

# 2014 MIAC Men's Soccer Preview and Preseason Coaches' Poll

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## 2014 MIAC Men's Soccer Conference Preview

ST. PAUL, Minn. -- The 2014 men's soccer season is just one day away for the 11 teams in the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) and they'll all enter the new campaign attempting to answer a very difficult question: can anyone unseat defending champion Gustavus?

A year ago, the conference was extremely competitive from the almost-top to the bottom, with the regular-season champion Gusties standing all atop the standings. Gustavus had a historic 2013 season, as Head Coach Mike Middleton's club completed a perfect 10-0 romp through the conference to capture the title en route to a 14-4-1 overall record and a trip to the NCAA Tournament.

However, last year's challengers all return hungry for another chance at Gustavus, especially after Saint John's stunned the top-seeded Gusties in the MIAC Playoff semifinals. Carleton edged out cross-town rival St. Olaf in the other postseason semifinal, then the Knights took down the Johnnies in the title game to capture the conference's Playoff crown and join the Gusties in the national tournament.

The two Northfield schools - Carleton (15-3-3) and St. Olaf (14-4-1) - used that semifinal game as a rubber match after they finished with identical 7-2-1 conference records to tie for second place. The Johnnies (9-7-3) were 6-2-2 in league play to earn their postseason bid and finish fourth. St. Thomas (10-4-4, 4-3-3 MIAC) and Augsburg (10-7-1, 5-5 MIAC) tied for fifth with 15 points in the standings, and Macalester (8-8-2, 4-4-2 MIAC) was just a point behind that duo in seventh.

The final four teams in the standings were separated by just four points as Hamline (6-10-1, 2-7-1 MIAC) came in eighth with seven points, Bethel (5-13, 2-8 MIAC) and Concordia (5-12-1, 2-8 MIAC) each had six points in conference play, and Saint Mary's (4-13-1, 1-9 MIAC) rounded out the standings with three points.

In all, seven of the MIAC's 11 teams finished .500 or better - both overall and in conference play, and nearly half the league (5-of-11) finished with double-digit victories. With many of the league's top stars back in 2014, Gustavus could have a host of challengers gunning for their spot at the top, and much of the league enters the season hopeful to contend for a Playoff spot or the title.

Speaking of the MIAC Playoffs, the field has expanded from four to six teams, so two more teams will get to join in the postseason fun in 2014. The tournament will still be a high-seed host, single-elimination format, with the top two seeds receiving a bye to the semifinals. Seeds 3-6 will square off in the quarterfinals on Tuesday, Nov. 4, with the winners advancing to semifinal matches the following day, Wednesday, Nov. 5. The two semifinal winners will meet on Saturday, Nov. 8 with the postseason title - and an automatic bid to the national tournament - on the line.

## GUSTIES TOP CROWDED COACHES' POLL

Heading into the 2014 season, the MIAC coaches still think the Gusties are the favorite to claim the conference title, but they expect several other teams to also contend and potentially even unseat the defending champs. Gustavus finished first in the 2014 MIAC Men's Soccer Preseason Coaches' Poll with seven of the 11 first-place votes and 90 total points, but three other teams also received first-place votes and weren't far behind the Gusties in the predictions.

Defending MIAC Playoff champ Carleton received two first-place votes and trailed the Gusties by just four total points, as their score of 86 ranked them second in the 2014 Preseason Poll. St. Thomas was another six points behind the Knights with one first-place vote and 80 points, and St. Olaf received the other first-place vote and finished fourth with 68 points. Fresh off its run to the MIAC Playoff title game, Saint John's grabbed the final spot in the top five with 65 points, and the coaches expect Augsburg to grab the final spot in the expanded Playoffs, as the Auggies came in sixth with 57 points.

Macalester was just five points behind Augsburg in the poll, as the Scots finished seventh with 52 points. The coaches expect the next trio of teams to be extremely competitive, as just five points separated Concordia (34), Bethel (30) and Hamline (29), and Saint Mary's received 14 points to round out the poll.

## ALL QUIET ON COACHING FRONT

For the second-straight season it has been all quiet on the MIAC men's soccer coaching front after a flurry of changes preceded the 2012 campaign. That season, Concordia's Ben Schneeweis, Hamline's Alex Morawiecki, Macalester's Gregg Olson and St. Thomas' Jon Lowery all took over at their current schools, but no coaching changes have been made since, which speaks to the sustained level of play and improvement in the league in recent years.



