

Gusties' Brown, Middleton headline 2013 MIAC Men's Soccer Awards

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ST. PAUL, Minn. -- The Gustavus Adolphus College men's soccer team had a historic season en route to their Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) regular season championship. Thursday, the Gusties were further honored for their tremendous season as they headlined the 2013 MIAC Men's Soccer Awards.

Gustavus became the first team since 2001 and just the fourth in MIAC history to finish the conference season with a perfect 10-0 record. Gustie forward Zach Brown was honored for his role in his team's success with the MIAC Player-of-the-Year award, and Gustavus Head Coach Mike Middleton was honored by his peers with the MIAC Coach-of-the-Year award.

In addition to the top individual honors, the MIAC also recognized the MIAC All-Conference team, the All-Conference Honorable Mention squad, the MIAC Men's Sportsmanship Award and the All-MIAC Sportsmanship team. All conference awards were nominated and voted on by the league's coaches.

Brown had an outstanding season to earn his MIAC Player-of-the-Year honor, and headline the All-Conference team. Overall, he scored 10 goals and had four assists for a total of 24 points. He ranked fourth in the league in goals, fifth in points, 11th in assists and he finished second in the MIAC in game-winning goals (five) and shots (62).

The Gustie junior was even better in conference play. His nine goals, 21 points and five game-winning goals all led the MIAC, and his three assists ranked seventh. He also led the league with 47 shots in conference play. Brown has received MIAC honors in each of his three seasons, as he was named All-Conference each of the past two seasons after receiving Honorable Mention as a freshman. He added All-Region honors as a sophomore, and could be in line for further honors this season.

Middleton received his first MIAC Men's Soccer Coach-of-the-Year Award in his fourth season leading the Gusties in recognition of his squad's incredible season. Gustavus enters the NCAA Division III Men's Soccer Tournament with a 13-3-1 overall record and the perfect 10-0 record in MIAC play. This was the second-straight season Gustavus won at least a share of the conference title, after the Gusties were co-champions and MIAC Playoff champions in 2012.

The Gusties were an incredibly well-rounded team under Middleton's direction this season, and especially staunch on defense. Overall, Gustavus led the MIAC with only 10 goals allowed and a goals against average of 0.58, while Gustavus' average of 2.2 goals per game also tied for the league lead. The Gusties were even more dominant in MIAC play, leading the league with 23 goals, 2.3 goals per game, just four goals allowed and a 0.40 goals against average. In Middleton's three-plus seasons at Gustavus, his team is 52-12-10 overall and 29-6-6 in conference play.

The MIAC Men's Sportsmanship Award was presented to St. Olaf College. Head Coach Kurt Anderson's Oles claimed the conference's team sportsmanship honor for their clean, sportsmanlike play on the field. The honor is presented to the team with the fewest average card accumulations during the regular season, with yellow cards worth one point and red cards worth two. In 18 regular-season games, the Oles had 11 cards for an average of 0.58 per game to lead the conference, and earn the sportsmanship honor. Seven of the MIAC's 11 teams averaged less than one card per game in 2013.

The All-Conference team consisted of the top 20 players in the MIAC this season, and any other player who appeared on at least one ballot received Honorable Mention. The conference-champion Gusties led the way with five of the 20 All-MIAC selections. Second-place St. Olaf had four players honored, Playoff champ Carleton placed three on the squad and Saint John's and St. Thomas had two All-MIAC selections each, while Augsburg, Bethel, Concordia and Macalester all had one player recognized. The team featured 11 seniors, five juniors and four sophomores.

St. Thomas' Nick Rapisarda, the 2012 MIAC Player-of-the-Year, and Saint John's Michael Coborn each capped their spectacular careers with their fourth-straight All-Conference honor. St. Olaf's Stephen Johnson earned his third-straight All-MIAC selection and Gustavus' Brown, David Lilly and Brett Ylonen, Carleton's Neil Bartholomay, Will Corcoran and Branden McGarrity, St. Olaf's Mackenzie Lund and Augsburg's Clayton Lynch each earned their second-straight All-Conference honor.

As part of a conference-wide sportsmanship initiative, the MIAC announced the eighth-annual All-MIAC Sportsmanship team for men's soccer. Members of the All-MIAC Sportsmanship team are selected by their coaches and teammates as individuals who demonstrate ideals of positive sportsmanship both on and off the field of competition.



