But this spring will be nice and relaxing for us just to get out there and play,” said Junior Kenzie Tuura.

This spring season has been treating spring sports kindly. With record temperatures for this time of year, sports like golf have been able to spend more time outside practicing than they normally would.

“For this season I’m

mainly just excited to get outside and golf. Our first match it was gorgeous out, so we had a great time just golfing and enjoying the weather,” said Tuura.

The men’s golf team goes into the spring preparing for the NCAA Division III Men’s Golf Championships.

Junior Nate Burke said, “We are trying our best to get our games in shape for the National tournament with the winter here we hit balls inside at the MWC (Marcovich Wellness Center), and now with the courses opening we are practicing outside, and playing tournaments to get prepared.”

This won’t be Burke’s first NCCA Division III Men’s Golf Championship.



With him being a junior, he has the experience the rookies don’t have.

“Being an upperclassman and playing in a national tournament before I think it’s been important to make the guys that haven’t played in this tournament before comfortable and excited for it,” said Burke.

The men’s golf team has a tournament coming up on May 4 at Bethel University before the Men’s Golf Championship scheduled for May 14-17.



UWS Golf Athletes using Indoor Golf Simulator at the Marcovich Wellness Center
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