St. Olaf's Kurt Anderson is entering his 26th season at the helm with the Oles, and he remains the dean of the MIAC coaches. Bob Carlson is entering his 18th season at Carleton and Greg Holker (11th season) recently surpassed a decade at Augsburg to rank as the next longest-tenured coaches in the league. Gustavus' Mike Middleton and Saint John's John Haws are both entering their fifth seasons at their respective schools, and this is season No. 4 for Bethel's Jeremy Iwaszkowicz and Saint Mary's Pete Watkins.

### WHO TO WATCH FOR

Gustavus wasn't just picked first in the coaches' poll on the strength of what they accomplished a year ago ... they have a ton coming back to defend their championship, starting with MIAC Player-of-the-Year and All-American forward Zach Brown. Fellow seniors and All-Region performers David Lilly (midfielder) and Brett Ylonen (goalkeeper) also return for Middleton's squad, meaning there is serious talent and championship pedigree back in St. Peter in 2014.

Carleton will try to use its postseason run as a springboard to its championship hopes in 2014 behind a strong crop of returners as well, starting with dynamic scorer Brandon McGarrity, who is just a junior and already has 30 goals and 68 points in his career. Senior goalkeeper Keenan Smith and his 0.50 goals against average are also back, as is senior defender Devin Tomson-Moylan.

St. Thomas graduated 2012 MIAC Player-of-the-Year Nick Rapisarda, but brings back the MIAC's goals leader from a year ago in junior forward Miles Stockman-Willis to carry the offensive torch. The Tommies also have experience back in the net, as senior goalkeeper Mitchell Wolff will again be between the pipes.

St. Olaf graduated a pair of All-MIAC and All-Region players in Stephen Johnson and Mackenzie Lund, but has a pair of All-Conference players back in forward Kevin Skrip and midfielder Claudio Barboza. Sophomore goalkeeper Ben Braman is back after going 14-4-1 in net as a rookie. Saint John's graduated one of its most decorated players in program history - forward Michael Coborn - but Haws brings back talented forwards David Wee and Zane Hinselman and midfielder Alex Niederloh to try and help the Johnnies continue the momentum they started in the 2013 MIAC Playoffs.

All-MIAC goalkeeper Clayton Lynch graduated so Augsburg will need to replacement to step in at a key position in 2014, but Holker brings back plenty of talent - especially in the middle - as All-MIAC Honorable Mention selections Ben Henry (forward), Tanner McCarthy (midfielder) and Scott Clinton (midfielder) all return. Macalester lost two-time All-MIAC midfielder Robin Forslund, but All-Conference defender Cole Erickson returns at the Scots' team captain, and the team has high hopes for sophomore midfielder Alan Schembri-Wismayer to build on his tremendous rookie campaign).

Concordia hopes to continue its upward trajectory in 2014 behind midfielder Sage Thornbrugh, who was third in the MIAC in assists, as well as fellow sophomore goalkeeper Ben Glogoza and junior midfielder Dami Adegunle. Bethel graduated All-MIAC defender Cody Walkup, but is excited about the core coming back led by Matthew Pisarski (midfielder), Danny Jaderholm (forward) and Ryan Ness (midfielder/forward).

Hamline has plenty of senior leadership back at key spots to think the Pipers could be a team ready for a rise in the standings, as senior forwards Tyler Tallaksen and Michael Ramirez and goalkeeper Derrick Mora are all back to lead Morawiecki's club in 2014. In Winona, Watkins welcomes back a talented core of Fernando Camacho, Matt Graber and Ryan Geidner that hope to have Saint Mary's headed in the right direction this fall.

### CIRCLE THESE DATES

The season officially starts Friday with eight of the MIAC's 11 teams all in action in nonconference play, and the other three all being their 2014 campaign either Saturday or Sunday. The first two weeks of the season will serve as a tune-up for the 10-game MIAC schedule, which begins with a full slate of games on Wednesday, Sept. 17. The final day of the regular season will be Saturday, Nov. 1, with the new-look MIAC Playoffs to follow on Nov. 4, 5 and 8.

