

UST's Bottum, Lowery lead 2017 MIAC Men's Soccer Awards

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BLOOMINGTON, Minn. – The good news just keeps coming for the University of St. Thomas men's soccer team, as the regular season and Playoff champions of the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) have swept the Conference's individual postseason awards for a second straight season. The MIAC announced its Player of the Year, Coach of the Year, All-Conference and Sportsmanship Teams on Thursday.

UST midfielder **Shae Bottum** (Sr. | West Lakeland, Minn. | Hill-Murray) was named the Conference Player of the Year after leading the MIAC with 18 points and 21 shots on goal in Conference play this season. Bottum was a true difference-maker for the Tommies, with four of his five Conference goals qualifying as game-winners. In addition to Player of the Year honors, Bottum also earned his second consecutive All-Conference nod.

Tommie head coach **Jon Lowery** (Sixth season) garnered his second straight MIAC Coach of the Year accolade joining John Leaney (Macalester, 1987-88) and Bob Carlson (Carleton, 2007-08) as the only back-to-back Coach of the Year recipients in MIAC history. Under Lowery's guidance, St. Thomas went 10-0 in Conference play, winning both the MIAC regular season and Playoff Championships for the second year in a row. The Tommies now enter the 2017 NCAA Division III Men's Soccer Championships having won 16 consecutive games overall, 15 games in a row at home, and 14 straight against Conference foes.



In addition to individual awards, the Conference also honored Carleton College as this year's Sportsmanship Award recipient. The award honors the team with the lowest per-game card accumulation in Conference play, in a system where red cards are worth two points and yellow cards are worth one. The Knights received seven yellow cards in 10 Conference games this season.

This year's All-Conference team included 22 players – the top 20 field players and top two goalkeepers. Eleven of the 22 selections were seniors, seven were juniors and four were sophomores. Eight players earned All-Conference for the second time in their careers, including Saint John's Zack Boerjan, St. Thomas' Shae Bottum, Macalester's Jake Burke, Hamline's Oscar Campbell, Augsburg's Ebessa Hamid and Lionel Vang, and Gustavus' Matt Murakami and Arthur Parens.

St. Thomas led all teams with six All-Conference selections, followed by Macalester with three. Augsburg, Carleton, Gustavus, Hamline and Saint John's all had a pair of selections, while Concordia, Saint Mary's and St. Olaf each had one. Nineteen additional players were named to the Honorable Mention squad.

As part of a Conference-wide sportsmanship initiative, the MIAC also announced the 12th-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.

2017 MIAC MEN'S SOCCER AWARDS

Player of the Year: Shae Bottum, St. Thomas (Sr. | M | West Lakeland, Minn. | Hill-Murray)

Coach of the Year: Jon Lowery, St. Thomas (Sixth season)

MIAC Men's Soccer Sportsmanship Award: Carleton College

2017 MIAC Men's Soccer All-Conference Team

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School
F	Adam King	Hamline	So.	Redondo Beach, Calif.
F	Kyle Leemon	St. Olaf	Sr.	Lander Valley, Wyo.
F	Matt Murakami	Gustavus	Jr.	Wayzata, Minn.
F	Justin Oliver	St. Thomas	Sr.	Oakdale, Minn.

F	Tyler Oliver	St. Thomas	Sr.	Oakdale, Minn.
F	Arthur Parens	Gustavus	Jr.	Wayzata, Minn.
F	Charles Reit	Saint Mary's	So.	Arcadia, Wis.
M	Jamel Benhamida	Macalester	Jr.	Faribault, Minn. Shattuck-St. Mary's
M	Zack Boerjan	Saint John's	Jr.	Woodbury, Minn. East Ridge
M	Shae Bottum	St. Thomas	Sr.	West Lakeland, Minn. Hill-Murray
M	Daniel Bruckbauer	Saint John's	Sr.	Fargo, N.D. Shanley
M	Jake Burke	Macalester	Sr.	Dublin, Ireland Shattuck-St. Mary's
M	Ebesa Hamid	Augsburg	Jr.	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Addis International Academy
M	Alex Schnobrich	St. Thomas	Sr.	Hudson, Wis. Shattuck-St. Mary's
M	Lionel Vang	Augsburg	So.	Little Canada, Minn. Roseville
D	Oscar Campbell	Hamline	Sr.	Minneapolis, Minn. South
D	Max Kent	Macalester	So.	Minneapolis, Minn. St. Louis Park
D	Austin Peterson	Concordia	Jr.	Fargo, N.D. Fargo Davies
D	Mark Roth	Carleton	Jr.	Evanston, Ill. Evanston Township
D	Kevin Van Lieshout	St. Thomas	Sr.	Boulder, Colo.
GK	Brandon Hilliard	Carleton	Sr.	Anoka, Minn. Totino-Grace
GK	Aidan Hogan	St. Thomas	Jr.	Kohler, Wis.

2017 MIAC Men's Soccer Honorable Mention

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School
F	Danny Baumann	Macalester	Sr.	Waterford, Wis. Muskego
F	Matt Gibbons	Gustavus	Fy.	Minneapolis, Minn. Minnehaha Academy
F	Stefan Kinsinger	Hamline	Jr.	Sioux Falls, S.D. MOC-Floyd Valley
F	Aronah Mukhtar	Concordia	So.	Fargo, N.D. Fargo Davies
M	Daniel Barnes	Gustavus	Jr.	Lund, Sweden Katedralskolan
M	Sean Butcher	Saint Mary's	Sr.	Cave Creek, Ariz. Cactus Shadows
M	Justin Forslie	Concordia	Jr.	Moorhead, Minn.
M	Kevin Hintz	Bethel	Sr.	Oconomowoc, Wis. Kettle Moraine
M	Jay Reardon	Hamline	Sr.	Waukesha, Wis. Mukwonago
M	Robbie Sobczak	Saint Mary's	So.	Cloquet, Minn.
M	Andrew Younkins	Carleton	So.	Beaverton, Ore. Westview
D	Chris Beiersdorf	Saint Mary's	Jr.	Arlington Heights, Ill. Saint Viator
D	Davis Petros	Gustavus	Jr.	Apple Valley, Minn.
D	Trevor Stewart	St. Olaf	Sr.	Madison, Wis. West
GK	Matt Bateman	Gustavus	Jr.	Savage, Minn. Prior Lake
GK	Nate Levy	Saint Mary's	Sr.	Byron, Minn.
GK	Payton Spencer	Saint John's	So.	Hudson, Wis.
GK	Colton Wenig	Macalester	Jr.	Bartlett, Ill. South Elgin
GK	Malachy Zamacona	Hamline	So.	North St. Paul, Minn. North

2017 MIAC Men's Soccer Sportsmanship Team

Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School
Jason Scheeler	Augsburg	Sr.	Blaine, Minn.
Spencer Pearson	Bethel	Jr.	Oregon, Wis.
Jack Lightbody	Carleton	Sr.	Etna, N.H. Hanover
Austin Promersberger	Concordia	Sr.	Fargo, N.D. Oak Grove
Alex Wilson	Gustavus	Sr.	Ashland, Wis.
Jack Reddan	Hamline	So.	Madison, Wis. West
Max Kent	Macalester	So.	Minneapolis, Minn. St. Louis Park
Jerry Havens	Saint John's	Sr.	Mead, Wash. Mt. Spokane
Adam Estrada	Saint Mary's	Sr.	Rockford, Ill. Belvidere North
Robby Holmes	St. Olaf	Sr.	Oak Park, Ill. Oak Park and River Forest
Will Kidd	St. Thomas	Jr.	St. Paul, Minn. Como Park