



MCSA Regional Championships

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MCSA Midwest Collegiate Cup: Regional Championships

CAVOC welcomes largest-ever Regionals field; CSO Women take second consecutive title; UMD Men skate to first championship



Above: The start of the Men's 10k Skate on Sunday, February 19th. Photo courtesy of Kaia Hilgendorf-Roost.

Contagious energy in the winter air, breakneck conditions on the racecourse, and surprises in the standings defined the 2023 MCSA Regional Championships, held this weekend in Rhinelander, Wisconsin. The volunteers at Northwoods Nordic Ski Club, indefatigable partners of the league since [its inaugural championships in March of 2020](#), welcomed over eighty college skiers across ten teams – the largest Regionals field since MCSA Nordic's inception – to Cedric A. Vig Outdoor Center for two consecutive days of racing. Consisting of a 5-kilometer, interval-start classic race on Saturday and a 10-kilometer, echelon-start skate race on Sunday, the events at Rhinelander served as both the MCSA's qualifier for the 2023 USCSA National Championships and as the fourth of five contests on the Midwest Collegiate Cup.

As the shortest and most technically-exacting course the Cup circuit, Rhinelander has quickly gained a reputation among even those who did not cut their teeth in the WNSL as an annual, and unforgiving,



test of intensity and dexterity. While ‘getting cattywampus at CAVOC’ may sound like a post-race celebration college athletes would enjoy, it perhaps more aptly refers to the slips and spills which overturn skiers – [and predictions!](#) – as they push the limits of their speed and skill on the serpentine trails. From mettle-testing climbs and kettles roiling with thrashing limbs, the St. Olaf College Women and the University of Minnesota-Duluth Men emerged as the 2023 MCSA Regional Champions – with Ole Lily Hubanks and Bulldog Ethan Anderson clinching the individual pursuit titles.

MCSA Regional Championships Breakdown

As a standalone event, the MCSA Regional Championships qualified teams for [the USCSA National Championships](#). Using the USCSA Nationals scoring system, wherein a team’s top three skiers score, with skiers four and five displacing, teams’ 5k Classic scores were added to their 10k Skate scores to determine final standings. The teams with the lowest scores were crowned as the MCSA Regional Champions. Only skiers who had met the MCSA’s race participation requirements were allowed to score.

Day 1: 5k Interval-Start Classic

Temperatures in the mid-thirties and brilliant sunshine brought a familiar flurry of calculations to the CAVOC, as college teams scrambled to find the right wax formula for the 5-kilometer, interval-start classic race. Thanks to Northwoods Nordic’s diligent grooming, however, quick course conditions left little time for thought on the trails as skiers dashed to the finish of their fastest event of the 2023 season.

Faithful to any reasonable forecast, CSO’s **Lily Hubanks** – [2022 MCSA Regional Champion in the 10k Classic](#), and [2022 USCSA National Champion in the 15k Classic](#) – thrashed the field in the **Women’s 5k Classic**, striding to yet another title in 16:19.4. Hubanks was followed by fellow Ole **Lucia Wyland**, taking home the silver medal in 17:41.9. The bronze went to UWM’s **Katie Milligan Susong**, who finished in 17:49.6; UMD’s **Aubrie Ecker** and **Shelby Suhr** took fourth and fifth, finishing in 17:59.4 and 18:17.2, respectively.

In the **Men’s 5k Classic**, another Ole victory, with CSO’s **Tait Myers** taking his first championship gold in 14:22.8. Close behind – and having boldly opted to eschew kick altogether – was MTU’s **Henry Campbell** (third in the 10k Classic in 2022), double-poling to silver in 14:26.3, a mere 3.5 seconds behind Myers. UMD’s **Ethan Anderson** finished third, and well within striking distance, in 14:32.9, while **Benjamin Bauer** (UMD) and **Luke MacKinnon** (UMNTC) finished within thirty seconds of Myers, in 14:36.3 and 14:50.0, respectively.

As the teams retired to nurse their klister-blister and keep a wary nightwatch for any hungry Hodags, **St. Olaf College** led the **Women’s Division** with 9 points; the **University of Minnesota-Duluth** stood in second with 20 points, while the **University of Wisconsin-Madison** and **University of Minnesota-Twin Cities** tied for third, with 29 points each.



