

2015 MIAC Men's Soccer Preview and Preseason Coaches' Poll

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2015 MIAC Men's Soccer Conference Preview

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. -- A year ago, just four total points separated the top five teams in the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) men's soccer standings. The 2015 season is about to begin, and based on last year's finish and the returning talent around the league, it could be just as close at the top this time around.

In 2014, St. Olaf finished with 23 points (12-5-2 overall, 7-1-2 MIAC) to claim the MIAC's regular-season title by a single point over the duo of Gustavus (16-5-1 overall, 7-2-1 MIAC) and Carleton (10-7-2 overall, 7-2-1 MIAC), as each finished with 22 points. Saint John's (13-7 overall, 7-3 MIAC) was another point back in fourth with 21 points, and Macalester's 19 points (11-6-2 overall, 6-3-1 MIAC) rounded out a tightly-grouped top five.

St. Thomas (9-8-2 overall, 4-4-2 MIAC, 14 points) grabbed the sixth and final spot in the new-look MIAC Playoffs by two points over an upstart Bethel (8-10 overall, 4-6 MIAC, 12 points) squad that outperformed expectations. Augsburg (5-11-2 overall, 3-6-1 MIAC, 10 points) also stayed in postseason contention until the season's end, and Hamline (6-10-2 overall, 2-7-1 MIAC, 7 points), Saint Mary's (6-11-1, 2-8 MIAC, 6 points) and Concordia (2-15-1, 1-8-1 MIAC, 4 points) rounded out the 2014 final standings.

The fun didn't stop there, as the MIAC Playoffs expanded to six teams in 2014, and the new format produced additional postseason drama. Carleton and Saint John's were both 2-0 winners in the quarterfinals, and the Johnnies kept rolling into the title game with a 4-1 semifinal win over St. Olaf. Gustavus beat Carleton 1-0 in the other semi, and the Gusties used a 2-0 win over the Johnnies to claim the conference's postseason crown and cap off an unforgettably competitive campaign in the MIAC.

Will the 2015 season match the drama of the 2014 campaign? The usual suspects are all back in contention, and while several have key players to replace, there is plenty of returning talent among the conference's top teams to keep them in the title hunt again this season. Also, the expanded Playoffs certainly did keep things interesting for a majority of the MIAC deep into the season, and the race for the six postseason bids figures to be equally compelling again this year.

Will any of 2014's top teams stumble and take a step backwards this season? Which teams will show the most improvement and leap into championship or Playoff contention? Will the championship again be a multiple-team battle into the season's final day? Fortunately, the season is less than a week away, and those key questions will be answered over the two months to follow.

THE POLLS ARE IN

The MIAC coaches predict that the 2015 season will feature another entertaining battle for the MIAC crown with five teams separated by just 14 points occupying the poll's top four spots, with the first-place votes spread among the top three contenders. Gustavus received the most points - 85 - and three first-place votes to barely edge St. Olaf and Saint John's for the No. 1 spot in the poll. The Oles received the most first-place votes (five) and were second overall with 82 points, and the Johnnies claimed the other three first-place votes and 80 total points.

The next two teams weren't far behind either, as both Carleton and Macalester finished with identical totals of 71 points to share fourth place and add their names to the long list of championship contenders. The coaches awarded 59 points to St. Thomas to round out the top six spots and the anticipated six-team Playoff field.

Bethel (42 points) edged Augsburg (41 points) by the slimmest of margins for seventh place. Hamline received 34 points to finish ninth and Saint Mary's (21 points) and Concordia (19 points) rounded out the final spots in the coaches' preseason rankings.

