

Carleton's McGarrity headlines 2015 MIAC Men's Soccer Awards

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BLOOMINGTON, Minn. -- The 2015 Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) enjoyed another outstanding fall on the soccer field and, Thursday, the top men's performers were recognized for their achievements with the announcement of the 2015 MIAC Men's Soccer Awards.

Carleton senior midfielder Branden McGarrity (Glenview, Ill.) capped his tremendous career with the 2015 MIAC Men's Soccer Player-of-the-Year Award, and Macalester Head Coach Gregg Olson was voted the 2015 MIAC Men's Soccer Coach-of-the-Year by his peers in recognition for the Scots' unbeaten regular season and conference championship.

In addition to the Player- and Coach-of-the-Year award, the conference also announced the 2015 MIAC Men's Soccer All-Conference team, as well as All-Conference Honorable Mention selections and the members of the All-MIAC Sportsmanship Team. The MIAC Men's Sportsmanship Team Award was also presented to Carleton College, which finished with the least combined yellow and red cards in conference play, in a system where each yellow card was worth one point and each red worth two. The Knights won their second-straight such honor with just five yellow cards in MIAC play.

McGarrity capped his stellar career with the MIAC's top individual award following a brilliant senior season in which he did a little of everything for the Knights. In conference play, McGarrity appeared in nine of 10 games and he led the MIAC in shots (51), while ranking fourth in goals (five), fifth in points (12) and eighth in game-winning goals (two). However, the senior midfielder's impact went far beyond the box score, as he contributed in all phases of the game and led Carleton to a 6-1-2 record in his nine MIAC appearances.

In addition, McGarrity became a rare four-time All-MIAC selection, earning All-Conference honors in each of his collegiate seasons. He finished his career with 41 goals, which rank 12th-most in MIAC history, seventh-most since 1980 and it's the second-best total in the last 15 years.

Olson received his first MIAC Coach-of-the-Year award after leading Macalester to the conference regular-season title with a 13-0-5 overall record and an 8-0-2 mark in conference play in 2015. The Scots have risen as high as No. 11 in the national rankings and received an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament, where they will host a four-team regional Friday and Saturday in St. Paul. Olson coached three players to All-Conference honors and three more to Honorable Mention accolades. In conference play his team led the MIAC in goals allowed (seven) while ranking third in goals scored (20).

The 20-player All-MIAC team was headlined by McGarrity and his fourth-straight honor. St. Olaf's Kevin Skrip and St. Thomas' Miles Stockman-Willis each received their third-straight All-Conference selection, and Gustavus' Charlie Adams, Hamline's Abbai Habte, Carleton's Sam Hayward, Augsburg's Ben Henry, Bethel's Ryan Ness, Saint John's Alex Niederloh and Macalester's Alan Schembri-Wismayer and Zeke Vainer were all named to the All-Conference team for the second year in a row. It was also the second career All-MIAC selection for St. Olaf's Claudio Barboza, who was named to the 2013 team as well.

The All-Conference team was heavy on upper-class selections, as the 20-player squad included 12 seniors, seven juniors and one sophomore. Macalester, Saint John's, St. Thomas and Augsburg all led the way with three All-MIAC selections apiece, while Carleton, St. Olaf and Hamline each had two and Gustavus and Bethel had one apiece. The All-Conference Honorable Mention team included 25 players that finished outside the top 20 in voting, but received at least one vote in the selection process.

As part of a conference-wide sportsmanship initiative, the MIAC announced the 10th-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.



2015 MIAC MEN'S SOCCER AWARDS

Player-of-the-Year: Branden McGarrity, Carleton (Sr., M, Glenview, Ill. /Glenbrook South)

Coach-of-the-Year: Gregg Olson, Macalester (Fourth season)

MIAC Men's Sportsmanship Award: Carleton College

2015 MIAC MEN'S SOCCER ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

Name	Team	Year	Pos.	Hometown/Previous School
Charlie Adams	Gustavus	Sr.	M	Stillwater, Minn.