Fans don't have to wait long for a marquee matchup, as the 2013 MIAC regular-season and Playoff champions square off to open conference play when Carleton visits Gustavus on Sept. 17 at 4 p.m. The Gusties and Johnnies will meet in a rematch of their MIAC Playoff semifinal game just 10 days later when Gustavus visits Saint John's on Sept. 27 at 1 p.m., and Saint John's will visit Carleton in a rematch of the Playoff title game on Oct. 4 at 4 p.m.

St. Olaf and St. Thomas both received first-place votes in the preseason poll and hope to contend in 2014, so their head-to-head matchup on Oct. 25 in St. Paul at 1 p.m. could carry major championship and postseason implications. Augsburg and Macalester also have high hopes in 2014, and their Twin Cities showdown on Sept. 27 at 7 p.m. on the Auggies' home field will be appointment viewing for MIAC soccer fans.

### A CLOSER LOOK

The rest of the 2014 MIAC Men's Soccer 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](http://www.miacathletics.com) - will be an outstanding source for MIAC men's soccer 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.

Coaches voted for every team in the conference except their own team. Points were assigned for each vote (10 for first, nine 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 Men's Soccer Preseason Coaches' Poll

Rank	Institution	Total
1.	Gustavus (7)	90
2.	Carleton (2)	86
3.	St. Thomas (1)	80
4.	St. Olaf (1)	68
5.	Saint John's	65
6.	Augsburg	57
7.	Macalester	52
8.	Concordia	34
9.	Bethel	30
10.	Hamline	29
11.	Saint Mary's	14

### 2014 MIAC Men's Soccer Playoffs

The 2014 MIAC Playoffs will have a new look, as the field has expanded from four to six teams. It will still be a single-elimination, high-seed host format, with two more teams included beginning this fall. The top two seeds will receive byes to the semifinals, while teams seeded No. 3-6 will square off in the quarterfinals. The two quarterfinal games will take place Tuesday, Nov. 4, the two semifinal games will be follow on Wednesday, Nov. 5, and the championship is set for Saturday, Nov. 8. The winner will receive the MIAC's automatic bid to the 2014 NCAA Division III Men's Soccer Tournament.

| *MIAC Men's Soccer Playoffs Websites* | [2013](#) | [2014](#) |

### MIAC Men's Soccer Links

| [2014 MIAC Schedule](#) | [2013 MIAC Statistics](#) | [MIAC Recordbook](#) | [MIAC Archives](#) |

### MIAC Media Podcast Preview

On the most recent episode of MIAC Media's podcast, [MIAC Weekly](#), Host Mike Gallagher took an in-depth look at MIAC men's and women's soccer with the season about to begin. Give it a listen to hear about the teams and players to watch for in 2014.

### Team-by-Team Previews

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#### **AUGSBURG** | [Auggies' men's soccer home page](#) |

##### **Head Coach**

- Greg Holker (11th season)

##### **A Year Ago**

- 5-5-0 MIAC (T-5th place) | 10-7-1 Overall



### Top Returners

- Ben Henry (F, SO | All-MIAC Honorable Mention in 2013; Led team with 6 goals and 14 points, adding 2 assists and 2 game-winning goals in 2013)
- Tanner McCarthy (MF, SR | All-MIAC Honorable Mention in 2013; Played in 1,224 of team's 1,668 minutes in 2013; 1 goal in 2013; 3 goals

in career)  
• Scott Clinton (MF, SR | All-MIAC Honorable Mention in 2012; 3 goals and 4 assists for 10 points in 2013; 10 goals and 9 assists for 29 points in career)

#### Key Losses

- Clayton Lynch (GK | NSCAA All-North Region second team in 2013; All-MIAC in 2013 and 2012; 8-7-1 with 3 shutouts, 1.31 GAA in 2013; 29-16-5 with 19 shutouts and 0.94 GAA in career)
- Danny Osip (D | All-MIAC Sportsmanship Team in 2013; 1 goal and 1 assist for 3 points in 2013; 4 goals and 5 assists for 13 points in 44-game career)
- Lekpea Kordah (F | 5 goals and 2 assists for 12 points in 2013; 7 goals and 3 assists for 17 points in 2 seasons at Augsburg)

#### By the Numbers

- 7: Games in which Ben Henry had a goal or assist in 2013, with Augsburg claiming a 5-2-0 record in those contests. Henry's six goals were tied for 11th-most among MIAC players in overall statistics in 2013.
- 7 of 8: Augsburg has recorded double-digit win totals in seven of the last eight seasons, including the last four seasons in a row.
- 103: Career victories for Augsburg head coach Greg Holker, entering his 11th season as Augsburg's coach in 2014. His 103 wins (103-64-22 career record) are more than the total number of wins for the Auggies in the 24 seasons prior to his arrival at Augsburg in 2004 (98-261-28 from 1980 to 2003).