The first national polls won't be available for a few weeks, as the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) won't release its first regular season poll until Sept. 15, and D3soccer.com typically does its first national poll during the second week of the season. MIAC fans will wait to see how the first two weeks play out and speculate where the conference's elite teams will appear in the national polls.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Gustavus finished second in the regular season and won the MIAC Playoff title a year ago, and hopes for continued success in 2015 despite the loss of the last two MIAC Players-of-the-Year - David Lilly and Zach Brown. All-MIAC midfielder Charlie Adams is back, along with senior starter Jason Schwab on defense to lead Mike Middleton's squad. Junior forward Patrick Roth also returns to give Gustavus a balanced, talented core of veterans.

The Oles claimed the MIAC regular-season title in 2014, and Head Coach Kurt Anderson has most of his squad back intact for the title defense. All-MIAC forwards Jens Undlin and Kevin Skrip are both back to lead a high-powered St. Olaf offense, as the two combined for 23 goals and five assists a year ago. Junior All-MIAC selection Eric Frank is also back for a talented Ole team.



Saint John's reached the MIAC Playoff title game a year ago, and lost a trio of talented forwards, but Head Coach John Haws has a deep group of veterans back to keep SJU in contention in 2015. A pair of All-MIAC midfielders both return in Rocky Harmon and Alex Niederloh, who each racked up 13 points a year ago, and senior keeper Kevin Lebahn is back in the net for the Johnnies.

Carleton's 2015 aspirations start with the return of three-time All-MIAC forward Branden McGarrity, who has been one of the league's top offensive threats since his arrival on campus. All-MIAC midfielder Sam Hayward and Honorable Mention defender Riley Phelps are also back for the Knights. Macalester has star goalkeeper Zeke Vainer back in the net after an All-MIAC campaign last season, and fellow All-Conference honoree Alan Wismayer-Schembri and Honorable Mention forward Austin Burrows are also back in the Scots lineup in 2015 as they eye a return to the MIAC Playoffs.

St. Thomas also returns one of the league's top scorers in two-time All-MIAC forward Miles Stockman-Willis, and he's joined in a talented Tommie lineup by Honorable Mention forward/midfielder Johnny Mulvahill and senior defender and team captain Shane Marshall. Bethel brings back some of its top talent from last season's surprising squad, starting with All-MIAC midfielder Ryan Ness and his 12 goals. Defender Tim Ness also returns, as does junior forward Danny Jaderholm.

Augsburg has some holes to fill in the middle, but should be strong both up front, and in the back. Junior All-MIAC forward Ben Henry returns to lead the Auggie offense, while defenders Ngochinyan Ollor and Barindeum Kordah also return in 2015. Hamline has to replace three-year starter Derrick Mora at keeper, but has senior forward Abbai Habte and sophomore defender Oscar Campbell both back, and 2013 All-MIAC forward Jake Niemann returns for the Pipers after missing the 2014 season with a military commitment.

Saint Mary's hopes to keep climbing in the MIAC standings and has most of its scoring back, starting with All-MIAC Honorable Mention selections Ryan Geidner and Jared Wolt, and Cody Balogh is also back in 2015. Concordia also brings back nearly all of its nucleus for a year ago, and hopes for improvement in 2015. Juniors Sage Thornbrugh and Matthew Fulks both return after leading the team in points a year ago, and sophomore keeper Ben Glogoza is back to build on his strong rookie year.

CIRCLE THESE DATES

The start of the 2015 season is less than a week away, so fans no doubt have Sept. 1 circled on the calendar, as 10 of the league's teams open the season that day, and all 11 will debut within the season's first 48 hours. Conference play will start on Wednesday, Sept. 16, and will run through a Halloween finale on Oct. 31, with title hopes and Playoff aspirations likely going all the way until the season's final buzzer. The six-team Playoffs will take place the following week, with quarterfinal games set for Tuesday, Nov. 3, semifinals to follow on Wednesday, Nov. 4, and the championship will be held on Saturday, Nov. 7.

There will be plenty of intriguing matchups along the way, starting with the round-robin between the top three teams in the Coaches' Poll. Gustavus will host St. Olaf in one of the season's first big games on Sept. 19 at 1 p.m. The Gusties then travel to Saint John's on Oct. 14 (4 p.m.), and the Johnnies will also have home-field advantage when they welcome the Oles on the season's final day, Oct. 31, at 1 p.m.

