

2014 MIAC Football Preview and Preseason Coaches' Poll

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2014 MIAC FOOTBALL CONFERENCE PREVIEW

ST. PAUL, Minn. -- There's just something about football season in the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC). Every August, the excitement, hope, expectations and aspirations are palpable throughout the NCAA Division III conference's nine football campuses. On the heels of an unforgettable 2013 season, the latest campaign of MIAC football can't kickoff soon enough.

A year ago, Bethel emerged from a talented field that featured as many as four teams in the Top 25 and as many as five receiving votes throughout the season.

Head Coach Steve Johnson and the Royals ran the table in the regular season, going a perfect 10-0 overall and 8-0 in MIAC play to win the league title by two games. The team built on that success in the Division III Playoffs, where it advanced to the quarterfinals.

Though Bethel prevailed as the class of the conference in 2013, the season proved to be one of the deepest and most competitive in league history. Both St. Thomas (8-2, 6-2 MIAC) and Concordia (8-2, 6-2 MIAC) were right on the Royals' heels, and both spent all or most of the season in the Top 25. Either could have been worthy selections for the Playoffs as well, but were just barely left out of the field. Saint John's (7-3, 5-3 MIAC) had a great year under first-year Head Coach Gary Fasching and also spent time in the national rankings.

Gustavus (6-4, 4-4 MIAC) also took a step forward last season to claim sole possession of fifth place with a .500 record in conference play. Augsburg and Carleton both finished .500 overall and tied for sixth with identical 3-5 records in the MIAC, and both were a few plays away from an even better finish. Hamline went 2-8 and 1-7 in conference play in the first year under Head Coach Chad Rogosheske and showed considerable progress under the new regime, and St. Olaf was 1-9 overall and 0-8 in MIAC play under first-year Head Coach Craig Stern, with much to be confident about - especially in the passing game - heading into Stern's second season.

The latest MIAC football campaign will kick off on Sept. 6 with all nine teams setting their sights on either greatness or improvement. Bethel, St. Thomas and Concordia all return championship hopes, with Saint John's also hoping to join the title conversation. Gustavus and Augsburg are also hoping to take that next step and get into title and Playoff contention, with Carleton, Hamline and St. Olaf all expecting to continue an upward trajectory as well. The result of all those good vibes should be an entertaining 11 weeks with classic games and high stakes throughout.

COACHES CALL FOR ROYAL REPEAT

Bethel claimed the MIAC conference title a year ago and in 2014, the league coaches expect the Royals to rule one again. However, they expect it to be very, very close, if the results of the 2014 MIAC Football Preseason Coaches' Poll is any indication. Bethel received six of the nine first-place votes and 62 total points to sit atop the predictions.

However, Head Coach Glenn Caruso and the St. Thomas squad are right behind the Royals in the poll with the other three first-place votes and 59 total points. UST won the previous three MIAC titles, and the coaches expect them to be firmly in the mix for a fourth title in five seasons. Concordia (47 points) and Saint John's (44 points) are expected to again join the Royals and Tommies in the top four after strong 2013 seasons and loads of talent back in Moorhead and Collegeville.

Augsburg is expected to narrowly edge Gustavus for the final spot in the top five in 2014, with just four points separating the Auggies and Gusties. Augsburg finished fifth in the poll with 35 points and Gustavus was sixth with 31 points.

A year ago, Carleton and Hamline needed overtime to settle their thrilling MIAC battle, and their finish in the coaches' poll was just as close, as the Knights edged the Pipers for seventh place, 18-17, with St. Olaf (11 points) rounding out the final spot in the preseason predictions.

MIAC IN THE POLLS

The MIAC continues to receive respect on the national stage, as the conference placed two teams in the D3football.com Top 25 preseason poll and two more teams received votes. Bethel opens the season at No. 7 after finishing 2013 ranked sixth, and St. Thomas just missed joining the Royals in the top 10, as the Tommies open 2014 as the 11th-ranked team in the nation. Concordia received 32 points in the poll and is the fifth team ranked in the "Others Receiving Votes" section, while Saint John's got 21 points and was the eighth team outside the Top 25.