2013 MIAC MEN'S SOCCER AWARDS

Player-of-the-Year: Zach Brown, Gustavus (Jr., Eau Claire, Wis. / Memorial)

Coach-of-the-Year: Mike Middleton, Gustavus (Fourth season)

2013 MIAC MEN'S SOCCER ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

Name	Team	Year	Pos.	Hometown/Previous School
Claudio Barboza	St. Olaf	So.	M	Maracaibo, Venezuela / UWC-USA, Liceo Los Robles
Neil Bartholomay	Carleton	Sr.	D	St. Paul, Minn. / Cretin-Derham Hall
Zach Brown	Gustavus	Jr.	F	Eau Claire, Wis. / Memorial
Michael Coborn	Saint John's	Sr.	M	St. Cloud, Minn. / Cathedral
Will Corcoran	Carleton	Sr.	M	Mahtomedi, Minn.
Cole Erickson	Macalester	Jr.	D	Bloomington, Minn. / Jefferson
Stephen Johnson	St. Olaf	Sr.	D	Apple Valley, Minn.
David Lilly	Gustavus	Jr.	M	Maple Grove, Minn.
Mackenzie Lund	St. Olaf	Sr.	F	Hudson, Wis.
Clayton Lynch	Augsburg	Sr.	GK	Cedar Rapids, Iowa / Xavier
Branden McGarrity	Carleton	So.	F	Glenview, Ill. / Glenbrook South
Nick Rapisarda	St. Thomas	Sr.	F	Green Bay, Wis. / Notre Dame
Zach Schmith	Gustavus	Sr.	D	Sioux Falls, S.D. / Washington
Sean Sendelbach	Gustavus	Sr.	M	Sioux Falls, S.D. / Lincoln
Kevin Skrip	St. Olaf	So.	M	Naperville, Ill. / Neuqua Valley
Miles Stockman-Willis	St. Thomas	So.	F	Woodbury, Minn. / Hill-Murray
Cody Walkup	Bethel	Sr.	D	Des Moines, Iowa / Johnston
David Wee	Saint John's	Jr.	M	Savage, Minn. / Prior Lake
Brett Wegleitner	Concordia	Sr.	D	Coeur d'Alene, Idaho / Desert Ridge
Brett Ylonen	Gustavus	Jr.	GK	Lake Elmo, Minn. / Stillwater

2013 MIAC MEN'S SOCCER ALL-CONFERENCE HONORABLE MENTION

Name	School	Year	Pos.	Hometown/Previous School
Charlie Adams	Gustavus	So.	M	Stillwater, Minn.
Ryan Bernhardt	St. Thomas	So.	MF	Madison, Wis./West
Ben Braman	St. Olaf	Fr.	GK	St. Paul, Minn. / St. Paul Academy
Fernando Camacho	Saint Mary's	So.	D	Chicago, Ill. / East Leyden
Trent Elmore	Carleton	So.	M/D	Bloomington, Ind. / Phillips Exeter Academy
Robin Forslund	Macalester	Sr.	MF	Madison, Wis. / Memorial
Gilbert Ghong	Hamline	Jr.	F	Beamenda, Cameroon / GBHS Beamenda
Ben Henry	Augsburg	Fr.	MF	Manitowoc, Wis. / Lincoln
Kevin Lebahn	Saint John's	So.	GK	New Hope, Minn. / Benilde-St. Margaret's
Paul Lund	Macalester	Sr.	D	Madison, Wis. / West
Tanner McCarthy	Augsburg	Jr.	MF	Windsor Heights, Iowa / Dowling Catholic
Michael Murphy	Hamline	Sr.	D	Mahtomedi, Minn.
Alex Niederloh	Saint John's	So.	M	Maple Grove, Minn.
Jake Neimann	Hamline	So.	MF	Hastings, Minn.
Zach Palma	Saint Mary's	Sr.	M	Washburn, Wis.
Matthew Pisarski	Bethel	Jr.	M	West Des Moines, Iowa / Valley
Alan Schembri-Wismayer	Macalester	Fr.	MF	Rochester, Minn. / Lourdes
Ryan Tollefsrud	Gustavus	Jr.	F	Spearfish, S.D.
Robert Tomecek	Macalester	Fr.	D	Lisle, Ill. / Benet Academy
Sage Thornbrugh	Concordia	Fr.	M	Vilseck, Germany
Kit Weaver	St. Thomas	Sr.	D	Iowa City, Iowa / West

2013 MEN'S SOCCER ALL-MIAC SPORTSMANSHIP TEAM

Augsburg - Danny Osip (Sr., Minneapolis, Minn. / South)

Bethel - Deogratious Munguriek (So., Uganda / Uganda Christian)

Carleton - Michael Hovick (Sr. Clive, Iowa / West Des Moines Valley)

Concordia - Matt Glogoza (Sr., Fargo, N.D. / Shanley)

Gustavus - Eric Schneider (Jr., St. Anthony, Minn. / Village)
Hamline - Greg Northrop (Sr., Arden Hills, Minn. / Mounds View)
Macalester - Paul Lund (Sr., Madison, Wis. / West)
Saint John's - Ryan Brutger (Sr., St. Cloud, Minn. / Apollo)
Saint Mary's - Joey Petrich (Jr., Elk River, Minn.)
St. Olaf - Ryan Johnsrud (Sr., Plymouth, Minn. / Armstrong)
St. Thomas - Mark Smith (Sr., Brookfield, Wis./Milw. Marquette)