

MIAC softball teams ready for conference season

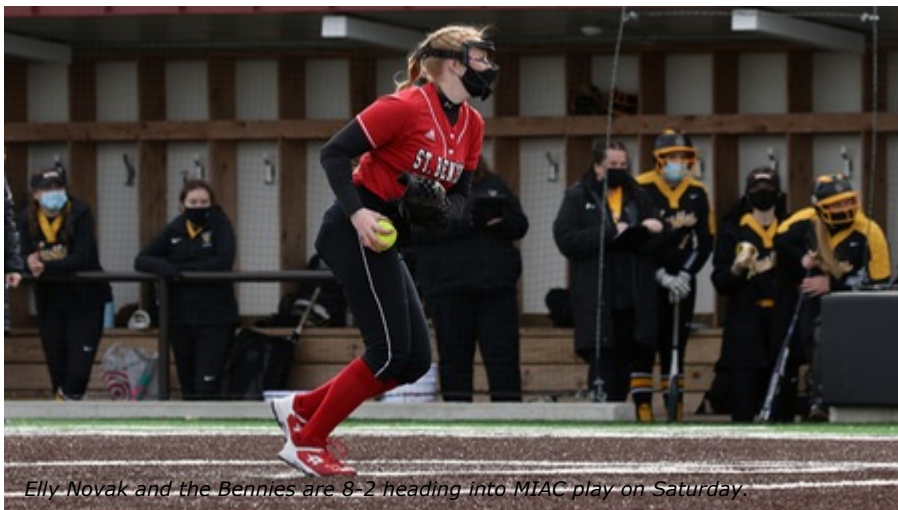
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BLOOMINGTON, Minn. – Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) softball teams will turn their attention to conference play this weekend with five double-headers on the schedule for Saturday afternoon. These will be the first conference softball games played in the MIAC since May of 2019 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

MIAC teams were able to get back on the field for a host of non-conference contests earlier this month. The full 2021 softball schedule with results and upcoming games can be found [here](#). Thanks to good weather throughout March, several teams have already been able to move games outside. For outdoor competition this spring, each MIAC institution will create its own policy regarding spectator attendance in accordance with Minnesota Department of Health and campus protocol. No spectators are permitted when a contest is conducted at an on-campus indoor facility, including domes. When a contest is conducted at an off-campus indoor facility and a MIAC team is designated as the host, spectators are limited to remaining outside of the playing area, contingent upon the facility and campus spectator policies.

In accordance with the NCAA Tournament shifting back one week, the [2021 MIAC Softball Playoffs](#) will now be held May 13-16. The top six teams in the MIAC standings following regular season play will qualify for the conference tournament. The first round of the postseason will follow a single-elimination "play-in" format followed by a four-team double-elimination format over the final three days of competition. The top two seeds in the tournament will automatically advance to the four-team double-elimination format. In the play-in round, No. 3 will host No. 6 and No. 4 will host No. 5. The double-elimination round will be played on the home field of the highest seed that accepts hosting rights.

Continuing throughout the regular season, the MIAC will honor outstanding individual performances each Monday with the announcement of the Softball Player and Pitcher of the Week. Postseason awards are planned for selection and announcement in May. Additional information related to the 2021 MIAC Softball season can be found via the links below.



Elly Novak and the Bennies are 8-2 heading into MIAC play on Saturday.

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