Both Bethel and St. Thomas were also ranked in the 2014 Sporting News Preseason Top 20 and the 2014 Lindy's College Football Preseason Top 10. The Sporting News ranked Bethel at No. 6 and St. Thomas at No. 15, and Lindy's has the Royals ranked fourth and St. Thomas at No. 7. The AFCA Top 25 Coaches' Poll doesn't begin until the third week of the regular season. Bennetrunk.com has three MIAC teams in its Preseason Top 25, with Bethel at No. 6, St. Thomas at No. 14 and Concordia at No. 16.



COACHING CAROUSEL COMES TO A HALT

A year ago, the MIAC coaching carousel was in full swing with three of the nine teams hiring a new leader and a fourth promoting an interim head coach to the full-time gig. Gary Fasching (Saint John's), Chad Rogosheske (Hamline) and Craig Stern (St. Olaf) all enjoyed their first season at the helm in 2013, and Carleton's Bob Pagel completed his first season as the full-time head coach after working as interim head coach in 2012.

Bethel's Steve Johnson reigns as the longest-tenured coach in the league as he enters his 26th season, and Johnson is at the top of his game with MIAC and Region Coach-of-the-Year honors in 2013. Concordia's Terry Horan is second in his 14th season, and Augsburg's Frank Haeger is enjoying his milestone 10th season with the Auggies. Glenn Caruso continues an extremely successful run at St. Thomas as he enters his seventh season, and Peter Haugen is starting out season No. 6 at Gustavus.

WHO TO WATCH FOR

The MIAC usually features star players in each class, but seniors typically use their experience and status to dominate the MIAC landscape. However, the league's top award winners were both juniors and each returns to lead their team in 2014. Bethel QB Erik Peterson is back after claiming the 2013 MIAC Jim Christopherson MVP award, and Concordia DE Nate Adams returns after claiming the 2013 MIAC Mike Stam Award as the league's outstanding lineman. Peterson led the Royals to the title a year ago while throwing for 3,034 yards and 24 TDs with a 70.2 completion percentage, while Adams led the MIAC in sacks (nine) and tackles-for-a-loss (17.5).

Not only are Bethel's repeat hopes bolstered by the returning MVP under center, but the Royals' offense also welcomes back running back Brandon Marquardt, who was an All-Conference pick a year ago. Senior safety Josh Treimer will step into a leadership role on the always-stout Bethel defense, which must replace All-American linebacker Seth Mathis, but should be among the league's best again in 2014.

The Tommies endured some bad luck in the health department at quarterback a year ago, but hope all the experience gained under center can help the depth - if needed - at the position in 2014. UST is expected to be stout up front, with DL Josh Corbin anchoring the defensive side of the ball, and OL Ulice Payne III leading a talented offensive line that will pave the way for standout running back Jack Kaiser and the rest of the St. Thomas offense.

Adams is back to terrorize MIAC quarterbacks again in 2014 and he's not the only talented Cobber back in the fold. Senior QB Griffin Neal is back, and poised to become the first signal-caller in Concordia history to throw for 5,000 yards in his career. The special teams are also special thanks to the return of kicker Ben Wagner, who has made 85-of-86 PATs over the last two seasons.

Saint John's will take to the air again in 2014 behind star receiver Josh Bungum, who led the MIAC with 84 catches a year ago. The Johnnie defense will be a strong, senior-laden unit, led by All-MIAC LB Andrew Rose and Second-Team pick Matt Workman on the defensive line. Gustavus graduates star RB Jeffrey Dubose and his school-record 3,419 yards and 41 TDs, but will look to returning starter Mitch Hendricks at QB to lead the offense. Seniors Anthony Boyce (LB) and Cameron Cropsey (DE) will anchor the Gustie defense again in 2014.

