

MIAC announces 2021 Men's Soccer Awards

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BLOOMINGTON, Minn. – With another exciting conference season in the books and NCAA Tournament play set to begin this weekend, the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) announced its annual men's soccer awards on Tuesday.

Concordia junior midfielder **Telvin Vah** was selected MIAC Men's Soccer Offensive Player of the Year, while Gustavus sophomore defender **Jared Hecht** was named Defensive Player of the Year, and St. Olaf sophomore midfielder **Victor Gaulmin** earned Midfielder of the Year honors. Fellow Ole **Shea Bechtel** received Rookie of the Year distinction and his head coach, **Travis Wall**, was honored by his peers with Coach of the Year accolades.

Vah (Jr. | West Fargo, N.D.) was named MIAC Men's Soccer Offensive Player of the Year after leading the league in both goals (9) and points (23) in conference play this fall. Vah scored at least one goal in seven of 10 conference games, scored twice in three MIAC contests, and added an assist in three as well. He finished the year with goals in seven consecutive conference games. He is the third Cobber in history to receive individual MIAC honors, joining former MIAC Players of the Year Peter Curry (1995) and Todd Hashbarger (1997).

Hecht (So. | Apple Valley, Minn. | Eastview) was recognized as MIAC Defensive Player of the Year. The lone Gustie to start every game this season, Hecht was key to Gustavus notching four conference shutouts in 2021. He also contributed on the offensive end with three goals on the year, including two against playoff teams. Hecht is the seventh Gustie since 1984 to receive MIAC postseason individual honors in men's soccer and the first since David Lilly was named MIAC Player of the Year in 2014.

Gaulmin (So. | Brest, Finistere, France) became the inaugural recipient of the MIAC Midfielder of the Year award after tallying five goals and four assists in conference play this season. The Oles' primary set-piece manager, Gaulmin was 2-for-2 on penalty kicks against conference foes this fall. Gaulmin factored into the scoring with a goal or assist in five straight conference games down the stretch in October. He joins teammate **Shea Bechtel** in being the first Oles recognized with MIAC postseason individual awards in men's soccer since David Rosenthal's Player of the Year honor in 2011.

Bechtel (Fy. | Plainfield, Ill. | North) was named the conference's first-ever Rookie of the Year in men's soccer after collecting seven goals and three assists in his debut season in the MIAC. The St. Olaf forward led the league with four game-winning goals this fall and scored each of his seven goals against seven different conference opponents. He joins teammate **Victor Gaulmin** in being the first Oles recognized with MIAC postseason individual awards in men's soccer since David Rosenthal's Player of the Year honor in 2011.

Wall guided the Oles to a perfect regular season in MIAC play - just the fourth time in league history that a team has completed the 10-game feat. St. Olaf won the regular-season conference title, its seventh all-time, and the third outright conference title in program history. Wall joins former Ole head coaches Whitey Aus (1984) and Kurt Anderson (1996, 1998, 2011, 2014) in being named MIAC Men's Soccer Coach of the Year.

In addition to individual awards, the conference also honored Carleton as this year's Sportsmanship Award recipient. The award honors the team(s) 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 were issued just nine conference yellow cards and zero red cards in 2021. Carleton has received the award in each of the last seven complete seasons.

This year's All-Conference team included 22 players – the top 20 field players and top two goalkeepers. Six of the 22 selections were seniors, five were juniors, eight were sophomores, and three were first-year players. Carleton's **Marco da Cunha** and Gustavus' **Matt Gibbons** became the 82nd and 83rd players in conference history to earn at least three All-MIAC selections in men's soccer and the first to do it since 2018. Gibbons was also an honorable mention pick in 2017. Hamline's **Logan Weller** joined St. Olaf's **Lucas Gaulmin** and **Thierno Gueye** as two-time All-Conference honorees, having been selected in both 2019 and 2021. Additionally, Augsburg's **Nick Zuchowski**, Carleton's **Justin Crawmer** and **Henry Koelling**, and Saint John's **Matt D. Anderson** all improved from honorable mention distinction in 2019 to All-MIAC in 2021.

Regular season MIAC champion St. Olaf led all teams with six honorees on the All-Conference squad. Augsburg, Carleton, and Gustavus each had three, while Saint John's had two, and Bethel, Concordia, Hamline, Macalester, and St. Scholastica all had one. Twenty additional players were named to the honorable mention squad.

As part of a Conference-wide sportsmanship initiative, the MIAC also announced the 15th 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.



2021 MIAC Men's Soccer Offensive Player of the Year					
Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School	Previous Selections
M	Telvin Vah	Concordia	Jr.	West Fargo, N.D.	--
2021 MIAC Men's Soccer Defensive Player of the Year					
Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School	Previous Selections
D	Jared Hecht	Gustavus	So.	Apple Valley, Minn. Eastview	--
2021 MIAC Men's Soccer Midfielder of the Year					
Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School	Previous Selections
M	Victor Gaulmin	St. Olaf	So.	Brest, Finistere, France	--
2021 MIAC Men's Soccer Rookie of the Year					
Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School	
F	Shea Bechtel	St. Olaf	Fy.	Plainfield, Ill. North	
2021 MIAC Men's Soccer Coach of the Year					
Name		Institution	Previous Selections		
Travis Wall		St. Olaf	--		
2021 MIAC Men's Soccer Sportsmanship Award					
Institution		Cards	Previous Selections		
Carleton		9 Yellow, 0 Red	2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019		

