



*Highland Cougar Bowling Team*

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Highland Collegiate Bowling – Results – Midwest Collegiate Tier 1 – Wauwatosa, Wi

The Highland Men's Team hit the lanes this past weekend for the first "major" tournament of the year, The 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest Collegiate Championships in Wauwatosa, Wi. This tournament annually is used as a barometer as to where the team is at this early point in the season, as we have had a month of practice and have competed in one tournament so far... so how do we match up to some of the best teams in the nation?

It is always intimidating at this tournament as being a community college and fielding only Freshman and Sophomores, many of our bowlers have never witnessed the caliber of teams that they do in this event. Regardless, we are there to knock down pins just like everyone else... and we know how to do that.

The event this year was yielding some higher scoring and we fared "ok" in day #1 after 6 games of qualifying, finding ourselves in 19<sup>th</sup> of 40 Top Teams. We always have our sights on a few teams that we like to measure up against – due to the fact that we will be bowling with them throughout the year and also, possibly, for an NJCAA National Championship. After Day 1, we felt we left some opportunities slip by due to a "not very good" spare shooting performance. It was the hope that during the 16 games of Baker on Sunday we could make up those pins and move up the standings as a "Top 20" would be a solid performance at this time of year with this young team.

Baker games proved to be disappointing. Poor shot making and bad spare shooting were our Achilles heel and we ended up dropping from 19<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>. While this is still a solid performance and will gain us some nice points in the collegiate ranking, we expect to do better and will need to work harder to get to that point. More importantly, While we finished above some strong collegiate teams, we ended behind some teams that we know we are better than, thus there is a little more motivation to step up the focus in practice and fare better in the upcoming weeks.

We have received our first shipment of Brunswick equipment at the time of this writing, and we are looking forward to getting this equipment in our hands and knocking down more pins in Milwaukee next weekend for the Great lakes Bowling Conference Event (10/13-10/14) alongwith our Lady Cougar teammates.

The final results are posted below.

**Qualifying Team Standings**  
**18th Annual Midwest Collegiate Championships -**  
**Men's Varsity**

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Overall Total</b>
1	McKendree V	9941
2	St. Ambrose V	9794
3	Lincoln Memorial University V	9771
4	Webber V	9764
5	Robert Morris (IL) V	9762
6	Grand View V	9724
7	Midland V	9666
8	Lindenwood V	9654
9	Notre Dame - Ohio V	9638
10	Wisc.-Whitewater V	9635
11	William Penn V	9566
12	Calumet College Of St. Joseph V	9540
13	Savannah College Of Art And Design-Savannah	9515
14	St. Francis (IL) V	9467
15	Davenport V	9458
16	Newman V	9446
17	Vincennes V	9299
18	Iowa Central Community College V	9268
19	Mount Mercy V	9241
20	Ottawa University V	9075
21	Saint Xavier V	8960
22	Morningside College V	8881
23	Nebraska - Lincoln V	8876
24	Highland Community College V	8870
25	Minn.St.-Mankato V	8808
26	Kansas Wesleyan V	8771
27	Wisc.-Madison V	8752
28	Wisc.-Milwaukee V	8710
29	Baker V	8653
30	Marian V	8390
31	Trine University V	8372
32	Winona State V	8305
33	Wisc.-Oshkosh V	8241
34	Judson University V	8189
35	Michigan State V	8117
36	Toledo V	7948
37	Viterbo V	7829
38	Wisc.-Platteville V	7746
39	Saginaw Valley St. V	7661
40	Illinois State V	7404