Once again, any talk of Augsburg starts with star QB Ayrton Scott. The junior is a two-time All-MIAC pick, and looking to continue his historic run in 2014. His top target - WR Joey Sonnenfeld - is back after racking up 1,087 yards and 13 TDs, and All-MIAC DL Chris DeVet is back to lead the Auggie defense. Carleton waved goodbye to star WR Anthony Kemper and QB Conor Lynch, but the Knights are excited about its returning defense. Linebackers Mason Schnarr and Dan Cook are back after outstanding 2013 seasons, and hopes are high for emerging star Chris Madden, an electric sophomore RB.

Hamline's strength will be on the ground again in 2014, as star RB Austin Duncan and his MIAC-leading 1,460 rushing yards are back for the Pipers. Safety Anthony Hill led the MIAC in solo tackles a year ago and will again lead the Hamline defense, and Alec Grimm anchors a strong offensive line. St. Olaf will be strong up front on defense with DL Colin Brown and his 13.5 TFL back in the lineup. QB Nate Penz dazzled as a sophomore with 2,475 passing yards and 17 TDs, and he'll team up with RB Connor McCormick to lead the Ole offense.

CIRCLE THESE DATES

For a second season in a row, fans will have to wait until after Labor Day to get their first taste of MIAC football, but it should be well worth the wait when the 2014 season officially kicks off on Saturday, Sept. 6. Eight of the league's nine teams will be in action with nonconference games that day, with only defending champion Bethel waiting until Sept. 13 to kick off its campaign.

A CLOSER LOOK

The rest of the 2014 MIAC Football Preview contains complete results from the 2014 Preseason Coaches' Poll, a video from MIAC Media, helpful links and a preview for each team submitted by their sports information director. The MIAC web site - www.miacathletics.com - will be an outstanding source for MIAC football news, schedules, scores, stats and more throughout the 2014 season.

Visit the [MIAC scoreboard](#) on game days to follow all the action, and download the [MIAC mobile app](#) to have all the information with you anywhere you travel. Also, connect to the conference on its [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#) pages for updates and interaction all season long.

2014 MIAC FOOTBALL TRAINING CAMP TOUR

To help fans gear up for the 2014 season, MIAC Media is going on a training camp tour to preview each of the conference's nine teams. Each stop on the tour will include a blog post with observations from practice and a video interview with each team's head coach and a key player. Visit the MIAC Media Blog and the MIAC's YouTube Channel over the next two weeks as we tour the conference. Defending champion [Bethel](#) was the first team featured Monday, with Saint John's, Concordia and St. Thomas to follow this week, and the rest to come as well.

| [MIAC Media Blog](#) | [MIAC YouTube Channel](#) |

2014 MIAC FOOTBALL PRESEASON COACHES' POLL

Coaches voted for every team in the conference except their own team. Points were assigned for each vote (eight for first, seven for second, etc.) Teams are ranked in order of highest point total to lowest with vote totals listed and first-place votes shown in parentheses.

2014 MIAC Football Preseason Coaches' Poll		
Rank	Institution	Total
1	Bethel (6)	62
2	St. Thomas (3)	59
3	Concordia	47
4	Saint John's	44
5	Augsburg	35
6	Gustavus	31
7	Carleton	18
8	Hamline	17
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AUGSBURG | [Auggies' football home page](#) |

Head Coach

- Frank Haege (10th season)

A Year Ago

- 3-5 MIAC (T-6th place) | 5-5 Overall

Top Returners

- Ayrton Scott (QB, JR | All-MIAC first team in 2012 and 2013, D3football.com All-West Region third team in 2012; 205-of-346 passing for 2,767 yards and 25 TDs in 2013, 132 rushes for 647 yards and 5 TDs)
- Joey Sonnenfeld (WR, JR | All-MIAC first team in 2013, D3football.com All-West Region second team in 2013; 67 receptions for 1,087 yards and 13 TDs; led MIAC in receiving yards per-game and receiving TDs; transfer from D-I North Dakota State)
- Chris DeVet (DL, SR | All-MIAC first team in 2013, second team in 2012, Capital One Academic All-America second team in 2013; 63 tackles (28 solo), including 12.0 tackles for-loss and 5.0 sacks; 115 career tackles (49 solo), 20.5 TFL and 7.5 sacks in 20 career games)