2021 MIAC Men's Soccer All-Conference Team					
Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School	Previous Selections
M	Matt D. Anderson	Saint John's	Jr.	Omaha, Neb. Creighton Prep	2019 (HM)
D	Otis Anderson	Gustavus	So.	Minneapolis, Minn. Washburn	--
F	Shea Bechtel	St. Olaf	Fy.	Plainfield, Ill. North	--
D	Justin Crawmer	Carleton	Jr.	Urbandale, Iowa Waukee	2019 (HM)
F	Marco da Cunha	Carleton	Sr.	San Francisco, Calif. University	2018 2019
M	Spencer Enright	Augsburg	So.	St. Louis Park, Minn.	--
M	Lucas Gaulmin	St. Olaf	Sr.	Brest, Finistere, France	2019
M	Victor Gaulmin	St. Olaf	So.	Brest, Finistere, France	--
F	Matt Gibbons	Gustavus	Sr.	Minneapolis, Minn. Minnehaha	2017 (HM) 2018 2019
D	Thierno Gueye	St. Olaf	Sr.	Meudon, France Paris Ouest Nanterre La Defense	2019
F	Hans Haenicke	Macalester	Fy.	Lisle, Ill. Benet Academy	--
D	Jared Hecht	Gustavus	So.	Apple Valley, Minn. Eastview	--
GK	Oscar Herrera	Augsburg	Fy.	Madison, Wis. West	--
D	Henry Koelling	Carleton	Sr.	Ann Arbor, Mich. Detroit Catholic Central	2019 (HM)
M	Casey McCloskey	St. Olaf	So.	Denver, Colo. Regis Jesuit	--

F	Hakeem Morgan	St. Olaf	So.	San Jose, Costa Rica Williston Northampton School	--
D	Ken Pryde	St. Scholastica	Jr.	Fareham, England	--
GK	Daniel Sessler	Saint Mary's	So.	Brookfield, Ill. Riverside	--
M	Will Swanda	Bethel	So.	Edina, Minn.	--
M	Telvin Vah	Concordia	Jr.	West Fargo, N.D.	--
F	Logan Weller	Hamline	Sr.	Prior Lake, Minn.	2019
M	Nick Zuchowski	Augsburg	Jr.	Wales, Wis. Kettle Moraine	2019 (HM)

2021 MIAC Men's Soccer Honorable Mention

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School	Previous Selections
D	Aidan Becken	Saint John's	Jr.	Prior Lake, Minn.	--
M	Tarek Bos-Shadi	Carleton	Sr.	Kankakee, Ill. Bradley Bourbonnais	--
M	Matthias Caspari	Bethel	Jr.	Bloomington, Minn. Jefferson	--
D	Drew Collins	Augsburg	So.	Champlin, Minn. Champlin Park	--
M	Robert Cooper	Hamline	Sr.	Madison, Wis. West	--
M	Trace Dobson	Gustavus	Sr.	Sioux Falls, S.D. Lincoln	--
M	Thomas Dono	Macalester	Jr.	Plymouth, Mich. Salem	--
GK	Cade Fink	Macalester	Sr.	Plainfield, Ill. North	--
D	TJ Frantz	Bethel	Sr.	Mounds View, Minn. Irondale	2019 (HM)
M	Nolan Friday	St. Scholastica	Sr.	Duluth, Minn. East	--
M	Owen Johnson	Gustavus	Fy.	Apple Valley, Minn. Eastview	--
M	Sam Just	Gustavus	Fy.	Lakeville, Minn. South	--
M	Jack Muller	Macalester	Sr.	Carmel, Ind.	--
F	Tommy Picka	Saint John's	Sr.	Victoria, Minn. Chaska	--
M	Jorge Radilla Elizalde	Augsburg	So.	Roseville, Minn.	--
GK	Evan Siefken	Saint John's	Fy.	Lakeville, Minn. North	--
M	Eli Szymanski	Saint Mary's	Sr.	La Crosse, Wis. Logan	2019
F	Nate Weaver	Concordia	Sr.	Minot, N.D. Shattuck-St. Mary's	2019 (HM)

2021 MIAC Men's Soccer All-Sportsmanship Team

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School	
D	Tyler Johnson	Augsburg	Sr.	Maplewood, Minn. Como Park	
D	TJ Frantz	Bethel	Sr.	Mounds View, Minn. Irondale	
F	Stuart Kraabal	Carleton	Sr.	Vashon, Wash. Charles Wright Academy	
M	Gavin Groshelle	Concordia	Fy.	Great Falls, Mont.	
M	David Jansen	Gustavus	Sr.	Roetgen, Germany Bischofliches Pius Gymnasium	
M	Peter Drivas	Hamline	So.	St. Paul, Minn. Central	
D	Alexis Bromberg	Macalester	Fy.	Palo Alto, Calif. Henry M. Gunn	
D	Drew Engel	Saint John's	So.	De Pere, Wis.	
D	R.J. Vazquez	Saint Mary's	Sr.	Antioch, Ill.	
D	Thierno Gueye	St. Olaf	Sr.	Meudon, France Paris Ouest Nanterre La Defense	