Team Scores: Women (Regionals 5k Classic, 2/18/23)				
Regionals Rank:	Team:	Day 1 Score:		
1	CSO	9 Hubanks (1)	Wyland (2)	Everest (6)
2	UMD	20 Ecker (4)	Suhr (5)	Martin (11)
4	UWM	29 Milligan-Susong (3)	Straka (12)	Koehler (14)
4	UMNTC	29 Hilgendorf-Roost (7)	Jensen (9)	Casper (13)
5	UWEC	44 Bussman (8)	Johnson (16)	Williams (20)

Team Scores: Men (Regionals 5k Classic, 2/18/23)				
Regionals Rank:	Team:	Day 1 Score:		
1	CSO	14 Myers (1)	Taracena (6)	Hanson (7)
2	UMD	17 Anderson (3)	Bauer (4)	Heidorn (10)
3	MTU	27 Campbell (2)	Hudrik (11)	C. Novitch (14)
4	UMNTC	39 MacKinnon (5)	Hempe (16)	Preston (18)
5	UWM	50 Hemink (8)	Page (19)	Koob (23)

Above: Team Scores from Day 1 of the MCSA Regional Championships. Calculated using the USCSA CAR Scoring System, 2/18/2023.

St. Olaf College also led the Men's Division at Saturday's end, with 14 points; the University of Minnesota-Duluth remained in close pursuit with 17 points, while Michigan Technological University, the 2022 Men's Regional Champions, held third with 27 points. Full results are available [here](#).

Day 2: 10k Echelon-Start Skate

Overcast skies and a dip below freezing, once again paired with rigorous course maintenance, transformed trails pulverized by Saturday's Classic into a relatively firm deck for Sunday's decisive 10-kilometer, echelon-start skate race (in which starting position was determined by Saturday's results). True to predictions, the 5k Classic put Myers' and Hubanks' familiar orange race suits at the tip of the mass-start chevrons – and on the defensive, with a horde of seasoned skaters eager to lunge at the lead.

CSO's Lily Hubanks, however, proved undaunted by the pursuing pressure, winning the Women's 10k Skate and taking her second title of the weekend in 28:47.8. A spirited surge over the course's iconic finishing hill series allowed Katie Milligan Susong (UWM) to secure second place in 29:20.3, avoiding a sprint finish with UMD's Aubrie Ecker, third in 29:34.7, and Shelby Suhr, narrowly fourth in 29:35.1. In fifth was UMNTC's Kaia Hilgendorf-Roost, crossing the line in 29:42.8.

The Men's 10k Skate was rapidly unsettled by the man to beat, Tait Myers, taking a significant fall roughly 1.5k into the race. Although this outlet predicted Henry Campbell would surge to a skate victory on Sunday, it



Above: The flood of skiers continues at the start of the Men's 10k Skate. Photo courtesy of Kaia Hilgendorf-Roost.

was UMD's Ethan Anderson and Benjamin Bauer who seized the lead in a group of some five skiers as the race approached its second lap, and who steadily broke the pack in favor of the Bulldogs. Indeed, Anderson was the Men's Skate Champion, pulling away from Bauer to finish in 24:42.4; Bauer took second in 25:01.3. In third was UMNTC's Luke MacKinnon, with 25:13.4; Henry Campbell was fourth in 25:17.4, and CSO's Ian Derauf took fifth in 25:23.9.



In the **Women's Division**, another win for Hubanks (along with strong skiing from teammates Wyland and Everest) secured another team win for **St. Olaf College**, leading

the day with 14 points. The **University of Minnesota-Duluth** again took second, with 21 points; with Milligan Susong finishing second individually, the **University of Wisconsin-Madison** took third, with 24 points.