Key Losses

- Adam Carl (TE | All-MIAC first team in 2011, 2012 and 2013, D3football.com All-West Region in 2011, 2012 and 2013; D3football.com All-America first-team in 2012 and 2013; 52 receptions for 696 yards and 4 TDs in 2013; 164 receptions for 1,953 yards and 18 receiving TDs (19 overall) in career)
- Hakeem Bourne-McFarlane (DB/WR | All-MIAC first team in 2013, second team in 2012, D3football.com All-West Region in 2012 and 2013, D3football.com All-America first team return specialist in 2013; led MIAC in kickoff return average (32.0), also averaged 24.6 yards per punt-return; 48 tackles (24 solo), 5 interceptions and 7 pass breakups in 2013; 101 tackles (54 solo), 11 interceptions and 10 pass breakups in career, along with 101 receptions for 1,321 yards and 12 TDs, and 5 return touchdowns (3 kickoffs, 1 punt, 1 INT)
- Chad Thompson (OL | All-MIAC second team in 2011, 2012 and 2013, D3football.com All-West Region second team in 2013, Capital One Academic All-America first team in 2012, second team in 2013; 3-year starter at center, Augsburg averaged 453.8 yards of total offense in 2013, 427.6 yards of total offense per-game in 30-game career)

By the Numbers

- 2,083: Career rushing yards for QB Ayrton Scott entering his junior season at Augsburg, already the fourth-most in school history. Augsburg's school record for career rushing yardage is 2,226 yards, set by Marty Alger (1991-95). He has 341 career rushes (record is 497) and 17 career rushing touchdowns (third-most in school history, the school record is 18).
- 5,012: Career passing yards by QB Ayrton Scott, after throwing for 2,767 yards and 25 TDs last year. Augsburg's career passing yardage record is 8,777 yards, set by Jordan Berg (2006-08). Scott's 51 career passing touchdowns is second in school history to Berg's 72. Scott has completed 378-of-629 passes in his Auggie career.

- 13: Receiving touchdowns for WR Joey Sonnenfeld in 2013, tied for the seventh-most among NCAA Division III receivers in overall statistics and tops among MIAC receivers.

Did You Know?

- Augsburg formally unveiled its new video scoreboard at Edor Nelson Field on Aug. 18, the field namesake's 100th birthday. The new Nevco scoreboard is 20-feet-high by 40-feet-wide, including a 13-foot-high, 22-foot-wide video display. A new soundsystem was also installed for the field.

Off the Field

- Augsburg had two Capital One Academic All-America selections in 2013, offensive lineman Chad Thompson and defensive lineman Chris DeVet. Thompson earned Academic All-America honors for the second straight year, becoming the seventh Augsburg student-athlete to earn multiple Academic All-America honors in school history.



BETHEL | [Royals' football home page](#) |

Head coach

- Steve Johnson (26th season)

A Year Ago

- 8-0 MIAC (Champions) | 12-1 Overall

In the 2013 Postseason

- 70-13 win over the College of St. Scholastica (*NCAA Playoffs—First Round*)
- 34-27 win over Wartburg College (*NCAA Playoffs—Second Round*)
- 17-41 loss to North Central College (*NCAA Playoffs—Quarterfinals*)

Top Returners

- Erik Peterson (QB, Sr. | 2013 Jim Christopherson MIAC MVP, 2013 MIAC All-Conference, 2013 D3football.com All-West Region Second Team, 70.2% completion percentage in 2013)
- Brandon Marquardt (RB, Sr. | 2013 MIAC All Conference, 2012 MIAC All-Conference Second Team)
- Josh Treimer (S, Sr. | 2013 MIAC All-Conference Second Team, 2012 MIAC All-Conference Honorable Mention, Two-time MIAC and D3football.com Team of the Week honoree)

Key Losses

- Seth Mathis (LB | Two-time AFCA and D3football.com All-American, Three-time MIAC All-Conference, Bethel University career tackles (358.5))
- Mitch Hallstrom (WR | 2013 D3football.com All-American Third Team, Two-time MIAC All-Conference, Bethel University single-season record holder for receptions (93, 2013), yards (1,328, 2013), and career receptions (217))
- Jeff Schmidt (OT | 2013 D3football.com All-American Second Team, 2013 MIAC All-Conference)