#### 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 earned the National Soccer Coaches Association of America's Team Academic Award for the eighth straight season in 2013, with a team GPA of 3.21. Goalkeeper Clayton Lynch earned NSCAA Scholar All-Region second-team honors in 2013.



**BETHEL** | [Royals' men's soccer home page](#) |

#### Head coach

- Jeremy Iwaszkowicz (Fourth season)

#### A Year Ago

- 2-8 MIAC (T-9th place) | 5-13 Overall

#### Top Returners

- Matthew Pisarski (M, Sr. | 8 G, 2 A, 18 Pts)
- Danny Jaderholm (F, So. | 5 G, 4 A, 14 Pts)
- Ryan Ness (M/F, Jr. | 5 G, 2 A, 12 Pts)

#### Key Losses

- Cody Walkup (D | MIAC All-Conference)
- Kolten Fischer (F | 2 G, 6 A, 10 Pts.)
- Chris Scott (GK | 10 GS, 2.56 GaAVG, 52 Saves)

#### By the Numbers

- 17: The Royals increased their offensive production by 17 goals from 2012 to 2013
- 44: Bethel returns their top three scorers from 2013 in Matthew Pisarski, Danny Jaderholm and Ryan Ness who combined to score 44 points
- 16: During a nine-game stretch in 2013, senior forward Matthew Pisarski scored 16 points on seven goals and two assists.

#### Did You Know?

- The Royals spent their 2013 spring break in Montego Bay, Jamaica on a missions trip. The week was filled with numerous activities: soccer games, sharing/leading devotions in public schools, visiting an orphanage, a hospital, an infirmary, and a local boys & girls club.

#### Off the Field

- Bethel had six Academic All-Conference honorees in 2013, only Carleton had more, and have had 20 since 2011.



**CARLETON** | [Knights' men's soccer home page](#) |

#### Head coach

- Bob Carlson (18th season)

#### A Year Ago

- 7-2-1 MIAC (T-2nd place) | 15-3-3 Overall

#### In the 2013 Postseason

- MIAC postseason results — def. St. Olaf, 1-0, in semifinals and def. Saint John's, 2-1, in finals
- NCAA postseason results — lost 1-0 to Westminster (Mo.) in first round

### Top Returners

- Brandon McGarrity (Forward, Jr. | NSCAA All-American in 2012 after pacing MIAC in goals [19] and points [42]; NSCAA All-Region in 2013 and second in MIAC in goals [11] and points [26]...led conference with 6 GW goals)
- Devin Tomson-Moylan (Defender, Sr. | 3 assists in 2013, including setting up 2 game winners)
- Keenan Smith (Goalkeeper, Sr. | Paced MIAC with 0.50 goals against average in 2013)

### Key Losses

- Neil Bartholomay (Defender | Two-time NSCAA All-American... led MIAC defenders with 5 goals in 2013)
- Will Corcoran (Midfielder | NSCAA All-Region, 6 goals [including 4 game winners] and 17 points)
- James Neher (Goalkeeper | ranked fourth in MIAC with 0.73 goals against average)

### By the Numbers

- 0.64: Knights' defense recorded 10 shutouts and posted an 0.64 goals against average in 2013, a figure that ranked 16th in the nation for 2013.
- 6: Carleton yielded just six goals all season to the top 20 goal scorers in the MIAC and for the second straight year did not surrender a goal to St. Scholastica, the top-scoring squad—by a wide margin—in NCAA Division I, II, and III men's soccer.
- 30: Brandon McGarrity set the Knights' single-season goal mark with 19 tallies in 2012. He added 11 more last year (tied for sixth-most in a single campaign). He has totaled 30 goals through his first two seasons, leaving him only five scores shy of Tim Wills' team record for career goals.

### Did You Know?

- The Knights have won 7 MIAC titles (5 regular season, 2 playoffs) over the last 7 seasons. This run of success is the second-best in MIAC history as Gustavus won 8 titles (4 regular-season, 4 playoffs) over five seasons from 2003-07. Macalester won 6 crowns (all regular-season titles) over seven seasons from 1997-2003.

