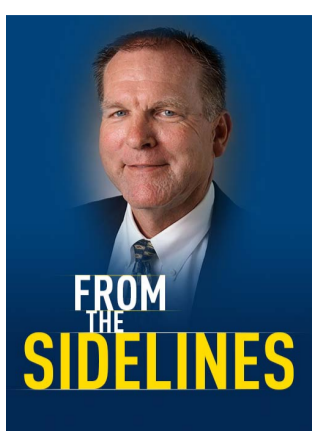


From the Sidelines



A new school year is always exciting, but the buzz around Carver this fall is heightened with the hiring of **six new coaches**, many of whom have captured national DIII, state high school or conference championship titles. They are ready to take our student-athletes to **the next level**.

→ [Meet them in From the Sidelines](#)

Follow all our teams at athletics.augustana.edu throughout the year.

Mike Zapolski,
Director of Athletics

Football breaks 103-year-old record



Quarterback **Cole Bhardwaj '24** finished with 128 yards through the air and three touchdowns.

On Sept. 16 at home, the **Vikings football team defeated the Elmhurst Bluejays** by a score of 74-6. The 74 points in a game are the **most in program history**, breaking a record set back in 1920 when the Vikings scored 72 against Hedding.

→ [See the game highlights](#)

Cross country and track & field alumni meet up



Cross country and track & field alumni gathered for a **mini reunion** (and celebration of Coach Paul Olsen's 80th birthday) at the Ken Anderson Academic All-America Club at Lindberg Stadium on Sept. 1. **Chad Gunnelson** (bottom picture, on the left) is the Vikings' new director of track & field and cross country.

Pop quiz: Who can point out the Vikings coaches in the photos above?

Athletics Day of Giving is Oct. 18



Support your favorite Viking team during Augustana's **Athletics Day of Giving on Oct. 18**. All funds will directly support those athletes and the program's greatest needs.

To encourage friendly competition, the teams that have the most supporters (a percentage based on roster size) and dollars raised (also a percentage based on roster size) will receive an extra \$1,000 for each program, thanks to our challenge donors, **Kyle Ekberg '09** and **Aleeza Singh**.

Look for a pledge card to arrive in the mail soon. [Give online](#) or mail in the pledge card before Oct. 18 to get ahead of the game.

[Get ahead of the game!](#)

In the news

David D'Angelo '85 is the head football coach for McHenry Community High School in McHenry, Ill.

Mark Nelson '97 is the director of track & field and cross country and head track coach at Knox College in Galesburg, Ill.

Melanie Loeffler '20 Tomczuk, the assistant golf professional at Davenport Country Club, was awarded the prestigious title of Iowa PGA Assistant Golf Professional of the Year.

Jen Windmiller '08 was promoted to senior associate director of athletics at Bethany College in Bethany, W.V.

New podcast: After Augie



Alex Mayszak '13 interviews **Andrew Brimeyer '15**, who started his own **nonprofit running club** in Denver called Denver Urban XC, which is on a mission to make the sport of running more equitable and inclusive for students of color in Colorado.

[Listen now](#)

Save the date

- **Oct. 6-8:** [Homecoming](#)
- **Oct. 18:** [Athletics Day of Giving](#)
- **Nov. 29:** Alumni and Friends Gathering and Men's Basketball Game vs. North Central College, Naperville, Ill.
- **Dec. 2-3:** Augustana hosts the U.S.A. Water Polo Division III Men's Championship at the Anna Greve Lund Natatorium

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