Carleton and Macalester also hope to be in the title hunt and Playoff picture, so their matchup on Oct. 17 in Northfield, Minn., at 1 p.m. will be another can't-miss showdown. St. Thomas will travel to Bethel on Sept. 19 for a 1 p.m. game that will be big for both team's postseason hopes. Hamline travels to Augsburg for a big Twin Cities rivalry showdown under the lights on Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. and Saint Mary's heads to Moorhead, Minn., to take on Concordia on Oct. 3 (3:30 p.m.) in a matchup of teams both hoping for bigger and better things in 2015.

A CLOSER LOOK

The rest of the 2015 MIAC Men's Soccer Preview contains complete results from the 2015 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 - will be an outstanding source for MIAC men's soccer news, schedules, scores, stats and more throughout the 2015 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](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#) pages for updates and interaction all season long.

2015 MIAC Men's Soccer Preseason Coaches' Poll

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.

2015 MIAC Men's Soccer Preseason Coaches' Poll		
Rank	Institution	Total
1.	Gustavus (3)	85
2.	St. Olaf (5)	82
3.	Saint John's (3)	80
T4.	Carleton	71
T4.	Macalester	71
6.	St. Thomas	59
7.	Bethel	42

8.	Augsburg	41
9.	Hamline	34
10.	Saint Mary's	21
11.	Concordia	19

2015 MIAC Men's Soccer Playoffs

The 2015 MIAC Playoffs will enjoy a second season of a new six-team format that debuted in 2014. The tournament is a single-elimination, high-seed host format. The top two seeds 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. 3, the two semifinal games will be follow on Wednesday, Nov. 4, and the championship is set for Saturday, Nov. 7. The winner will receive the MIAC's automatic bid to the 2015 NCAA Division III Men's Soccer Tournament.

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

Head Coach

- Greg Holker (12th season)

A Year Ago

- 3-6-1 MIAC (8th place) | 5-11-2 Overall

Top Returners

- Ben Henry (F, JR | All-MIAC in 2014, All-MIAC honorable mention in 2013; 5 goals and 1 assist in 1,354 minutes played in 2014, including 2 game-winning goals; 11 goals and 3 assists for 25 points, with 4 game-winning goals, in 36 career games.)
- Ngochinyan Ollor (D, SR | All-MIAC honorable mention in 2014; played in 15 games and 1,332 minutes in 2014, with game-winning goal in 3-2 win over Saint Mary's on Sept. 17; 4 goals and 4 assists for 12 points in 49 career games.
- Barindeum Kordah (D, JR | 1 goal for 2 points in 1,617 minutes played (most of any non-GK) in 2014; 2 goals, 2 assists for 6 points in 36 career games; also 3X All-MIAC and 2X All-MIAC HM as sprinter/jumper in track and field in 2015.)

Key Losses

- Scott Clinton (MF | All-MIAC honorable mention in 2012; Capital One Academic All-District and NSCAA Scholar All-North/Central Region honorable mention in 2014; 2 goals and 4 assists for 8 points in 2014; 12 goals and 13 assists (9th in school history) for 37 points in 67 career games.)
- Grant Griffin (MF | All-MIAC in 2014; NSCAA Scholar All-North/Central Region 2nd team in 2014; Led team with 12 points (4 goals, 4 assists) in 2014, including 2 game-winning goals, in 1,379 minutes played; 9 goals and 5 assists for 23 points in 54 career games.)
- Tanner McCarthy (MF | All-MIAC Sportsmanship Team in 2014, All-MIAC honorable mention in 2013; team captain in 2014; 2 goals for 4 points in 13 games in 2014; 5 goals for 10 points in 59 career games.)

