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SCCU Stadium Opens its Doors to Campus

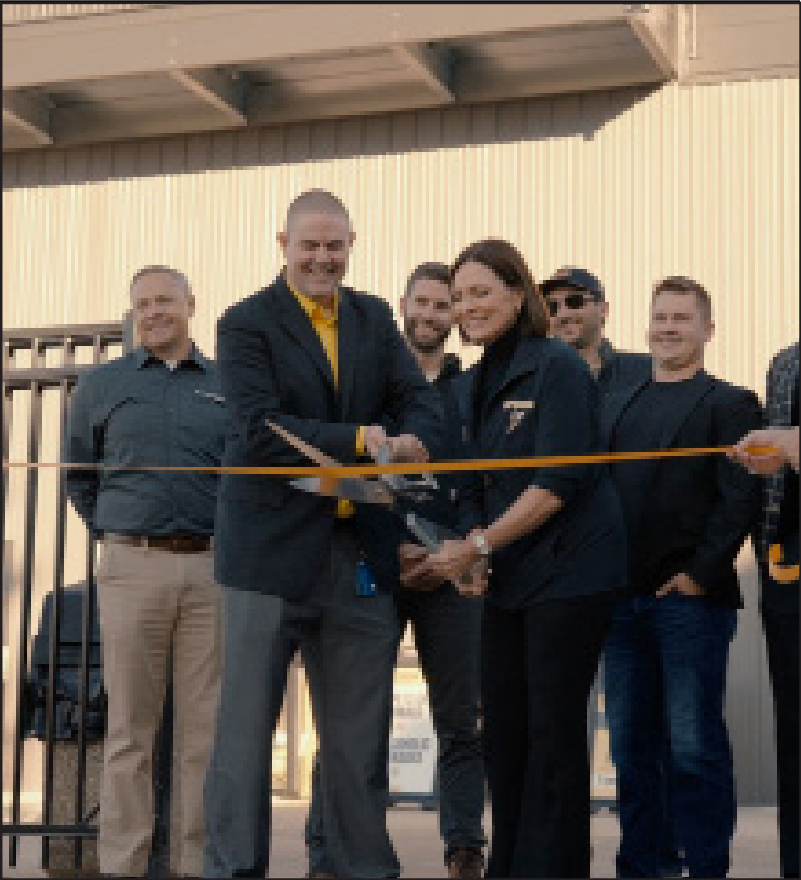
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The anticipation for a new addition on campus can finally be fulfilled. Friday, Oct. 11, marked an important day in history for the University of Wisconsin-Superior as the Superior Choice Credit Union Stadium officially opened its doors. The SCCU Stadium is set to enhance the student athlete experience as well as benefit the community. “I remember all the way back to 2018 when we were doing

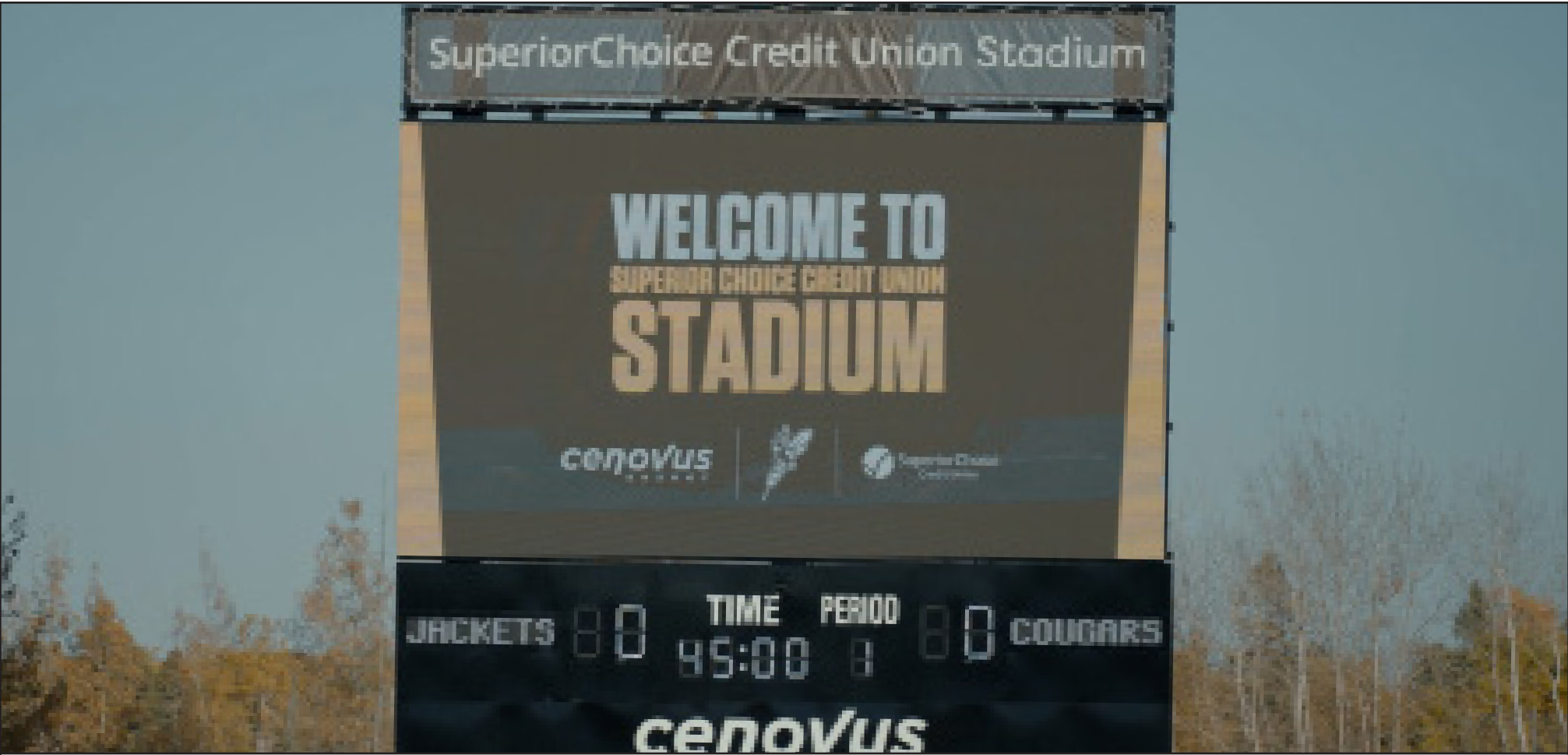
a needs assessment on the campus, and it was very clear that we needed a new field and needed it to be turfed,” said Dr. Renée Wachter, UWS Chancellor. The stadium was built with the intention of housing both men’s and women’s soccer teams, as well as the men’s and women’s track and field teams. It will also support educational and recreational opportunities for all students that attend UWS.