Claudio Barboza	St. Olaf	Sr.	M	Maracaibo, Venezuela/ Liceo Los Robles
Pierce Erickson	St. Thomas	So.	F	Eagan, Minn. / Eastview
Abbai Habte	Hamline	Sr.	F	St. Paul, Minn. / Central
Sam Hayward	Carleton	Sr.	M	Stanford, Calif. / Gunn
Ben Henry	Augsburg	Jr.	F	Manitowoc, Wis. / Lincoln
Mark Heydt	St. Thomas	Jr.	D	Brookfield, Wis. / UW-Milwaukee
Barinedum Kordah	Augsburg	Jr.	D	Brooklyn Park, Minn. / Park Center
Kevin Lebahn	Saint John's	Sr.	G	New Hope, Minn. / Benilde-St. Margaret's
Charlie Leslie	Augsburg	Sr.	M	Bloomington, Minn. / Jefferson
Branden McGarrity	Carleton	Sr.	F	Glenview, Ill. / Glenbrook South
Ryan Ness	Bethel	Sr.	F/M	Elk River, Minn.
Alex Niederloh	Saint John's	Sr.	M	Maple Grove, Minn.
Jake Niemann	Hamline	Jr.	F	Hastings, Minn.
Alan Schembri-Wismayer	Macalester	Jr.	M	Rochester, Minn. / Lourdes
Kevin Skrip	St. Olaf	Sr.	F	Naperville, Ill. / Neuqua Valley
Charlie Spurr	Macalester	Jr.	F	Seattle, Wash. / Roosevelt
Miles Stockman-Willis	St. Thomas	Sr.	F	Woodbury, Minn. / Hill-Murray
Zeke Vainer	Macalester	Jr.	G	Melrose, Mass.
Paul Wageman	Saint John's	Sr.	F	Roseville, Minn. / DeLaSalle

2015 MIAC MEN'S SOCCER ALL-CONFERENCE HONORABLE MENTION

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown/Previous School</u>
Dami Adegunle	Concordia	Sr.	F	Winnipeg, Man. / St. Paul's
Stephen Baisch	Carleton	So.	M	Williamstown, Mass. / Deerfield Academy
Danny Baumann	Macalester	So.	F	Waterford, Wis. / Muskego
Chris Beiersdorf	Saint Mary's	Fr.	D	Arlington Heights, Ill. / Saint Viator
Eli Bjerk	Gustavus	Sr.	F	Stillwater, Minn.
Shae Bottum	St. Thomas	So.	F	Stillwater, Minn. / Hill-Murray
Austin Burrows	Macalester	Jr.	F	Roseville, Calif. / Jesuit
Oscar Campbell	Hamline	So.	D	Minneapolis, Minn. / South
Justin DuQue	Saint John's	Jr.	D	Union, N.J. / St. Benedict's Prep
Eric Frank	St. Olaf	Jr.	D	Racine, Wis. / Prairie School
Ben Glogoza	Concordia	Jr.	G	Fargo, N.D. / Fargo Shanley
Cole Howard	Saint John's	Sr.	D	Ridgefield, Wash. / Skyview
Danny Jaderholm	Bethel	Jr.	F	Hoffman Estates, Ill. / Barrington
Brenden Johnson	St. Olaf	Sr.	M/D	Zug, Switzerland / Institut Montana Zug
Nick Koerbitz	Concordia	Sr.	D	Grand Rapids, Minn.
Festus Lamin	Augsburg	Jr.	M	Little Canada, Minn. / Roseville
Patrick Leach	Gustavus	Sr.	D	Sioux Falls, S.D. / Lincoln
Sam Leske	Gustavus	Sr.	D	Hampton, Minn. / Farmington
Johnny Mulvahill	St. Thomas	Jr.	D	Wayzata, Minn. / Benilde-St. Margaret's
Ryan Nichols	Bethel	Sr.	D	St. Louis Park, Minn.
James Reardon	Hamline	So.	M	Waukesha, Wis.
Alex Schnobrich	Saint John's	So.	M	Houlton, Wis. / Shattuck-St. Mary's
Sage Thornbrugh	Concordia	Jr.	M	Vilseck, Germany
Robert Tomecek	Macalester	Jr.	D	Lisle, Ill. / Benet Academy
Chris Trussel	Saint Mary's	Fr.	M	Wenatchee, Wash.

2015 MEN'S SOCCER ALL-MIAC SPORTSMANSHIP TEAM

Augsburg - Mohamed Sankoh (Sr., Shoreview, Minn. / Como Park)

Bethel - Luke Chase (Sr., Chanhassen, Minn. / Southwest Christian)

Carleton - Stephen Johnson (Sr., Edina, Minn.)

Concordia - Jacob Schmidt (So., Minot, N.D.)

Gustavus - Matt Murakami (So., Eden Prairie, Minn.)
Hamline - Nathaniel Jacobson (Fr, Blaine, Minn.)
Macalester - Robert Tomecek (Jr., Lisle, Ill. / Benet Academy)
Saint John's - Robert Deetz (Sr., Owatonna, Minn,)
Saint Mary's - Cody Balogh (Sr., Batavia, Ill.)
St. Olaf - Samuel Kaplan (Sr., Libertyville, Ill.)
St. Thomas - Matt Bouche (Sr., Green Bay Wis. / Notre Dame Academy)