By the Numbers

- 108: Career victories for Augsburg Head Coach Greg Holker (108-75-24), the most wins in program history. His teams have won more games over the past 11 seasons than in the 24 years prior to his arrival in 2004.
- 13: Assists by midfielder Scott Clinton in his career (2011-14), ranking ninth in school history in the category.
- 1.46: Career goals-against-average for goalkeeper Nick Lenertz in 22 games, currently ranking seventh in school history in the career category.

Did You Know?

- Augsburg's men's soccer team traveled to Italy in March for a three-game excursion during the college's Spring Break week, its third international trip in program history. The Auggies went 1-2 on the trip, while visiting Bologna, Tuscany, Siena, San Gimignano, Florence, Sorrento and Rome.

Off the Field

- Augsburg assistant coach Evan Fuhs '09 was named to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America's "30 Under 30" program, an educational and mentorship program designed to build the next generation of soccer coaches. Fuhs will be part of an elite group of young soccer coaches from around the country participating in the year-long program, described by the NSCAA as an "education and mentorship

opportunity for a select few up-and-comers who have made soccer coaching their career of choice. This program was created to support fledgling coaches and foster their growth at a crucial point in their vocation."



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

Head coach

- Jeremy Iwaszkowicz (5th season)

A Year Ago

- 4-6 MIAC (7th place) | 8-10 Overall

Top Returners

- Ryan Ness (M, Sr. | 2014 MIAC All-Conference, 18 pts., 12 G)
- Tim Ness (D, Sr. | Anchor of Bethel's defense, 1 G, 1 A, 3 Pts., MIAC Athlete-of-the-Week 10/14/2014)
- Danny Jaderholm (F, Jr. | 3 G, 4 A, 10 Pts.)

Key Losses

- Matthew Pisarski (F | MIAC All-Conference Honorable Mention, 6 G, 4 A, 16pts.)
- A.J. Syler (Position | Made 8 starts in goal, 38 Saves, 4-4 record.)

By the Numbers

- 4: Bethel put together a pair of four game winning streaks last season, one at the beginning of the year and the other down the stretch in MIAC play to put the Royals into playoff contention. In early September Bethel outscored four non-conference opponents 22-3 and then in mid-October pulled off four consecutive shutouts, three by 1-0 scores, against MIAC opponents, Saint John's, Concordia, Saint Mary's and Hamline.
- 8: The Royals were a remarkable 8-1 at the friendly confines of the Ona Orth Athletic Complex in 2014, outscoring their opponents 18-6.
- 30: Senior midfielder Ryan Ness enters his final season with 30 career points which ranks him in the top 20 in Bethel soccer history. Ness led Bethel with 18 points last season in earning MIAC All-Conference honors.

Did You Know?

- Goalkeeper Jakob Bartels spent last spring as a member of the Bethel men's tennis team, playing primarily in the No. 4 singles and No. 2 doubles slots, amassing 24 total victories. Bartels posted identical 12-8 records in both single and doubles play.

Off the Field

- Already a three-time MIAC Academic All-Conference honoree, 2014 senior Matt Pisarski earned regional recognition by CoSIDA, who voted him to the 12-member NCAA Academic All-District Division III District Six First Team. Pisarski, a 3.89 athletic training major at Bethel, finished his senior season with 16 points on six goals and four assists. The West Des Moines, Iowa, native finished second on the team in scoring and had a remarkable 0.719 shot-on-goal percentage.



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

Head coach

- Bob Carlson (19th season)

A Year Ago

- 7-2-1 MIAC (T-2nd place) | 10-7-2 Overall

In the 2014 Postseason

- Carleton defeated St. Thomas, 2-0, in the MIAC Playoffs quarterfinal match, then lost 1-0 at Gustavus Adolphus in the semifinals.