By the Numbers

- 5: 2013's MIAC Championship marked the fifth time since 2000 that Bethel has been crowned conference champions.
- 21: The Royals' 12-1 record in the 2013 campaign was the 21st consecutive winning season. No other team throughout the league has accomplished this feat.
- 185: Head Coach Steve Johnson has amassed a career record of 185-79-1 over 26 years with the Bethel Royals. Johnson ranks No. 5 among active coaches in all-time wins.

Did You Know?

- Erik Peterson's Jim Christopherson MIAC MVP award following the 2013 season was Bethel's fourth since 2007 and fifth since 2001. No other team has had more league MVPs since the turn of the century.

Off the Field

- Two graduates from the Bethel University football squad, including Seth Mathis and Mitch Hallstrom, were invited to the Minnesota Vikings Rookie Camp last summer. Mathis and Hallstrom are two of four former Royals to receive an invitation in the last three years.



CARLETON | [Knights' football home page](#) |

Head coach

- Bob Pagel (Third season)

A Year Ago

- 3-5 MIAC (T-6th place) | 5-5 Overall

Top Returners

- Dan Cook (Linebacker, Sr. | paced squad with 3 interceptions, 2nd on team with 8.1 tackles per game)
- Mason Schnarr (Linebacker, Soph. | 11.3 tackles per game ranked 3rd in MIAC and 21st in NCAA)
- Chris Madden (Running Back, Soph. | 2nd on team in rushing [340 yards], receptions [36], and all-purpose yards [797])

Key Losses

- Conor Lynch (Quarterback | 10th in team history in career passing yards; 2122 passing yards in 2013, fifth-highest single-season total in team history)
- Anthony Kemper (Wide Receiver | All-MIAC Second Team in 2013 after totaling 982 receiving yards [3rd in MIAC] with 9 touchdowns [t-2nd])
- Jon Rowe (Defensive End | led squad with 6.0 sacks [2nd in MIAC] and 2 fumble recoveries [t-2nd])

By the Numbers

- 6: Carleton will have new starters at all six "skill positions" on offense after graduating its top quarterback (Conor Lynch – 2122 yards, 16 TDs), top running back (John Baker – 534 yards, 11 TDs), top tight end (Brian Frett – All-MIAC Second Team), and its three top receivers (Anthony Kemper – 982 yards, 9 TDs; Chase Gottschalk – 468 yards, 5 TDs; and Ted Lozier 9.6 yards per reception)
- 7: Linebacker Mason Schnarr had seven double-digit tackle games last year as a rookie en route to finishing 21st in Division III in tackles per game
- .833: Carleton ranked second in the MIAC by scoring on 83 percent of its red zone drives in 2013

Did You Know?

- In last year's season finale vs. Augsburg, the Knights erased a 17-point deficit midway through the fourth quarter and rallied for a 49-45 victory. The win gave Carleton its highest win total since falling a win short of the MIAC title in 2008.

Off the Field

- For the last three years, the Knights football squad organized and volunteered for the local Meals on Wheels program by taking time out of their day to deliver meals to Northfield community members.



CONCORDIA | [Cobbers' football home page](#) |

Head coach

- Terry Horan (14th season)

A Year Ago

- 6-2 MIAC (T-2nd place) | 8-2 Overall

Top Returners

- Nate Adams (DE, Sr. | 2013 D3football All-American, 2013 MIAC Mike Stam award winner, Led the MIAC in sacks and tackles for a loss)
- Griffin Neal (QB, Sr. | Two-time All-MIAC, set the school record for passing yards in a season in 2013, needs 1,349 passing yards to become the first player in Cobber history to throw for 5,000 passing yards)
- Ben Wagner (K, Sr. | 2013 All-MIAC, made 78 consecutive PAT's which was a school record and has made 85 of 86 extra points in the past two years)