Team Scores: Women (Regionals 10k Skate, 2/19/2023)				
Regionals Rank:	Team:	Day 2 Score:		
1	CSO	14	Hubanks (1)	Everest (6) Wyland (7)
2	UMD	21	Ecker (3)	Suhr (4) Martin (14)
3	UWVC	24	Milligan-Susong (2)	Straka (9) Koehler (13)
4	UMNTC	28	Hilgendorf-Roost (5)	Jensen (11) Anderson (12)
5	UWEC	44	Bussman (14)	Williams (18) Johnson (22)
Team Scores: Men (Regionals 10k Skate, 2/19/2023)				
Regionals Rank:	Team:	Day 2 Score:		
1	UMD	9	Anderson (1)	Bauer (2) Donohue (6)
2	CSO	21	Derauf (5)	Taracena (7) Myers (9)
3	UMNTC	25	MacKinnon (3)	Preston (8) Hempe (14)
4	MTU	27	Campbell (4)	Hudrik (11) Miller (12)
5	UWVC	65	Page (20)	Lee (22) Hemink (23)

Above: Team Scores from Day 2 of the MCSA Regional Championships. Calculated using the USCSA CAR Scoring

In the **Men's Division**, two Bulldogs on the individual podium secured a skate victory for the **University of Minnesota-Duluth**, who led the day with 9 points. **St. Olaf College** was second, with 21 points, while the **University of Minnesota-Twin Cities** was narrowly third, with 25 points. Full results are available [here](#).

MCSA Regional Champions

To determine the individual MCSA Individual Regional Champions, skiers' times from their 5k Classic race were added to their 10k Skate times.

MacKinnon climbed into fourth on Sunday, with 40:03.4, while **Tait Myers** finished the weekend in fifth, with 40:36.1.

With a substantial margin of victory on both days, **Lily Hubanks** was the **2023 MCSA Women's Pursuit Champion**, with a cumulative time of 45:07.2. Saturday's skate surge put **Katie Milligan Susong** in second, with 47:09.2; similarly propelled to the podium by her skating was UMD's **Aubrie Ecker**, third overall in 47:34.1. Ecker was followed by teammate **Shelby Suhr** in fourth, with 47:52.3, while **Kaia Hilgendorf-Roost** took fifth for the weekend in 48:21.6.

To determine the MCSA Team Regional Champions, team scores from Day 1 were added to team scores from Day 2. With consecutive single-day wins totaling 23 points, the **2023 MCSA Women's Regional Champions** could be none other than **St. Olaf College**, whose skiers return to Northfield with their second-consecutive championship trophy. Two days of tenacious skiing put the **University of Minnesota-Duluth** in second for the weekend, with their first-ever Regionals podium finish and 41 points. Although tied with UMNTC on Saturday, the **University of Wisconsin-Madison** prevailed during Sunday's skate – taking third place, with 53 points.

Leaping to the head of the skate pack on Sunday – and to the **2023 MCSA Men's Pursuit Championship title** – was UMD's Ethan Anderson, more than overcoming his 5k Classic deficit to win the weekend with 39:15.3. Similarly springing forward was fellow Bulldog **Benjamin Bauer**, second for the weekend in 39:37.6. With a strong kickless classic on Saturday, **Henry Campbell** was able to remain in third overall, with a total time of 39:43.7. **Luke**

The skate proved the decisive factor in the **2023 MCSA Men's Regional Championship** chase, with the **University of Minnesota-Duluth's** commanding showing on Sunday enabling them to take their first-ever Regionals title, with 26 points. Buoyed by their 5k Classic points, **St.**



Olaf College hung on to take second place, with 35 points. Although closely outscored by the Gophers on Sunday, **Michigan Technological University** remained solidly in third, with 54 points.

Per a berth adjustment, all five teams in both Divisions have qualified to attend the 2023 USCSA National Championships. However, the

controversial rules recognizing the Michigan Technological University Nordic Ski Club as only a non-scoring 'Guest Team' at the National level (despite the MCSA's [unanimous recognition](#) of the Huskies as a full, legitimate member of the MCSA) will continue to hobble the competitive strength of any Midwest contingent that may venture to Mammoth, California.

