

MIAC Baseball teams ready for 2022 season

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BLOOMINGTON, Minn. - In spite of winter weather throughout the Midwest this week, Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) baseball teams are ready to return to the diamond for the start of the 2022 season.

Hamline got a jump start on the new year with three games against Buena Vista in Omaha, Neb. last weekend, and seven more MIAC squads will celebrate opening day in the next week with teams playing early-season non-conference contests in Kansas, Florida, and at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis.

The MIAC has transitioned membership since the last time baseball teams took the field. Last year's regular season conference champion and 2021 College World Series qualifier St. Thomas departed for NCAA Division I in July, while the MIAC added 23-time Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (UMAC) champion, St. Scholastica, to the fold over the summer. The Saints have made 14 NCAA Division III Tournament appearances since 1999.

Last spring marked the MIAC's return to full-season play in baseball for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic canceled all spring sports in 2020. This year, teams are largely back to business as usual, preparing for the typical March spring games in Florida and Arizona before returning home for the start of the conference season in April.

The 2022 MIAC Baseball Playoffs will also return to CHS Field in St. Paul for the first time since 2019 for the four-team, double-elimination tournament. Saint Mary's won the 2021 conference tournament at Becker Park on the campus of Saint John's University last May. The 2022 MIAC Playoffs are slated to be played May 12-14 at the home of the Hamline Pipers and St. Paul Saints. The last team standing will receive the MIAC playoff championship plaque and the conference's automatic qualifier to the 2022 NCAA Division III Baseball Championship. The 2022 College World Series is scheduled for June 3-8 at Veterans Memorial Stadium in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Throughout the 2022 season, the MIAC will honor outstanding individual performances each Monday with the announcement of the Baseball Player and Pitcher of the Week. Postseason awards are planned for selection and announcement in May. Conference and institutional health and safety protocols for the outdoor spring season will be announced in early March.



LAST TIME OUT

2021 Regular Season Champion: St. Thomas

2021 Playoff Champion: Saint Mary's

2021 MIAC Playoff Berths: St. Thomas, Gustavus, Saint Mary's, Saint John's, Bethel, Concordia

2021 NCAA Tournament Berths: Saint Mary's, St. Thomas

2021 Player of the Year: Bryce Novak | OF | Gustavus

2021 Pitcher of the Year: Graham Laubscher | LHP | St. Thomas

2021 Rookie of the Year: Max Moris | C/OF | St. Thomas

2021 Coach of the Year: Chris Olean | St. Thomas

LOOKING AHEAD

First Non-Conference Game Date: Saturday, February 19

First Conference Game Date: Friday, April 1

Playoff Dates: May 12 (2 games), May 13 (3 games), May 14 (Championship)

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