Top Returners

- Branden McGarrity (Forward, senior | NSCAA All-America in 2012; NSCAA All-Region and All-MIAC in 2012, 2013, and 2014; scored 6 goals and added a career-best 7 assists in 2014 to rank fifth among MIAC players in points scored)
- Sam Hayward (Midfielder, senior | All-MIAC in 2014; each of his assists led either to game-tying or game-winning goals)
- Riley Phelps (Defender, junior | All-MIAC Honorable Mention in 2014; key part of the MIAC's second-stingiest defense (0.76 goals against average in conference matches) in 2014.

Key Losses

- Jordy Cammarota (Forward | All-MIAC in 2014; tallied a team-best 20 points [9 G, 2 A] to rank fourth in the MIAC; tops in the MIAC with 5 game-winning goals and second among conference players with 7 goals and 16 point in MIAC games)
- Devin Tomson-Moylan (Defender | Four-year starter on backline, anchoring a defense that ranked among MIAC's top three in goals against average each season)
- Keenan Smith (Goalkeeper | finished second among MIAC goalkeepers (min. 700 minutes played in conference matches) with a 0.78 goals against average)

By the Numbers

- 8: Carleton has had at least three players voted by conference coaches to the All-MIAC team in each of the last eight seasons
- 36: With one season still left to play, Branden McGarrity is already the program's all-time leading goal scorer with 36 career tallies.

- .824: Over the last nine seasons, Carleton owns an overall .780 winning percentage versus MIAC opponents, including an impressive .824 clip in home matches.

Did You Know?

- Carleton is the lone MIAC men's team to advance to the postseason in each of the last five years. In fact, the Knights have advanced to the conference tournament in each of the last eight years.

Off the Field

- With a 3.40 team GPA, the Carleton College men earned the NSCAA Team Academic Award for the 15th consecutive year, the longest streak among all MIAC programs of either gender. The Carleton women also extended their stretch of team academic awards to 14 years, and the next closest streak among conference squads—male or female—is nine years. Carleton is the lone MIAC men's program to post cumulative GPAs above 3.30 in each of the last four seasons.



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

Head coach

- Ben Schneweis (4th season)

A Year Ago

- 1-8-1 MIAC (11th place) | 2-15-1 Overall

Top Returners

- Sage Thornbrugh (M/F, Jr. | 2013 MIAC All-Conference Honorable Mention; second on the team in total points in 2014)
- Matthew Fuls (Jr., F | Led the team in goals scored, total points and shots on goal in 2014)
- Ben Glogoza (GK, So. | Led the team in goals against average and games played in 2014)

Key Losses

- Justin Flack (D | 2-time MIAC award winner; led the team in assists in 2014)

By the Numbers

- 9: Concordia returns nine starting players from last year's team.
- 12: Concordia lost 12 of their 15 games by two or fewer goals.
- 255: The Cobbers averaged 255 fans per home game in 2014.

Did You Know?

- Concordia traveled to Scotland and England for 12 days at the end of July for a training and volunteer service trip.



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

Head coach

- Mike Middleton (Sixth season)

A Year Ago

- 7-2-1 MIAC (Second place) | 16-5-1 Overall

In the 2014 Postseason

- MIAC Playoffs: Defeated Carleton 1-0 in MIAC Semifinals. Defeated Saint John's 2-0 in MIAC Final
- NCAA Championships: Defeated Dominican University in first round of NCAA Championships. Fell to Loras College 2-0 in second round of NCAA Championships.

Top Returners

- Charlie Adams (Midfielder, Senior | 2014 All-Conference Performer, played and started in each of the Gusties' 22 games last season, registered three assists)
- Jason Schwab (Defender, Senior | Played and started in each of the Gusties' 22 games last season, tied for third on team with 16 points off six goals and four assists, led team with a .429 shot percentage)
- Patrick Roth (Forward, Junior | Started in 16 of Gusties' 22 games, tied for third on team with 16 points off five goals and six assists)