Team Scores: Women (MCSA Regional Championships)				
Regionals Rank:	Team:	Total Score:	Day 1 Score	Day 2 Score
1	CSO	23	9	14
2	UMD	41	20	21
3	UWM	53	29	24
4	UMNTC	57	29	28
5	UWEC	88	44	44
Team Scores: Men (MCSA Regional Championships)				
Regionals Rank:	Team:	Total Score:	Day 1 Score	Day 2 Score
1	UMD	26	17	9
2	CSO	35	14	21
3	MTU	54	27	27
4	UMNTC	64	39	24
5	UWM	115	50	65

Above: Combined Day 1 and Day 2 Team Scores, yielding the Final Team Scores for the 2023 MCSA Regional Championships. Calculated using the USCSA CAR Scoring System, 2/19/2023.



Above: St. Olaf College's winning women, and the University of Minnesota-Duluth Men. Photos courtesy of Lucia Wyland and Ethan Anderson.



Midwest Collegiate Cup Standings

Separate from the MCSA Regional Championship awards and scoring, the pursuit standings were scored as the fourth of five events on the Midwest Collegiate Cup. Per the Mathie-Halvorson System, there was no participation threshold towards scoring in the Collegiate Cup, and all skiers received points – with five skiers per team scoring, and infinite displacers. Full pursuit results are available [here](#).

In the **Women’s Team Results**, **St. Olaf College** was again at the top of the standings, with 149 total points. While absent from the Regional Championships podium, the **University of Minnesota-Twin Cities’** depth allowed them to take second, with 114 Cup points. They were immediately followed by the **University of Minnesota-Duluth’s** 113 points, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison’s 112 points.

In the **Men’s Team Results**, the Collegiate Cup standings mirrored the Regional Championships podium. The **University of Minnesota-Duluth** won the weekend with 166 points; **St. Olaf College** took second, with 144 points, while **Michigan Technological University** was third, with 115 points.

Cumulative standings hold steady as the Midwest Collegiate Cup approaches its fifth and final event, the American Birkebeiner. Although their margin over the Oles shrunk slightly, the **University of Minnesota-Twin Cities** continues to lead the **Women’s Division**, with 563 total points. **St. Olaf College** stands in second, with 502 total points, while the **University of Wisconsin-Madison** is a rather distant third, with 389 points.

In the **Men’s Division**, the remarkably-close standings [after Mt. Ashwabay](#) have progressively broken apart – a trend that continued this weekend in Rhinelander. The **University of Minnesota-Duluth** increased their lead, raising their total to 652 points; **St. Olaf College** remains in second, with 606 points, while the **University of Minnesota-Twin Cities** sits solidly in third, with 537 total points.