### Off the Field

- For the second consecutive year, Neil Bartholomay '14 was named to the NSCAA Scholar All-America second team, one of four repeat selections to receive Scholar All-America status last season. He was the lone MIAC representative on this prestigious squad. To be eligible for the national award, Bartholomay was first selected to the NSCAA All-Region first team. The Knights had two other All-Region selections, with Ben Walsh '14 and Devin Tomson-Moylan '15 receiving honorable mentions on the regional list.



## CONCORDIA | [Cobbers' men's soccer home page](#) |

### Head coach

- Ben Schneweis (Third season)

### A Year Ago

- 2-8-0 MIAC (T-9th place) | 5-12-1 Overall

### Top Returners

- Sage Thornbrugh (M, So | 2013 All-MIAC Honorable Mention, third in the MIAC in assists)
- Dami Adegunle (M, Jr. | Fourth on the team in scoring in 2013)
- Ben Glogoza (GK, So. | Led the team in goals against average and shutouts in 2013)

### Key Losses

- Brett Wegleitner (F | 2013 All-MIAC Honorable Mention, led the team in scoring with 11 goals)
- Peter Runquist (GK | Four-year starter, played in 65 games in his career)
- Kristian Reiersgord (F | Third on the team in scoring in 2013)

### By the Numbers

- 13: This year's Cobber roster features players from 13 different US states or foreign countries.
- 16: Concordia has 16 new players on this year's roster.
- 28: The 2014 season marks the 28th season the Cobbers have played in the MIAC

### Did You Know?

- The Cobbers moved into a brand new locker room facility this season as part of the Concordia "Update The Jake" outdoor facility project. The new locker room features lockers for over 35 players as well as a 55" TV and a foosball table.



## GUSTAVUS | [Gusties' men's soccer home page](#) |

### Head coach

- Mike Middleton (Fifth season)

### A Year Ago

- 10-0-0 MIAC (Champions) | 14-4-1 Overall

### In the 2013 Postseason

- The Gustavus men's soccer team fell to Saint John's 2-1 in the opening round of the MIAC Playoffs.
- After receiving an at-large berth into the NCAA Tournament, Gustavus defeated the College of St. Scholastica 2-1 in overtime in the opening round...The Gusties later fell in the second round to Westminster College by the score of 1-0.

### Top Returners

- Zach Brown (Forward, Senior) | 2013 NSCAA All-America Second Team...Two-time NSCAA All-Region performer (2012 and 2013)...2013 MIAC Player-of-the-Year...Two-time All-Conference (2012 and 2013)...Led team in scoring with 24 points off 10 goals and four assists last season.
- David Lilly (Midfielder, Senior) | Two-time NSCAA All-Region performer (2012 and 2013)...Two-time All-Conference (2012 and 2013)...Scored a career-best 14 points off three goals and eight assists last season...Provided the assist on five game-winning goals a year ago.
- Brett Ylonen (Goalkeeper, Senior) | Three-time NSCAA All-Region performer...Two-time All-Conference (2012 and 2013)...Went 14-4-1 overall after totaling 1,636:11 minutes in net...Allowed 10 goals for an MIAC leading goals against average of 0.55, and tallied 59 saves for a save percentage of .855.

### Key Losses

- Sean Sendelbach (Midfielder) | 2013 All-Conference...Scored 11 points off four goals and three assists last season...Earned a place on the Capital One Academic All-America Division III Men's Soccer Team...Played in 66 career matches, collecting 18 career points (6G, 6A).
- Zach Schmith (Defender) | Started in 18-of-19 matches last season...Scored the game-tying goal in Gustavus's NCAA Tournament game against St. Scholastica...Staple of a Gustavus back line that finished its 2013 campaign ranked 14th in NCAA Division III in goals against average (0.62).

### By the Numbers

- 4: The number of goals Gustavus allowed against MIAC competition last season. The Gusties finished the year with an MIAC-leading goals against average of 0.40 inside conference play.
- 1:05: The amount of time it took for then rookie Patrick Roth to score the game-winning goal in overtime against St. Scholastica in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament.
- 4: The number of MIAC teams prior to last season's Gustie club that have won the league title with unblemished and perfect records. Gustavus was the first team to accomplish this feat on its way to the 1970 MIAC Championship.

