

SPORTS

SCCU Stadium Set To Host First Intramural Sports Games

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With the snow beginning to recede from the UW-Superior campus, the college’s brand new Superior Choice Credit Union Stadium is once again finding use for the school’s sports, just not those within the athletic department.

Before Track and Field is able to host a meet this

spring, the stadium will house both intramural soccer and flag football, both of which are being offered for the first time at the new complex.

“Once that stadium opened, I knew it needed to be used by us,” said Garrett Kroells, the intramural lead with Campus Recreation and Physical Education Major at the

school.

“I realized in late November that I wanted to start a flag football league, so I decided that spring would be more of a test run for fall, and I was talking to people around campus and they liked the idea, they were open to it.”

The flag football league will house teams playing 7v7 on a shortened field in the stadium, with a running clock for the two 20 minute halves, except for the final two minutes of a half.

On the other hand, intramural soccer will run in a 5v5 format, with a running clock for the entire match. With UWS having already established itself as a regional soccer powerhouse, this intramural league will further grow the school’s al-



Garrett Kroells, the Intramural Lead with Campus Recreation, has flag football and soccer ready to go at SCCU Stadium.
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Intramural sports will be held at SCCU Stadium for the first time in 2025.
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ready strong community around the sport.

“I think it creates better student involvement” said Marshall Swanson, Kroells’ assistant on the project and a soccer player in high school who believes that the more offerings the campus has, the more students will be encouraged to interact with each other outside of the classroom. “I would

love to see it to the point where we have 10 teams in (intramural) sports.”

For those interested in cheering on their fellow students during the games, flag football will be taking place on Thursday evenings through April until the playoffs on May 6, with soccer taking the field on Monday evenings until the playoffs on May 5.

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The UW-Superior Yellowjackets Softball team is off to a flying start this season. Posting a 15-4 record, and winning their last six games to open the season.

Over spring break the team traveled to Florida to participate in the 35th annual Gene Cusic Collegiate Classic. Over a span of ten games, the

UWS Softball Brings Heat Back From Florida

Yellowjackets recorded a 8-2 record, winning their first four games by a combined score of 41-8, including three of those games being ended in the sixth inning.

The Yellowjackets finished out their trip going 4-2 losing both games to Westfield State, and rounding out the last three games only giving up four total runs, win-

ning all three games.

With their great start to the season, a lot of excitement is built up within the team, “I am very excited to see what this team is going to do; we have a lot of seniors and some very skilled freshman as well as everything in between I think we are going to make a big impact in this conference season,” said MyKenzie Leccia a junior for the Yellowjackets.

Leccia had a very productive trip, posting 6 RBIs over the trip, and a HR against Lesley. One of the exciting aspects of the Yellowjacket team is the emergence of freshmen, one of which being Payton Bennett.

Bennett is second on the team in batting average with an outstanding .524. She also has started all 19 games this season,



During Their First 22 Games The Yellowjackets Have Outscored Opponents 218-77.
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as a freshman seemingly very comfortable with her role. “As a freshman, I was nervous about fitting in, but this team has done an excellent job of helping us all find our roles and feel comfortable being ourselves.” said Bennett.

Bennett attributed the seniors in helping all of the freshmen feel welcome on the team. When asked how to keep

the momentum going throughout the season Bennett kept it simple in saying, “we simply need to continue to work hard, make adjustments when needed, and have a competitive mindset.”

The Yellowjackets kept that momentum going to start conference play, posting six straight victories against Martin Luther and Crown.



Ellie Macal Rounds The Bases After Hitting A Home Run Against Westfield State.
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Coming off the teams trip to Florida, the UW-Superior Baseball Team opened up conference play with their first home games of the 2025 season.

The Yellowjackets were able to pick up three victories down in Florida. Two against Beloit College and the other against Roger Williams. The Yellowjackets suffered a few close losses down in the sunshine state as they lost two games by only one run and another by two.

Now that the trip down to Florida was over they quickly turned around to open UMAC play against Northland College over in Duluth at Wade Stadium.

On the mound in the conference opener was Ben Welle and he was nothing short of phenomenal for UWS. Welle pitched all nine innings

for the Yellowjackets only giving up two hits and one walk while striking out four Lumberjack Batters ultimately allowing UWS to take the game 5-0.

The next day the two teams would face off again this time over at NBC Spartan Sports Complex in Superior for a double header.

In game one of the doubleheader the Yellowjackets didn’t record a hit the first time through the order trailing the game 1-0. However in the third with two outs the offense came alive. Payton Steiner launched a two run home run giving them the lead and few batters later Max Howell launched at three run shot to extend the lead.

From there the Yellowjackets took care of Northland 13-1 and in

the second game of the doubleheader the Yellowjackets dominated taking down Northland 13-3.

For their second series of conference play the Yellowjackets took on Marin Luther. In the first game of the series the Yellowjackets were carried by another strong performance from Ben Welle going the full nine innigs while giving up two runs giving the Yellowjackets a 5-2 victory.

In games two and three of the series the Yellowjackets offense came alive scoring nine in game one and 14 in game two. The Yellowjackets were lead by Payon Steiner who hit a home run in game one and Trey Sybrant who hit one in game two. The Yellowjackets now start conference play 6-0.

In their home series of the season the Yellowjack-



Brian O’Dwyer Gets Some Practice Swings In On Deck.
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ets would welcome in the team that sent that home last seasons that being Crown College.

In game one of the series the Yellowjackets and Polars would fight back and forth with Yellowjackets taking a lead into the ninth inning. However a home run from Crown would send the game to extras and in the first frame of free baseball the Polars launched a two run

home run giving them the 8-6 victory.

The next day an offensive explosion would occur as the Polars would take game one of a doubleheader 18-10 and in game two the Yellowjackets offense struggled to scrape a run despite many opportunities ultimately falling 5-2. Their conference record now sits at 6-3 with still four series remaining in the regular season.