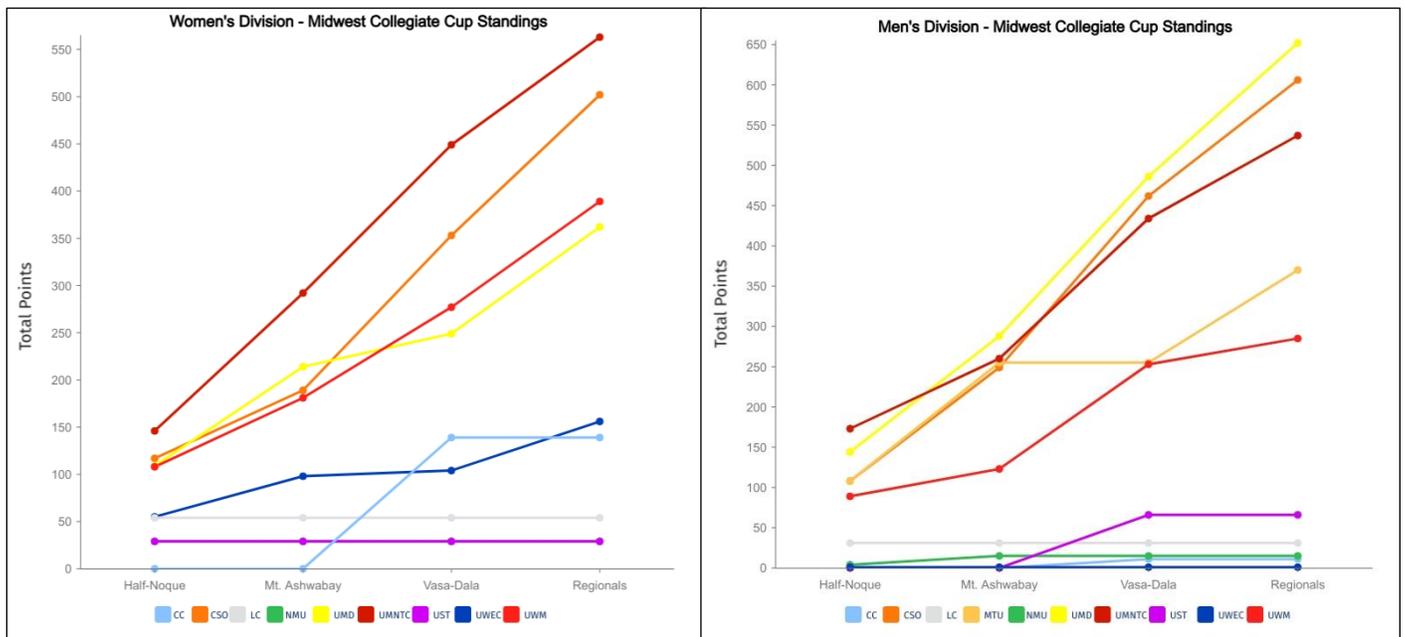
Team Scores: Women (Regionals Pursuit)						
MCSA Rank:	Team:	Composite Score:				
1	CSO	149	Hubanks (50)	Everest (34)	Wyland (32)	Tomten (28) Nguyen (5)
2	UMNTC	114	Hilgendorf-Roost (37)	Jensen (26)	Anderson (20)	Reineke (16) Casper (15)
3	UMD	113	Ecker (43)	Suhr (40)	Martin (22)	Dolan (7) Neeser (1)
4	UWM	112	Susong (46)	Straka (24)	Koehler (18)	Klein (14) Schwartz (10)
5	UWEC	52	Bussman (30)	Williams (13)	Johnson (9)	
Team Scores: Men (Regionals Pursuit)						
MCSA Rank:	Team:	Composite Score:				
1	UMD	166	Anderson (50)	Bauer (46)	Donohue (28)	Schwinghamer (22) Heidorn (20)
2	CSO	144	Myers (37)	Derauf (34)	Taracena (32)	Hanson (30) Dorsey (11)
3	MTU	115	Campbell (43)	Hudrlík (24)	Miller (18)	C. Novitch (16) J. Novitch (14)
4	UMNTC	103	MacKinnon (40)	Preston (26)	Hempe (15)	Berg (12) Boylan (10)
5	UWM	32	Hemink (13)	Page (9)	Lee (5)	Koob (4) Jaeger (1)
Total Teams: 10						
Total Skiers: 84						

Above: Vasa-Dala Team Standings, 2/19/2023. Calculated using the Mathie-Halvorson Scoring System.



Midwest Collegiate Cup Standings: Women						
MCSA Rank:	Team:	Composite Score:	Half-Noque	Mt. Ashwabay	Vasa-Dala	MCSA Regional Championships
1	UMNTC	563	146	146	157	114
2	CSO	502	117	72	164	149
3	UWM	389	108	73	96	112
4	UMD	362	109	105	35	113
5	UWEC	156	55	43	6	52
6	CC	139	0	0	139	0
7	LC	54	54	0	0	0
9	NMU	29	29	0	0	0
9	UST	29	29	0	0	0
Midwest Collegiate Cup Standings: Men						
MCSA Rank:	Team:	Composite Score:	Half-Noque	Mt. Ashwabay	Vasa-Dala	MCSA Regional Championships
1	UMD	652	144	144	198	166
2	CSO	606	111	138	213	144
3	UMNTC	537	173	87	174	103
4	MTU	370	108	147	0	115
5	UWM	285	89	34	130	32
6	UST	66	0	0	66	0
7	LC	31	31	0	0	0
8	NMU	15	4	11	0	0
9	CC	11	0	0	11	0
10	UWEC	1	1	0	0	0
Total Teams: 19						

Above: Midwest Collegiate Cup Standings, 2/19/2023. Calculated using the Mathie-Halvorson Scoring System.