Key Losses

- David Lilly (Midfielder | 2014 NSCAA All-American, 2014 MIAC Player-of-the-Year, three-time NSCAA All-Region performer, three-time All-Conference performer, 2014-15 Gustavus Male Athlete-of-the-Year, led team with 11 assists last season, finished second on Gustavus' all-time assist leaderboard with 29)
- Zach Brown (Forward | Three-time NSCAA All-Region performer, three-time All-Conference performer, led team in scoring with 29 points off 11 goals and seven assists last season)

By the Numbers

- 0.575: The Gusties' goals against average last season. Goalkeepers Braden Schmid and Brett Ylonen finished first and second, respectively, in the MIAC in that category after splitting time between the posts in 2014.
- 3: Number of consecutive years Gustavus has advanced to the NCAA Championships.
- 0.477: The percentage of scoring from last season that returns for the Gusties in 2015 despite losing their top three scorers from 2014.

Did You Know?

- Gustavus begins the 2015 season ranked No. 25 nationally, the only MIAC team inside the top 25.

Off the Field

- Braden Schmid '15 became the third Gustavus men's soccer player in the past four years to earn Capital One Academic All-America honors, as the goalkeeper earned the distinction following the 2014 season.



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

Head coach

- Alex Morawiecki (3rd season)

A Year Ago

- 2-7-1 MIAC (9th place) | 6-10-2 Overall

Top Returners

- Abbai Habte (Sr., F, 4 goals last season, 46 starts in HU career)
- Jake Niemann (Jr, MF, All-MIAC choice in 2013, did not play last year.)
- Oscar Campbell (So., D, started all 18 games last season)

Key Losses

- Derrick Mora (G, three year starter)
- Tyler Tallaksen (MF, four year regular)
- Gilbert Ghong (F, 3 year regular, led team with six goals last year)

By the Numbers

- 3: Number of first year goalies in training camp (no returning goalies)
- 7: Number of returnees from 2014 team
- 15: Number of new players to the program in training camp

Did You Know?

- Hamline plays the first six games (and seven of their first eight) at Paterson Field.

Off the Field

- Jake Niemann, an all-conference pick in 2013 at MF, missed the 2014 season because of military service.

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



Head coach

- Gregg Olson (4th season)

A Year Ago

- 6-3-1 MIAC (5th place) | 11-6-2 Overall

In the 2014 Postseason

- MIAC Playoffs: Quarterfinals at St. John's, L, 0-2

Top Returners

- Zeke Vainer (GK, Jr. | All-MIAC, 0.82 GAA, nine shutouts, .818 save pct.)
- Alan Wismayer-Schembri (M, Jr. | All-MIAC, ranked 2nd in the MIAC in assists with 10)
- Austin Burrows (F, Jr. | All-MIAC hon. mention, team-leading six goals, 15 points)

Key Losses

- Cole Erickson (D | Two-time All-MIAC, All-North Region 3rd team, three goals in 2014)

By the Numbers

- 10: Returning players who started at least 13 games last season
- 11: One-goal games in 2014 (Macalester was 7-4 in those games)
- 21: Countries visited by junior goalkeeper Zeke Vainer on his summer trip across Europe and Asia

Did You Know?

- The Scots return 88.9 percent of their scoring from a year ago (24 of 27).

Off the Field

- As a team in 2014, the Scots posted a grade-point average of 3.42 to rank 15th among all 820 men's soccer programs in Divisions I, II and III.

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



Head coach

- John Haws (Sixth season)

A Year Ago

- 7-3 MIAC (Fourth place) | 13-7 Overall

In the 2014 Postseason

- W, 2-0 vs. Macalester in MIAC Quarterfinals; W, 4-1 at St. Olaf in MIAC Semifinals; L, 0-2 at Gustavus Adolphus in MIAC Championship

