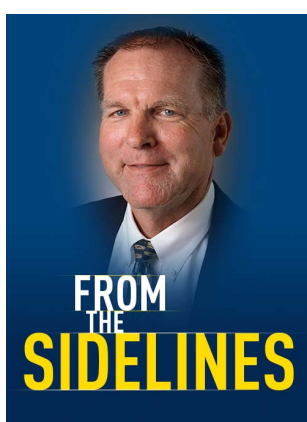




Summer 2022

From the Sidelines



Mike Zapolski, Director of Athletics

Augustana's strong academic and athletic programs attract high school seniors. This fall our student-athletes, including 240 first-year recruits, will begin training and competing in three upgraded facilities, continuing our commitment to providing top-notch venues.

Our esports team also begins varsity competition this fall. That's a first for Augustana!

Follow all our teams at athletics.augustana.edu throughout the year for the latest scores and stories.

(→ [More From the Sidelines](#))

Updated athletics facilities ready to go



Summer upgrades to two athletic facilities already are complete — and it's only early July. The playing surface at Thorson-Lucken Field, home to the men's and women's soccer and lacrosse teams, has been replaced with synthetic turf by AstroTurf.

PepsiCo Recreation Center has new flooring on the basketball courts and a new indoor track with upgraded painted lines. [\(more\)](#)

New faces in the Hall of Fame



The 25th Vikings Hall of Fame class was inducted this spring and seven alumni now are listed among the best to ever wear the Blue and Gold!

They are (from left) Theresa Suwannapal Meisenbach (2007 track and field), Keli Coleman (2009 track and field), Dave Stone (1980 golf), Mary Kay Herman (1987 basketball), George Annang (1993 football), and Jilian Widick Miller (2005 softball). Rob Narske (1992 swimming) is not pictured. → [Read about them](#)



Augie athletes abroad!

The women's golf team went to the home of golf: Scotland, where they played at several courses and walked around the old St. Andrew's. [\(See their blog\)](#)

Meanwhile, the men's and women's basketball teams played in Greece, the football team competed in Germany and the women's lacrosse team tried their luck in England.

"This trip has brought our team together more than I could have ever imagined," wrote Chase Larsen '25 on the [men's basketball blog](#). "I'm really grateful for the opportunity to travel and play with our team. I can't wait to show off all the progress we made together."

New roles in Carver

[Tom Lawrence '84](#) has been named director of golf. He will be the first-ever director of golf at Augustana after spending nine seasons as the head coach of the women's program.

[Patrica Martin](#) will be the first woman to join the Augie wrestling coaching staff (men's and women's) and will come in as a graduate assistant. [\(See her interview\)](#)

[Taylor Hurry](#) will be a full-time assistant coach with men's and women's track and field. Hurry will continue to oversee throws.

GAME CHANGERS

• Janet Heick '70 Burch is the president and founder of the [Kiwanis Miracle League](#) at Principal Park, a specially designed baseball park for children with special needs, in Des Moines.

• Terry Shockley '82 is the narrator for a new podcast by the National Wrestling Hall of Fame and USA Wrestling called "[Fetched In Stone – Stories of Wrestling Legends](#)."

• [Tim Fader '91](#) was named Coach of the Year by the National Wrestling Coaches Association. He is the wrestling coach at the University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire.

• [Mindy Matthews '98](#) is the varsity volleyball coach at Galesburg (Ill.) High School.

• [Mark VanNatta '13](#) is the athletic director at Alleman High School, Rock Island.

• [Abe Duran '14](#) is the head wrestling coach at Metea Valley High School in Aurora, Ill.



Pro Football Hall of Fame?

[Bryn Swartz of Bleacher Reports](#) explains why Ken Anderson '71 should be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Among other reasons, he writes, "Simply put, Anderson's passing ability puts most Hall of Fame quarterbacks to shame."

Anderson played four seasons as the Vikings quarterback from 1967-1970 and 16 seasons in the NFL for the Cincinnati Bengals.

SPRING SPORTS REVIEWS

• With a 34-12 overall record, [men's baseball](#) went on a roll to battle to a CCIW Tournament championship and a berth in the NCAA Tournament.

• [Women's bowling](#) earned its third straight 20-win season in head-to-head matches with head coach Marty Resner '13 returning to lead the program.

• In its first varsity season, [women's water polo](#) not only placed second at the Collegiate Water Polo Association DIII Championships, but also earned a top-four standing at the USA Water Polo National Tournament.

• [Men's lacrosse](#) set multiple individual and team records and celebrated a trio of all-conference and all-region athletes.

• [Women's lacrosse](#) bounced back from losses in the first two games with four wins in the next five, including the team's first three-game winning streak since 2018.

• One of the youngest teams in the CCIW, [men's volleyball](#) defeated Illinois Wesleyan before taking down Millikin for a perfect finish to the season.

• [Women's golf](#) won four tournaments and shot a program record 297 in the second round during the Highland Classic; Avery Frick '24 fired off a school record 67 in that round.

• [Men's golf](#) had five top-five finishes this season; Hunter Love '22 and Tyler Langel '23 were voted co-MVPs.

• Lily Schoeck '23 and Caitlyn Hanulikova '24 were named all-CCIW in [women's tennis](#).

• [Men's tennis](#) won four of its final five matches, including a CCIW Tournament opening-round win to advance the young team to the conference semifinals.

• Pole vaulter [Kat Krebasch '22](#) became our first All-American in the event on the women's side since 2007, earning third at the NCAA DIII National Track and Field Championships.

• [Carson Eijpers '23](#) was fourth in the men's weight throw at the NCAA DIII Indoor Track and Field Championships to land him All-American status, the first in school history.

• Led by a veteran group, [women's softball](#) jumped out to an 11-2 start that boasted a seven-game winning streak.

SAVE THE DATE

Sept. 1 Men's soccer home opener, 6 p.m. vs. Simpson

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Sept. 3 Football home opener, noon vs. Rhodes College

Sept. 7 Women's soccer home opener, 7 p.m. vs. Benedictine

Sept. 24 [Viking Club Golf Outing](#) (registration now available)

Oct. 1 Cross country Brissman-Lundeen Invitational

Oct. 14-16 [Homecoming](#)

Care for coffee?

Join alumni and friends in Chicagoland and the Quad Cities July 22:

[RSVP for Cool Beanz in Rock Island](#) (8 a.m.)

[RSVP for Brewpoint Coffee in Elmhurst](#) (7:30 a.m.)