### Did You Know?

- Mike Middleton earned his 200th career victory last season with a 2-0 win over Macalester on Oct. 19 in St. Peter. Middleton holds a career record of 204-73-23 in 15 seasons and currently carries the 23rd-ranked winning percentage (.718) among active coaches at the NCAA Division III level.



**HAMLINE** | [Pipers' men's soccer home page](#) |

### Head coach

- Alex Morawiecki (Third season)

### A Year Ago

- 2-7-1 MIAC (Eighth place) | 6-10-1 Overall

### Top Returners

- Tyler Tallaksen (Sr., F, 6 goals past two seasons, 50 starts in career)
- Derrick Mora (Sr., GK, 1.16 GAA, 2 SO last year)
- Michael Ramirez (Sr, F, 4 goals, 2 assists last year)

### Key Losses

- Greg Northrop (MF, 4 year regular, former MIAC HM pick)
- Michael Murphy (D, 4 year regular, MIAC HM pick)
- Marko Doder (F, 4 year player)

### By the Numbers

- 6: number of wins last year (doubled total from year before)
- 11: school record number of goals in win over Presentation
- 24: number of goals in HU wins last year (4 in other games)

### Did You Know?

- Hamline was 5-5 at Paterson Field last year.

### Off the Field

- Jake Niemann, an all-conference pick last year at MF, will miss the 2014 season because of military service.

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**MACALESTER** | [Scots' men's soccer home page](#) |

### Head coach

- Gregg Olson (Third season)





#### A Year Ago

- 4-4-2 MIAC (Seventh place) | 8-8-2 Overall

#### Top Returners

- Cole Erickson (Defender, Senior | Captain and 2013 All-MIAC Selection)
- Alan Schembri-Wismayer (Midfielder, Sophomore | 2013 Honorable Mention All-MIAC)

#### Key Losses

- Robin Forslund (Midfielder | All-MIAC 2011 & 2012, Honorable Mention All-MIAC 2013)
- Paul Lund (Defender | 70 Career Games, Honorable Mention All-MIAC 2013)

#### By the Numbers

- 5: In 2013, five players were awarded with All-MIAC honors
- 3: Of those five, three players return including: Captain Cole Erickson (Sr.), Alan Schembri-Wismayer (So.) and Robert Tomecek (So.)

#### Did You Know?

- The Scots will play 10 home games this fall, including four October MIAC contests under the lights of Macalester Stadium

#### Off the Field

- In 2014 alone, Five Scots have had exceptional experiences studying abroad: Seniors Cole Erickson (Ireland), Will Matsuda (Morocco), Jordan Ped (England), Mark McCrae-Hokenson (Nepal), and sophomore Nick Bascuñan-Wiley (Palestine).

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## SAINT JOHN'S | [Johnnies' men's soccer home page](#) |



#### Head coach

- John Haws (Fifth season)

#### A Year Ago

- 6-2-2 MIAC (Fourth place) | 9-7-3 Overall

#### In the 2013 Postseason

- W, 2-1 at Gustavus in MIAC Semifinals
- L, 1-2 at Carleton in MIAC Championship

#### Top Returners

- David Wee (Sr., F | 2013 All-MIAC first-team selection; two-time All-MIAC second-team pick; led SJU with seven goals; finished second with 19 points, 7g/5a; 13 points, 5g/3a, were tallied in 10 MIAC matches; enters his senior season with 48 points (16g/16a) in 51 career matches)
- Alex Niederloh (Jr., M | 2013 All-MIAC honorable mention; appeared in all 19 matches in 2013 and tallied seven points (2g/3a); six points (2g/2a) and a team-leading two game-winning goals came in 10 MIAC matches)
- Zane Heinselman (Sr., F | Finished third on the team with 12 points (4g/4a) in 15 matches last fall; scored both goals in the 2-1 win over Gustavus Adolphus in the MIAC Playoff semifinals; enters his senior season with 37 points, 13g/11a, in 49 career matches)