Top Returners

- Rocky Harmon (M, Jr. | 2014 All-MIAC...played 17 matches and finished second on the team in both goals (5) and points (13)...registered all five goals and all but one point against MIAC competition, including seven points (3g/1a) in three postseason games)
- Kevin Lebahn (GK, Sr. | Posted a 12-7 record last fall with 67 saves and five shutouts, while sharing two other shutouts...enters his senior season with a 22-16-4 record, 11 shutouts, a .805 save percentage and a 1.18 GAA in 42 matches...2013 All-MIAC honorable mention.
- Alex Niederloh (M, Sr. | 2014 NSCAA All-North Region...2014 All-MIAC...2013 and 2012 All-MIAC honorable mention...tied for the team-lead in assists (5), while finishing in a tie for second in points (13)...led the team with eight points (3g/2a) in conference play and tallied a total of 12 points (4g/4a) against MIAC teams (including postseason)...all four goals were game-winners and he also assisted on another...begins senior season with 27 points (7g/13a) in 57 career matches, including six game-winning goals)

Key Losses

- Zane Heinselman (F | 2014 All-MIAC...started 16 matches and led the team in goals (6) and points (14) despite missing four games due to a concussion...finished his Johnnie soccer career with 51 points (19g/13a), five game-winning goals and a .176 shot percentage (.454 on goal) in 65 career matches)
- Ian Scudder (F | 2012 All-MIAC...collected two goals in 19 matches in 2014...missed all but six matches in 2013 due to injury...posted 39 points (14g/11a) in 59 career games)
- David Wee (F | Appeared in only 10 of 20 matches last fall due to injury...tallied one assist...2013 All-MIAC...recorded 49 points (16g/17a) in 61 career games)

By the Numbers

- 0.99: SJU's defense saw its goals-against-average drop from 1.42 in 2013 to 0.99 in 2014.
- 58: Niederloh has started every SJU match, all 58, over the last three seasons.
- .670: SJU's seven non-conference opponents in 2015 combined for a 94-44-9 (.670) record last fall.

Did You Know?

- SJU has advanced to the MIAC Playoff Championship game as the No. 4 seed in the tournament each of the past two seasons.

Off the Field

- SJU earned a National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Team Academic Award for the sixth consecutive season in 2014. A total of 279 men's soccer teams in all NCAA and NAIA divisions posted team GPAs of 3.00 or higher on a 4.00 scale during the 2013-14 academic to earn NSCAA Team Academic Award honors.

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



Head coach

- Pete Watkins (5th season)

A Year Ago

- 2-8-0 MIAC (10th place) | 6-11-1 Overall

Top Returners

- Ryan Geidner (5-8, 155, Sr. | 18 GP, 5 G, 0 A, 10 Pts. ... 2014 honorable-mention All-MIAC. ... Led team in both goals and points)
- Jared Wolt (6-6, 145, So. | 17 GP, 2 G, 0 A, 4 Pts. ... 2014 honorable-mention All-MIAC)
- Cody Balogh (5-10, 175, Sr. | 18 GP, 2 G, 3 A, 7 Pts. ... Shared team lead in assists; second on team in points)

Key Losses

- Matt Graber (15 GP, 1 G, 0 A, 2 Pts.; 2012 First-Team All-MIAC)
- Joey Petrich (8 GP, 1.14 GAA, 21 Saves, .778 Save %, 1 Shutout)

By The Numbers

- 4: The Cardinals scored a season-high four goals three times last season—beating Cornell, North Central and Bethany Lutheran by identical 4-0 decisions.
- 5: Five of the Cardinals' six wins last season were by shutout—beating North Central (4-0), Bethany Lutheran (4-0), Cornell (4-0), Buena Vista (2-0), and Hamline (1-0).
- 6: Saint Mary's boasted six players who recorded their first collegiate goal last season—Wolt, Jim Dreshar (Hugo, Minn.), Carolos Hernandez (Cicero, Ill.), Blake Dimock (Burlington, Wash.), Arturo Aupont (Chicago, Ill.), and Shawn Gilbert (Rice Lake, Wis.).

Did You Know?

- Andrew Jaworski (Racine, Wis.) recorded his first collegiate two-goal game against Bethany Lutheran on Sept. 10, while also picking up his first collegiate assist for his first five-point game in a Cardinal uniform.

