

# SPORTS

## UWS Volleyball Hands Northwestern First UMAC Loss Since 2019

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The UW-Superior volleyball team took on some tough conference competition on Oct. 26 when they welcomed Northwestern to Mertz Mortorelli Gymnasium.

Coming into the game Northwestern carried a 73 match winning streak against Upper Midwest Athletic Conference opponents which dated all the way back to 2019.

The Yellowjackets got off to a hot start in set 1 with an early 5-2 lead the teams would trade blows but the Yellowjackets took an advantage of 20-12 before the Eagles would strom back.

The Yellowjackets would go on to take set 1 26-24 but set two would roll in the Eagles favor as they led for the entire set ultimately taking it

25-17. In the third set the Eagles and Jackets would trade points before Northwestern would take a three point advantage halfway through the set but UWS would roar back taking the third set 25-22.

Much of the fourth set was dominated by Northwestern as they would take it at a score of 25-18 setting up the winner take all fifth set. In the fifth set the Yellowjackets would take a commanding 6-0 lead before Northwestern would have to take a timeout. From there the Yellowjackets would lead as they would go on to beat the Eagles 15-7 in the fifth and ultimately the match 3-2 and snapping Northwestern's conference winning streak at 73.

UWS became the first team to beat Northwestern since St. Scholastica who hasn't played in the UMAC



Makenna Hohbein returning the volley against Northwestern at Mertz Mortorelli Gymnasium.

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since 2021. The upset sparked a lot of emotion for the Jackets as they felt the importance of the moment.

“To compete and go against such a competitive and highly skilled team, and take them down on our home court, it was very fun. The atmosphere in the gym was amaz-

ing. Not only that, but we also got to show what our team is made of, on senior night for our seniors,” said Colleen Claude, a junior setter for the Yellowjackets. UWS now has its sights on the UMAC postseason tournament which another matchup with the Eagles could take place.



UWS women's volleyball team storming the court at 3-2 victory against Northwestern at Mertz Mortorelli Gymnasium.

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## PROFILE | UWS' Triple Threat Athlete

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Across the UW-Superior campus there are multiple dual sport athletes who represent the Yellowjackets. However there is one athlete who competes in three different sports across three different seasons.

Colleen Claude is that athlete and she plays volleyball, basketball and runs track and field. The junior from Centuria, WI grew up playing multiple sports and although homeschooled played her high school athletics at Unity High School.

Initially she was recruited to UWS to join the volleyball and track and field teams but joined the women's basketball

team for the 2023-24 season. With a heavy schedule across multiple sports Claude doesn't find much stress in her work load.

“Each of my coaches are very good at reminding me that when it's volleyball season it's time to focus on volleyball, and so on. That gives me the ability to just focus on one sport at a time and once that sports season has finished, I shift my focus to the next sport,” said Claude.

Across all of the sports Claude has played she has been across many different history making moments including the volleyball team's win against Northwestern this season which snapped the Eagles 73 match winning

streak which dated all the way back to 2019.

Claude was also part of the women's track and field team that captured their first UMAC indoor championship back in 2023.

For Claude the memories that come with athletics offer her growth for the future. “I enjoy all my sports for different reasons. Each team and sport come with different people, a new atmosphere, new challenges, and more room for growth both personally and athletically,” said Claude. You can catch Claude's teams throughout the school year with the most basketball and track and field yet to be played.



Colleen Claude (14) celebrating with Jenna Anderson (1) in match against Northwestern at Mertz Mortorelli Gymnasium.

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## Up Next in Sports

### Men's Hockey

at St. Scholastica  
 Nov 15 (Fri) / 7:00 p.m.  
 Duluth, Minn.

at Bethel  
 Nov 16 (Sat) / 7:00 p.m.  
 St. Paul, Minn.

vs UW-Eau Claire  
 Nov 22 (Fri) / 7:05 p.m.  
 Superior, Wis.

at UW-Stevens Point  
 Nov 23 (Sat) / Stevens Point,  
 Wis. 7:00 p.m.

Superior Showdown  
 Friday Nov, 29 & Nov. 30  
 Superior, Wis.

### Women's Hockey

vs UW-Eau Claire  
 Nov 16 (Sat) / Superior, Wis.  
 2:00 p.m.

vs Northland  
 Nov 22 (Fri) / Superior, Wis.  
 2:00 p.m.

vs UW-Stevens Point  
 Nov 23 (Sat) / Superior, Wis.  
 2:00 p.m.

at St. Scholastica  
 Nov 26 (Tue) / Duluth, Minn.  
 5:00 p.m.



### Women's Basketball

vs Macalester  
 Nov 16 (Sat) / Superior, Wis.  
 3 p.m.

vs Hamline  
 Nov 20 (Wed) / Superior, Wis.  
 7 p.m.

vs St. Catherine  
 Nov 23 (Sat) / Superior, Wis.  
 3 p.m.

vs St. Scholastica  
 Nov 27 (Wed) / Superior, Wis.  
 5:30 p.m.

at UW-Stout  
 Dec 4 (Wed) / Menomonie,  
 Wis. 7 p.m.

### Men's Basketball

vs Macalester  
 Nov 16 (Sat) / Superior, Wis.  
 1 p.m.

at Trinity (Tex.)  
 Nov 23 (Sat) / Houston, Tex.  
 12 p.m.

at St. Thomas (Tex.)  
 Nov 24 (Sun) / Houston, Tex.  
 12 p.m.

at Ripon  
 Nov 30 (Sat) / Ripon, Wis.  
 3 p.m.

at UW-Eau Claire  
 Dec 7 (Sat) / Eau Claire, Wis.  
 3 p.m.