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From the Athletes

Adaptation to a challenging course and warm conditions – as well as to the pre-race jitters of a breakneck weekend – seemed to characterize the 2023 Regional Championships for our MCSA athletes. With the Men’s 5k Classic going off ahead of the Women on Saturday, Tait Myers (Men’s 5k Classic Champion) left the starting area and entered a largely untouched course and, bibbed first, completely alone. With “no one to help push” him, Myers wrote that he had “the mindset of, ‘Just go as hard as you can all the way to the end.’” Perhaps anticipating the deteriorating conditions that would later plague the Women’s classic, and noting his own absence of kick during pre-race testing, Henry Campbell (second in the Men’s 5k Classic) wrote: “I opted to use my skate skis and give it my best shot double poling” and herringboning – which “ended up working fine.” The sharp terrain contrasts also seemed to work in favor of Ethan Anderson (third in the Men’s 5k Classic), who noted that he “felt good about it being mostly double-pole and herringbone, which [he’s] better at.”



Above: CSO’s Lily Hubanks, confident in the Women’s 10k Skate. Photo courtesy of Northwoods Nordic Ski Club.



Above: UMD’s Ethan Anderson in the Men’s 10k Skate. Photo courtesy of Northwood Nordic Ski Club.

Even for those wanting to stride, the warm weather and some fifty-five skiers in the Men’s Division left mixed verdicts on track conditions for the Women’s 5k Classic. Nevertheless, Lily Hubanks (Women’s 5k Classic Champion) reported that, although she felt “pretty nervous before the race... the nerves went away” once the skiing started, and credited coach Kevin Brochman and skier Noah Johnson with essential kick-wax testing for her race. Teammate Lucia Wyland (second in the Women’s 5k Classic) agreed that the careful experimentation, as well as the CAVOC’s herculean grooming efforts, enabled the Oles to “go out hard, hammer the hills, and above all have fun!” on Saturday.

UWM’s Katie Milligan Susong (third in the Women’s 5k Classic) conceded that she may have gone out a bit *too* hard. While aiming to “stay smooth and efficient and use the hills and transition to [her] advantage,” Milligan Susong wrote that she felt somewhat frantic in the first kilometer of her race, and “wasted some energy” – however, she was still “happy with the results” and the bronze medal. UMD’s Aubrie Ecker (fourth in the Women’s 5k Classic) agreed that, having not raced a 5-kilometer event since high school and due to the “spring-like conditions,” Saturday “was a challenging classic day.” With so many of her competitors having “strong starts



Above: Bulldogs Aubrie Ecker and Shelby Suhr maneuver towards the finish of the Women's 10k Skate. Photo courtesy of Northwoods Nordic Ski Club.

Below: UMD's Ethan Anderson and Ben Bauer hang tight to Henry Campbell in the first lap of the Men's 10k Skate. Photo courtesy of Ethan Anderson.



Above: The thick of the Men's 10k Skate. Photo courtesy of Kaia Hilgendorf-Roost.

out of the gate," Ecker was "honestly surprised to find out" she had placed fourth – which positioned her well for Sunday.

Translating classic positions into skate and pursuit results was, of course, top of mind for every college athlete on Sunday, with the Women's 10k Skate leading. Knowing that she was only "one [spot] off the podium" made Ecker quite excited for Sunday's event, which turned out to be "truly one of [her] favorite races." With "a lot of dynamic pack skiing," fast snow, and a spirited sprint finish between herself and fellow Bulldog Shelby Suhr, Ecker's inaugural MCSA Regionals podiums (third in the Women's 10k Skate and Women's Pursuit) were undeniably memorable. For Katie Milligan Susong (second in the Women's 10k Skate and in the Women's Pursuit), Sunday was a "race for second" – one in which she knew she would have to be wary of trying to hang with Lily Hubanks' (Women's 10k Skate and Pursuit Champion) quick pace, and avoid "blowing up." Milligan Susong described sticking with the chase pack for much of the race, before finally breaking from Ecker and Suhr with a kilometer to go.