Off The Field

- Joey Petrich (Elk River, Minn.), Mike Tabar (Skokie, Ill.), and Joe Bosco (Elk Grove Village, Ill.) represented the Saint Mary's men's soccer team on the 2014 MIAC Fall Academic All-Conference Team.



ST. OLAF | [Oles' men's soccer home page](#) |

Head coach

- Kurt Anderson (27th season)

A Year Ago

- 7-1-2 MIAC (1st place) | 12-5-2 Overall

In the 2014 Postseason

- Lost 4-1 to SJU in MIAC semifinal

Top Returners

- Jens Undlin (F, Sr. | All-MIAC... Led MIAC in points on 15 goals and three assists.)
- Kevin Skrip (F, Sr. | All-MIAC... Had eight goals and two assists in 2014.)
- Eric Frank (B, Jr. | Was All-MIAC in 2014... Had an assist.)

Key Losses

- Torbjorn Morkeberg (M | Goal, three assists in 19 games.)

By the Numbers

- 4: Four if the Oles' five players that scored at least four goals last year will return in 2015.
- 31-9-2: St. Olaf is 31-9-2 at home over the last four seasons.



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Head coach

- Jon Lowery (4th season)

A Year Ago

- 4-4-2 MIAC (6th place) | 9-8-2 Overall

In the 2013 Postseason

- Fell to Carleton 2-0 in the MIAC Playoff quarterfinals.

Top Returners

- Shane Marshall (D, Sr. | Captain in 2014 and 2015... Started 15 of 17 games played in 2014... Started 34 of 38 career games played)
- Johnny Mulvahill (M-F, Jr. | 2014 MIAC All-Conference Honorable Mention... Started 15 of 18 games played in 2014 and scored three goals for six points... Has started 30 of 36 games played in his career, scoring six goals and adding one assist for 13 points)
- Miles Stockman-Willis (F, Sr. | 2x MIAC All-Conference selection (2013, 2014)... Started all 19 games last season, and led the team in all major scoring categories with 22 points (3rd/MIAC) on seven goals (t-5th/MIAC) and eight assists (3rd/MIAC)... Started all 36 games of his St. Thomas career since arriving his sophomore season... UST career totals of 48 points on 19 goals and 10 assists)

Key Losses

- Michael Eigenmann (D | 2014 MIAC All-Conference Honorable Mention... Started 18 of 19 games last season... Played in 54 career games with 29 starts... Scored one goal for two points as a key member of the Tommie back line)
- Mitchell Wolff (GK | 2x MIAC All-Sportsmanship Team (2012, 2014)... Started 37 of 43 games played during his UST career, totaling 3,798:48 minutes, a 1.23 GAA, 146 saves, .737 save percentage, and a record of 22-11-7 with seven shutouts)

By the Numbers

- 2: The Tommies will play two teams ranked in the top 25 heading in to the 2015 season, according to the preseason poll released by the NSCAA. St. Thomas will travel to take on No. 25 Gustavus Adolphus on Saturday, Sept. 26th before hosting No. 11 Loras College on Monday, Oct. 11th.
- 7: St. Thomas returns its top seven point scorers from a year ago, led by senior Miles Stockman-Willis (22), sophomore Pierce Erickson (11) and senior Matt Bouche (10). In total, the Tommies return 12 of 15 players who registered a point last season.
- .175: The Tommies recorded a shot percentage of .175, which led all MIAC teams despite taking the third fewest total shots last season.

Did You Know?

- St. Thomas was 7-1-2 when outshooting its opponents last season. That mark expands to 23-3-4 over the past three seasons.

Off the Field

- In the spring, the St. Thomas men's soccer team continued its partnership with Second Hand Harvest Heartland, the upper Midwest's

largest hunger relief organization, to pack food for those in need. The Tommies packed 4,314 pounds of food in one day to help in the fight against hunger for a fourth straight year.

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