Key Losses

- Kenyon O'Brien (CB | 2013 D3football.com All-American Honorable Mention, led the MIAC in interceptions in 2013)
- Tyler Berling (LB | 2013 All-MIAC First Team, 50 tackles in MIAC games in 2013)
- Brett Harmelink (P | 2013 All-MIAC Second Team, averaged 37.8 yards per punt and had knocked nine punts inside the 20-yard-line in 2013)

By the Numbers

- 50: Concordia is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the 1964 NAIA National Championship Team throughout the season.
- 61: The difference in number of player who weighed 200 lbs. or more from the 1964 NAIA national title team to the 2014 Cobber squad. The 1964 team had 11 players tipping the scales at 200 more while the 2014 contingent has 72.
- 11,000: Concordia recently moved into their brand new locker room facility which has more than 11,000 square feet and houses the Cobber football and women's soccer team as well as a state-of-the-art training room.

Did You Know?

- The 1964 Cobber team was honored with the Murray Warmath Legendary Team Award given out by the Minnesota Chapter of the National Football Foundation in the spring.

Off the Field

- Cobber senior fullback Domenic Fraboni is the first Concordia player to be one of the nominees for the AFCA Allstate Good Works Team. Fraboni was a member of the NCAA Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC) where he attended the NCAA national convention and helped the national SAAC committee with overall legislation/volunteer opportunities. He was also the Co-President of the MIAC SAAC committee in 2013-14.

GUSTAVUS | [Gusties' football home page](#) |

Head coach

- Peter Haugen (Sixth season)

A Year Ago

- 4-4 MIAC (Fifth place) | 6-4 Overall



Top Returners

- Mitch Hendricks (Quarterback, Junior) | Started in all ten games as a sophomore last season...Was 188-for-307 for a completion percentage of 61.2-percent...Threw for a total of 1,938 yards (193.8 ypg) and nine touchdowns...Along with 142 yards rushing on the year, Hendricks averaged 208 total yards per game...Threw for over 200 yards in five games including a 301-yard game against St. Olaf on Sept. 28.
- Anthony Boyce (Linebacker, Senior) | Earned All-Conference Second Team honors last season...Played in 9-of 10 games...Recorded 37 total tackles (18 solo)...Posted four tackles for loss, one interception, and five pass breakups.
- Cameron Cropsey (Defensive End, Senior) | Started in all 10 games last season...Returns to the defensive front as the team's top returning tackler, recording a total of 59 (28 solo) his junior year...Led team with 13 tackles for loss...

Intercepted one pass and recovered one fumble.

Key Losses

- Jeffrey Dubose (Running Back) | 2013-14 Gustavus Athlete-of-the-Year...Two-time All-Conference First Team honoree...2013 D3football.com All-America Honorable Mention...2013 D3football.com First Team All-Region...Carried the ball 265 times for 1,459 yards with 24 rushing touchdowns last season...Finished Gustavus career with a 3,419 yards and 41 rushing touchdowns, both of which are program records.
- Joe Haas (Linebacker) | 2013 All-Conference First Team...Gustavus's leading tackler the past three seasons...Played in 30 career games and recorded 233 total tackles (112 solo)...Led MIAC with four forced fumbles last season.
- Lyle Opdahl (Offensive Lineman) | 2013 All-Conference First Team...2010 All-Conference Second Team...Four-year staple of an offensive front that paved the way for recording-breaking running back Jeffrey Dubose...Helped Dubose surpass the 1,000-yard single-season rushing yard mark last season, becoming just the eighth player in Gustavus history to do so.

By the Numbers

- 3: The number of Gustavus's 2013 losses that came by eight or fewer points.
- 6: The number of Gusties who appeared on the All-Conference First Team last season. Last year's total was the most by a Gustavus team since 1971 when six earned All-MIAC honors.
- 14: The second-ranked number of interceptions Gustavus recorded within MIAC play last season. Gustavus picked off a total of 16 passes, which was the most by its defense since coming up with 19 in 2010.

Did You Know?