#### Key Losses

- Michael Coborn (F | Three-time NSCAA All-North Region selection; four-time All-MIAC first-team pick; led SJU in assists, shots and shots-on-goal for the fourth consecutive season in 2013; finished first on the team with 21 points, while his nine assists, five in conference play, tied him for first in the MIAC; ended his career as SJU's all-time leader in assists (36), third in points (88) and fifth in goals (26) in 71 career matches)
- Joe Balder (D | 2013 Capital One Academic All-District; two-time team captain; missed the first four matches of the 2013 season due to a torn hip flexor and started eight matches before suffering a season-, and career-ending, leg injury against Bethel Oct. 12; totaled 18 points (6g/6a), including two game-winning goals, in 55 career matches for SJU)
- Joe Laue (D | Two-year team captain; four-year starter on the backline; recorded six points, three goals, in 69 career matches)

#### By the Numbers

- 7: SJU went 5-0-2 in its final seven conference matches to finish the season with a 6-2-2 record in the MIAC to claim fourth place and earn its fifth trip to the MIAC Playoffs since 2003.
- 10: Ten of the 14 Johnnies that recorded a point in 2013 return this fall.
- 27: Despite posting nine overall wins each of the last three years, SJU leads the MIAC with 27 seasons of 10 wins or more since 1975.

#### Did You Know?

- Sophomore Rocky Harmon's goal with 17:35 remaining in the 2-1 loss at Carleton in the 2013 MIAC Playoff Championship match was the first by a Johnnie freshman in seven MIAC Playoff games since the four-team tournament was established in 2003. The goal was not the first point for a freshman, however, as a pair of rookies in Jason Daly '09 and Tyler Kodet '09 assisted on Tudor Flintham's '06 game-winning goal in the 1-0 win over Macalester for the 2005 MIAC Playoff Championship. Flintham completed his fourth season as the Johnnies' associate head coach in 2013.

#### Off the Field

- SJU earned a National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Team Academic Award for the fifth consecutive season in 2013. A total of 269 men's soccer teams in all NCAA and NAIA divisions posted team GPAs of 3.00 or higher on a 4.00 scale to earn NSCAA Team Academic Award honors. The Johnnies recorded a team GPA of 3.27, up from 3.24 each of the last two seasons. For a team to be

considered for the NSCAA Team Academic Award, it must have a composite team grade-point average of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) for all team members who appear on the official NCAA roster forms for the fall season.

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## **SAINT MARY'S** | [Cardinals' men's soccer home page](#) |

### **Head coach**

Pete Watkins (Fourth season)

### **A Year Ago**

• 1-9-0 MIAC (11th place) | 4-13-1 Overall

### **Top Returners**

- Fernando Camacho (5-11, 150, Jr., Defender | 18 GP, 1 G, 1 A, 3 Pts.; Two-time Honorable-mention All-MIAC)
- Matt Graber (6-0, 185, Sr., Forward | 14 GP, 3 G, 0 A, 6 Pts; 2012 First-Team All-MIAC)
- Ryan Geidner (5-8, 155, Sr. | 18 GP, 3 G, 1 A, 7 Pts.)

### **Key Losses**

- Midhat Mujic (Led team in all three offensive categories — 3 G, 4 A, 10 Pts.)
- Zach Palma (18 GP, 1 G, 0 A, 2 Pts. ... Honorable-mention All-MIAC)

### **By The Numbers**

- 4: The Cardinals boasted four players who had multiple-goal games this season — including a school-record three multiple-goal scorers in a single game. Midhat Mujic (Rochester, Minn.), Nate Vandegrift (Lakeville, Minn.) and Matt Graber (Denver, Colo.) all scored twice in SMU's 11-1 win over Presentation on Sept. 1, while Geidner tallied a pair of goals against Crown on Sept. 14.
- 9: Nine of the Cardinals' 22 goals last season were first collegiate goals — Ryan Geidner (Antioch, Ill.), Andrew Jaworski (Racine, Wis.), Nate Vandegrift (Lakeville, Minn.), Fernando Camacho (Chicago, Ill.), Derrick Washington (Minneapolis, Minn.), Jose Martinez (Houston, Texas), Gianluca LoCasto (Oak Park, Ill.), Trevor Rottinghaus (La Porte City, Iowa) and Brett Heimerdinger (La Grange, Ill.) all netted their first goals as a Cardinal in 2013.
- 82: Goalkeeper Joey Petrich (Elk River, Minn.) finished the 2013 season with a team-leading 82 saves — including a career-best 14 against Concordia on Oct. 5. Petrich enters his senior season boasting a 1.70 goals-against-average and a .752 save percentage.