The construction of the SCCU Stadium wasn’t a smooth ride the whole way through. There were some bumps in the road, but the finished product was worth the wait. “It was great to have today to actually work out some of the kinks in the scoreboard. We have been practicing and testing everything out now for a good week or two as much as we can,” said Kristi Patterson, the recreation program director.

The men’s and women’s soccer teams have been practicing on the field but will officially be moved to SCCU after the ribbon cutting ceremony. As for the men’s and women’s track and field teams, they will have to wait as the track has not been completed. The day after the ribbon cutting ceremony, both men’s and women’s soccer teams competed against the University of Minnesota Morris Cougars.



UWS Chancellor Renée Wachter and SCCU CEO Tim Foster cutting the ribbon for the grand opening of SCCU Stadium.
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Welcome sign on the new scoreboard at SCCU stadium

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UWS Men’s and Women’s Soccer Dominates in First Game at SCCU Stadium

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UW-Superior’s men’s and women’s soccer teams took the field for the first time at the new Superior Choice Credit Union Stadium on Saturday, Oct. 12. The first game of the double-header was the men’s team taking on Minnesota Morris in an Upper Midwest Athletic Conference match. The Yellowjackets started the game hot as Felipe Oliveira scored the first goal early in the first half at the new on-campus stadium. He was assisted by his teammate Freddy Watson. Yellowjackets take a 1-0 lead. Later in the half, Oliveira returned the favor as he assisted Freddy Watson on the second goal of the game. The Yellowjackets took a 3-0

lead at the end of the first half and carried that into the second half where they scored five more goals on the night. Taking down Minnesota Morris 8-1. Leading the way in scoring for the Yellowjackets was Jake Kidd, who scored two goals on the night. Despite the first victory on the new turf, the first game at the SCCU Stadium was historic for the UWS soccer programs and the university. “To be a part of this and be a part of history. Like for us we’ve waited a year maximum for this. But for these guys, for coach, we have been waiting for this for a long time. A lot of people have worked very hard, big smiles, a perfect day. Now we are actually here, and it just feels like so much has been built up to and it couldn’t have gone any better,” said Isaac Becket, a midfielder

for the men’s soccer team. With the opening of the new on-campus stadium, the Yellowjackets now have a new place that they can call their home. “Just having the whole event on campus, the tailgate before. People only having to walk from the dorms right to here. It feels like a home, it feels like it’s actually our game rather than it being played on someone else’s field. This is where we are meant to be and this is where we are meant to be playing,” said Becket. The next game for the men’s soccer team is on Oct. 30, at Northland. For the second game of the soccer doubleheader, the women’s team also played Minnesota Morris for their first game at SCCU stadium. It did not take long for the Jackets to score as Niya Wilson set up her teammate Kamryn Hill for the first goal of the contest. Yellowjackets up 1-0. Still, in the first half, Niya Wilson is set up by her teammate Erika Schneider for the second goal of the game.

The Yellowjackets will keep up the dominant offense as they get the victory 8-0 over Minnesota Morris. Wilson led the team in scoring three goals on the day. Earning a hat trick during her first game at SCCU stadium. The same excitement from the men’s game carried over to the women’s game and players felt the importance of the new on-campus stadium for the team and the campus as a whole. “I think the new stadium will have a huge impact on our campus. Already in our first game at the



Halle Carlson playing defense against Morris during first game at SCCU Stadium.
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Starting lineups for first women’s soccer game at SCCU Stadium.
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stadium, we had quite a few students show up for us. We hope with the stadium now being on campus versus being down the road at the high school, that we will have more of a student section at our games,” said Mya Holmquist, forward for the UWS women’s soccer team. The women’s next game is on Oct. 29, to take on St. Olaf. The new SCCU stadium is the new home for Yellowjacket soccer and track and field for years to come.