- For the second time during Peter Haugen's tenure, the Gustavus football team went on a service-training trip to Cancun, Mexico following the 2013-14 school year in late-May. Over the course of the five-day trip, the Gusties hosted youth football and coaching clinics, volunteered, toured the region, and played an international game against the Cancun Lagartos.

Off the Field

- Head Coach Peter Haugen and assistant coaches Corey Shea, Nate Johnson, Charlie Cosgrove, and Carlin Shoemaker participated in the 2014 ALS Ice Bucket Challenge on Tuesday, Aug. 19. Challenged by Sleepy Eye St. Mary's head football coach Brent Kucera, Central Washington University head football coach Ian Shoemaker, Minneapolis Washburn head football coach Giovan Jenkins, and Bethel University head football coach Steve Johnson, the Gustavus football coaches endured coolers of ice-water the hot and sunny afternoon at Hollingsworth Field.



HAMLIN | [Pipers' football home page](#) |

Head coach

- Chad Rogosheske (Second season)

A Year Ago

- 1-7 MIAC (Eighth place) | 2-8 Overall

Top Returners

- Austin Duncan (Jr, RB, Led MIAC and set school record with 1460 yards rushing)
- Anthony Hill (So., S, Led MIAC in Solo Tackles with 62; 2nd in MIAC in tackles per game at 12.1)
- Alec Grimm (Sr, OL, 4-year regular)

Key Losses

- Derek Wilson (27 tackles, 6.5 for loss)

By the Numbers

- 2: number of night games HU will play in 2014
- 52: players returning from 2013 team (more than on entire roster at close of 2012 season)
- 298: number of yards Austin Duncan gained in setting school record against Carleton last year

Did You Know?

- Four members of the current football staff are HU graduates and two others work full time at the school.

Off the Field

- Derek Wilson, who graduated last spring, made the Capital One District 22 Academic All-American team for the second year in a row.



Head coach

- Gary Fasching (Second season)

A Year Ago

- 5-3 MIAC (Fourth place) | 7-3 Overall

Top Returners

- Josh Bungum (Jr., WR, 5-9, 180 | 2013 All-MIAC second team; led the MIAC with 84 receptions, the most by 15, and finished fourth with 790 receiving yards last fall)

- Andrew Rose (Sr., LB, 6-2, 210 | 2013 All-MIAC first team, led the team with 85 total tackles and 43 solo tackles last fall; finished second with nine tackles for a loss)
- Matt Workman (Sr., DL, 6-2, 225 | 2013 All-MIAC second team; finished second in the MIAC in both tackles for a loss (9.5) and sacks (4) last fall; finished third on the team with 50 tackles (31 solo) and led the team in tackles for a loss (10.5), sacks (5), quarterback hurries (6) and forced fumbles (3)

Key Losses

- Kevin Battis (OL | Two-time All-MIAC first-team selection; started 19 of the Johnnies' last 20 games at center)
- Paul Plombon (DL | 2013 All-MIAC second team; started all 10 games at defensive tackle in 2013; ended the year second on the team with 51 tackles, 20 solo, including 6.5 tackles for a loss and three sacks)
- Darryl Williams (DB | 2013 All-MIAC second team; started all 10 games at safety in 2013; led the MIAC with five interceptions in eight conference games; tied for seventh on the team with 45 tackles, 24 solo, including four tackles for a loss, and added five pass break-ups)

By the Numbers

- 84: Junior wide receiver Josh Bungum's 84 catches last fall broke SJU's school record for most receptions by a sophomore (72 by Blake Elliott in 2001) and was good for third most in a single season. The amount enabled him to climb into eighth on the Johnnies' all-time receptions list (126 catches for 1,365 yards in 20 career games).
- 11: Sophomore kicker Alexi Johnson broke SJU's record for most field goals by a freshman (10 by Don Pribyl in 1983) with 11 last fall. He tied Brandon Keller (2003) for the most field goals in an SJU season and is already tied for sixth in school history, four behind Russell Gliadon (2006-09), for the most field goals in a career.
- 17: For the 12th time in the last 13 seasons, and 17th time overall, SJU led NCAA Division III in football attendance in 2013.