### **Did You Know?**

- The Cardinals' 11 goals in their 11-1 win over Presentation on Sept. 1 were a school record, breaking the old mark of 10 — also set on Sept. 1 — in a 10-1 win over Rockford in 2006.

### **Off The Field**

- Cody Balogh (Batavia, Ill.), Andrew Jaworski (Racine, Wis.), Joey Petrich (Elk River, Minn.) and Michael Tabar (Skokie, Ill.) represented the Saint Mary's men's soccer team on the 2013 MIAC Fall Academic All-Conference Team.
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### **Head coach**

• Kurt Anderson (26th Season)

### **A Year Ago**

• 7-2-1 MIAC (T-2nd place) | 14-4-1 Overall

### **In the 2013 Postseason**

- Lost 1-0 to Carleton in MIAC semifinal

### **Top Returners**

- Kevin Skrip (Jr., F | Led team in goals (10) and assists (5) in 2013... Was All-MIAC.)
- Claudio Barboza (Jr., M | Two goals, assist from center mid spot... All-MIAC.)
- Ben Braman (GK, Soph. | All-MIAC honorable mention... Was 14-4-1, 0.70 GAA in 2013.)

### **Key Losses**

- Stephen Johnson (D | NSCAA/Continental Tire All-North Region 1<sup>st</sup> Team, All-MIAC... Two goals, assist.)
- Mackenzie Lund (F | All-North Region 2<sup>nd</sup> Team... All-MIAC... Seven goals, six assists in 2013.)
- Nick Lund (F | Four goals, three assists in 2013.)

### **By the Numbers**

- 0.68: St. Olaf was second in the MIAC in 2013 in goals against average. The 0.68 was the fifth-best mark in school history and the best since a 0.58 GAA in 1998.
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### **Head coach**





- Jon Lowery (Third Season)

#### **A Year Ago**

- 4-3-3 MIAC (T-5th place) | 10-4-4 Overall

#### **Top Returners**

- Miles Stockman-Willis (Jr., F | 2013 MIAC All-Conference... 2013 NSCAA Third Team All-Region... Started 17 of 17 games played in 2013... Led the MIAC in goals scored (12)... Ranked tied for second in points scored (26)... Scored five game-winning goals, which also tied for second in the league)

- Mitchell Wolff (Sr., GK | Logged over half of team's minutes in net (990:02)... 1.09 goals against average ranked fifth in the MIAC in 2013... Save percentage of .782 was ninth among league goalkeepers... Career goals against average of 1.05)

#### **Key Losses**

- Nick Rapisarda (F | Four-time MIAC All-Conference performer... 2012 MIAC Player-of-the-Year... Registered 10 goals and 9 assists for an MIAC-best 29 points in 2013 as a senior... Finished with 32 goals and 17 assists for a total of 81 career points)
- Kit Weaver (D | 2012 MIAC All-Conference... Two-time MIAC All-Conference Honorable Mention (2011 and 2013)... Started 14 of 14 games played last season, notching three assists... Anchored a defense that posted a goals against average of 1.04, which ranked fourth in the MIAC)

#### **By the Numbers**

- 10: The Tommies will aim to win 10 or more games for the third consecutive season under Head Coach Jon Lowery after falling short of the 10-win plateau each of the previous two seasons prior to his arrival.
- 14: Head Coach Jon Lowery welcomed 14 freshman to fall camp on Friday, August 16th when the Tommie men returned to campus.
- 3: St. Thomas will take on three opponents ranked in the NSCAA's Preseason top 25 poll. The Tommies will take on No. 3 Loras on Sunday, Sept. 7 in Dubuque, Iowa, No. 16 Wartburg on Saturday, Sept. 20 at Carthage in Kenosha, Wis., and No. 20 UW-Oshkosh at home on Sunday, Oct. 5.

#### **Did You Know?**

- Last season, St. Thomas was 10-0-1 when scoring two or more goals in a game. Conversely, the Tommies were 0-4-3 when scoring one goal or fewer.

#### **Off the Field**

- Last April, the Tommie men's soccer team took time away from its spring practices to volunteer packing food for Second Harvest Heartland, the Upper Midwest's largest hunger relief organization. It was the third straight year St. Thomas extended a helping hand to the fight against hunger.

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