



MCSA Midwest Collegiate Cup: 2026 American Birkebeiner

Badger Men defend second Championship title; hattrick for Ole Women



Above, from left: 2026 Midwest Collegiate Cup Women's (SOC (1); UWM (2); UMD (3)) and Men's (UWM (1); SOC (2); UMD (3)) podiums. Photos courtesy of Kenna Karel.

HAYWARD, WI: The 2026 Midwest Collegiate Cup concluded on Saturday, February 21, at the 52nd American Birkebeiner. 112 skiers across 13 teams competed in the 50k Skate and 53k Classic events.

In the Women's Division, **St. Olaf College** won its sixth race of the season, with 187 points. The **University of Wisconsin-Madison** followed in second, with 170 points. The **University of Minnesota Duluth** took third, with 153 points.

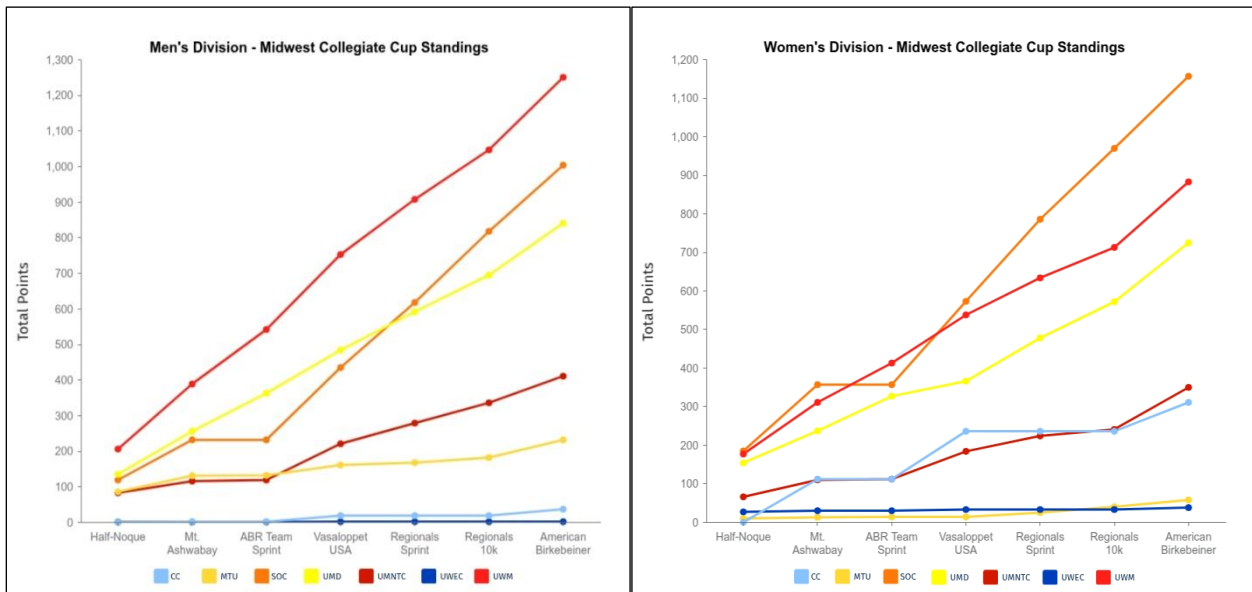
In the Men's Division, the **University of Wisconsin-Madison** won its fifth race of the season, with 204 points. **St. Olaf College** took second, with 186 points. The **University of Minnesota-Duluth** was third, with 146 points.

In Collegiate Cup standings, the winners were clear before the starting gun—this did not deter friends, family, and alumni from gathering on Main Street to crown their 2026 Champions.

In the Men's Division, the **University of Wisconsin-Madison**, defending champions from 2025, defended their second-ever title, with 1,251 points. **St. Olaf College** finished second for the season, with 1,004 points. The **University of Minnesota-Duluth** took third, with 841 total points.



In the Women’s Division, **St. Olaf College** defended their third consecutive title—now tying the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities Women (2021-23) and University of Minnesota-Duluth Men (2022-24) for the most Collegiate Cup wins on record—with 1,157 points. The **University of Wisconsin-Madison** took second, with 883 total points. The **University of Minnesota-Duluth** ended their season on the Collegiate Cup podium for the first time, taking third place with 725 points. Full MCSA results are available [here](#).



Collegiate Cup Score: Women								
MCSA Rank	Composite Score	Noqueamanon	Mt. Ashwabay	ABR Sprints	Vasaloppet USA	Regionals Sprint	Regionals 10k	American Birkebeiner
1	SOC	1157	185	172	0	216	213	184
2	UWM	883	177	134	102	125	96	79
3	UMD	725	154	83	90	39	112	94
4	UMNTC	350	66	44	2	72	40	17
4	CC	311	0	112	0	124	0	0
6	MTU	58	10	3	1	0	11	15
7	UWEC	38	27	3	0	3	0	0

Collegiate Cup Score: Men								
MCSA Rank	Composite Score	Noqueamanon	Mt. Ashwabay	ABR Sprints	Vasaloppet USA	Regionals Sprint	Regionals 10k	American Birkebeiner
1	UWM	1251	206	183	153	211	155	139
2	SOC	1004	119	113	0	203	183	200
3	UMD	841	135	121	107	121	108	103
4	UMNTC	411	83	33	3	102	58	57
5	MTU	232	86	45	1	29	7	14
6	CC	37	0	2	0	17	0	0
7	UWEC	2	1	0	0	1	0	0

Above: Midwest Collegiate Cup scores, 2/21/2026. All scores calculated using the Mathie-Halvorson System.

The Midwest Collegiate Ski Association expresses its continued gratitude to the student-athletes, volunteers, and venues that make the Collegiate Cup possible. We are especially grateful to Kenna Karel (UMD) Emma Reineke (UMNTC DDS) for their dedicated work throughout the season, and to the American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation and Sean Gavigan (PTTiming) for their generous support on Saturday.



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