Did You Know?

- Center Kevin Battis '14 was named an Academic All-American last fall, SJU's first since fellow offensive lineman Jeff Gilbertson '11 in 2010, and the 20th in the program's history (for a total of 23 honors).

Off the Field

- Senior offensive tackle Alex Jarosz (White Bear Lake, Minn./Totino-Grace) was listed as a nominee for the 2014 Allstate American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Good Works Team in July. A 2013 All-MIAC second-team selection, Jarosz has started each of SJU's last 20 games on the offensive line – 10 games at left guard in 2012 and 10 games at left tackle in 2013. He was named to KARE-11 TV's 2011 All-Metro team and appeared in the Minnesota High School All-Star game after his senior season at Totino-Grace High School. The accounting major has served on the Collegeville Ducks Unlimited board since 2011 and will be the organization's co-president during the 2014-15 academic year. The group organizes an annual banquet to benefit surrounding communities, which last year raised over \$5,000 for local duck habitats. In high school, Jarosz spent his senior-year spring break volunteering in New Orleans repairing homes damaged by Hurricane Katrina.



Head coach

- Craig Stern (Second season)

A Year Ago

- 0-8 MIAC (Eighth place) | 1-9 Overall

Top Returners

- Colin Brown (DL, Sr. | 13.5 TFL, 1.5 sacks in 2013)
- Nate Penz (QB, Jr. | All-MIAC honorable mention in 2013... 17 TD, 2,475 yards passing in first season as starter.)
- Connor McCormick (RB, Jr. | Team's leading rusher in 2013, 473 yards and a TD)

Key Losses

- Jake Schmiesing (WR | Team-best 9 TD, All-MIAC honorable mention)
- Stephen Asp (WR | All-MIAC honorable mention, 49 receptions)
- Cameron Smith (DB | 51.0 total tackles, 3 interceptions, All-MIAC honorable mention)

By the Numbers

- 3: Nate Penz, an All-MIAC honorable mention selection in 2013 in his first season as a starting quarterback, is the third Penz brother to play at St. Olaf... Matt '08 is third on the school's all-time passing list while Drew '11 was an all-conference offensive lineman.

- 24.5: Senior Colin Brown has 24.5 tackles for a loss in his career... The Orlando, Fla.-native had a career-best 13.5 last season after moving from linebacker to defensive line before the season.



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Head coach

- Glenn Caruso (Seventh season)

A Year Ago

- 6-2 MIAC (T-2nd place) | 8-2 Overall

Top Returners

- Josh Corbin (DL, Sr., 2nd Team All-MIAC; 2013: 31 tackles, forced fumble, seven TFL, 3.5 sacks)
- Jack Kaiser (RB, Jr. | 2nd Team All-MIAC; Career: 18 TDs, 1,190 rushing yards in 21 games)
- Ulice Payne III (OL, Sr., 2nd-Team All-MIAC); Blocked for 23 100-yard rushing performances the last three seasons and helped UST average 440 yards and 35 points a game

Key Losses

- Tremayne Williams (LB, 2012 All-America); 32 TFL, six forced fumbles last three seasons
- Riley Dombek (DL, All-West Region, 3X All-MIAC); 22 TFL on career
- Garrett Maloney (P, All-West Region; four-year starter, 40.4 ypp career average)

By the Numbers

- 65: Consecutive national D3Football.com polls to rank Tommies in their top 25 (No. 11 preseason 2014)
- 86: Rushing yards per game allowed by UST's defense in the six-year Glenn Caruso era
- 16 of 24: Positions for UST with starting experience returning

Did You Know?

- St. Thomas might rank No. 1 in all of college football in 2014 in one category: fewest travel miles (208 round trip) for regular-season games. The Tommies will play six of their 10 games at home; a seventh just three miles away; and an eighth game only 13 miles from UST. They also face two 44-mile trips scheduled to Northfield (St. Olaf, Carleton).

Off the Field

- The Tommies have 22 returning players with a grade-point averages of 3.35 or better, led by junior starting tackle David Simmet with a 3.96 while majoring in Accounting.

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