There was certainly no shortage of pack-cracking in the Men's 10k Skate – with Tait Myers' early-on fall, from which he described himself as simply unable to recover, rapidly upsetting the close standings. UMD's Ben Bauer (second in the Men's 10k Skate and Men's Pursuit) described the start of the race as "a bit dicey, unfortunately," but settling down between kilometers 1.5 and 5, with the lead pack dwindling to roughly five to seven skiers. After moving to the front of the group near the halfway point, Bauer wrote that he and Ethan Anderson (Men's 10k Skate and Pursuit Champion) "both knew we had to stay ahead of St. Olaf to make up the small point deficit from the day before, so that was a little extra motivation." Anderson added that, when taking over the lead from Bauer, "I just felt good so I kept surging. It felt



good to see my race strategy put me in the lead instead of bonking for once!” Indeed, it was an effective strategy – one that Henry Campbell (fourth in the Men’s 10k Skate and third in the Men’s Pursuit) wrote he “didn’t have the motivation or speed to keep up with.” After “falling off the back,” CSO’s Ian Derauf and UMNTC’s Luke MacKinnon pulled Campbell into “pick[ing] it up” into the finish – allowing him to secure his fifth career MCSA Regionals podium, with a bronze medal in the pursuit standings. MacKinnon, narrowly off the Regionals podiums in 2022, was pleased to take third in the Men’s 10k Skate on Saturday. With “really good skis” and “fast conditions that definitely played to [his] strengths,” MacKinnon “tried to hang onto the top guys until the final hills,” before mustering a climbing attack to gap Campbell and Derauf. All in all, it was “really fun to race against such a strong group. Gonna miss it next year,” he concluded.

And – what a strong group it was! In 2020, a mere 29 skiers from five teams competed at the MCSA Regional Championships. In 2021, [the MCNL](#) held no Regional Championships at all due to Covid-19.

2023 saw the largest MCSA Regional Championships field ever make the trek to Rhineland – with their conduct on and off the racecourse testifying to the vitality of this league. Emma Reineke, Nordic Student Coordinator for the league, wrote that from the starting pen to the finish line, it was “such a joy” to see “members of varying teams talking and having a good time together, even though our teams are located so far from each other across the Midwest.” Indeed, with the skiers on-course “having fun with one another while still being competitive,” and teammates cheering “for everyone, no matter what uniform they were wearing,” this weekend “felt like it was true Midwest racing.” This was more than a routine competition – it was a celebration of the camaraderie, the volunteerism, the student leadership and the passion for Nordic skiing which thrives here in the MCSA.



Above: Finish-line congratulations between Ian Derauf and Luke MacKinnon. Photo courtesy of Kaia Hilgendorf-Roost.



Above: MCSA Nordic Coordinator Ted Theyerl and Student Coordinator Emma Reineke address the assembled teams on Sunday. Photo courtesy of Northwoods Nordic Ski Club.

Below: Women’s and Men’s Regional Championship Team Podiums. Photos courtesy of Lucia Wyland and Ethan Anderson.





Above: MCSA Student Coordinator Emma Reineke with fellow Gopher Lydia Anderson. Photo courtesy of Kaia Hilgendorf-Roost.

Below: The MCSA on the Main Street Podium in 2022.



The celebration will undoubtedly continue next weekend, as the American Birkebeiner – the crown jewel of Nordic skiing in the Western Hemisphere – will mark the fifth and final contest of the 2023 Midwest Collegiate Cup. As UMNTC Co-President Hannah Delker confided to this outlet (which duly forwarded the report to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention), “a few of our skiers have already reported symptoms of Birkie Fever.” No matter how debilitating the symptoms, we are confident Delker’s prognosis – that they will “head through that start gate in Cable next weekend with speed unlike anything we’ve seen this season” – will prove true not only of the Gophers, but of the thirteen teams slated to compete in Hayward.

We hope you will join us at 3:00pm on Hayward’s Main Street, where our 2023 Champions will ascend the storied Birkie Podium – stepping from the fever of the racecourse [into the annals of MCSA history!](#)

The Midwest Collegiate Cup will conclude on Saturday, February 25th, at the American Birkebeiner in Hayward, WI.

Awards will be announced on the Main Street Podium at 3:00pm.

Full MCSA Nordic results from the Midwest Collegiate Cup Circuit are available [here](#).



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