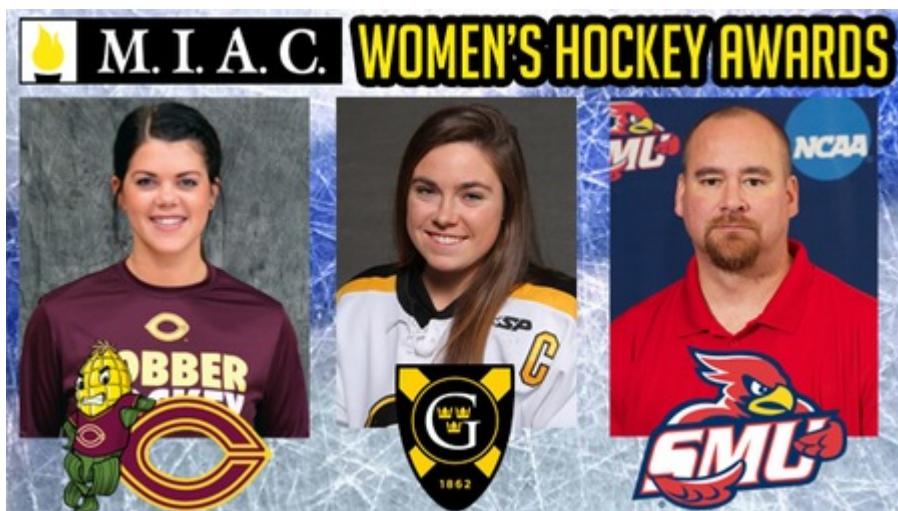


Concordia's Gendreau, Gustavus' Draayer headline MIAC Women's Hockey Awards

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BLOOMINGTON, Minn. -- After another amazing season on the ice, the top women's hockey performers in the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) were recognized Thursday with the announcement of the 2014-15 MIAC Women's Hockey Awards. Concordia's Madison Gendreau, Gustavus' Carolyn Draayer and Saint Mary's Head Coach Terry Mannor claimed the conference's top individual awards.

Gendreau (Sr., Forward, Bismarck, N.D.) was named the MIAC Player-of-the-Year, Draayer (Sr., Forward, Deephaven, Minn./Minnetonka) received the conference's Sheila Brown Award and Mannor (10th season) was named the MIAC Coach-of-the-Year. All-Conference, All-Rookie, Honorable Mention and All-Sportsmanship teams were also announced.



Gendreau's received the MIAC's top individual honor thanks to her leadership and playmaking skills and her role in the Cobbers' success in 2015. She led the team to a 9-6-3 MIAC record (10-12-3 overall) and a third-place finish in the conference standings. Concordia is the No. 3 seed in the MIAC Playoffs and will open the postseason Saturday with a semifinal game at No. 2 St. Thomas at 2 p.m. at St. Thomas Ice Arena.

Gendreau was the MIAC's top offensive player in 2015 with the ability to both set up teammates, and score the puck herself. In conference play, she led the MIAC in points (24) and assists (15), and was sixth in goals (nine). Overall, Gendreau ranked third in assists (16), fifth in points (25) and ninth in goals (nine). Her five power play goals all came in league play and led the MIAC. Gendreau also received her third-straight All-Conference honor and was a member of the MIAC's All-Rookie team in 2012.

Draayer received her prestigious honor, which was fittingly named for former St. Catherine Athletic Director Sheila Brown. By definition, the Sheila Brown Award is given to one senior who has made long-term contribution to her team's success and who has consistently competed with good sportsmanship. This season, Draayer led Gustavus to its 10th MIAC title in the last 11 years. The Gusties are 19-4-2 overall and won the MIAC title with 31 points and a 15-2-1 conference record.

The Sheila Brown Award is the latest MIAC honor for Draayer, who also received her second-straight All-Conference award after earning Honorable Mention honors her first two seasons and All-Rookie honors in her first year. This season she led the MIAC in game-winning goals (four) and power play goals (five) and was third in goals (12) and seventh in points (20).

In addition, Draayer is a two-time team captain, a CoSIDA Academic All-American, an NCAA Elite 89 and MIAC Elite 22 honoree and her long list of community service includes volunteer opportunities with the Gustavus Women in Leadership and Special Olympics. Draayer has used her video production talents to create videos to promote Gustavus and Gustie athletics, as well as a pair of promotional videos for the MIAC.

Mannor - in his 10th season as the Cardinals' head coach - received his first MIAC Coach-of-the-Year award after leading his team to a tremendous turnaround and their first MIAC Playoff bid since 2010. Saint Mary's - which was just 9-15-1 overall (7-11 MIAC) last season - finished the regular season with an 11-11-3 overall record. The Cardinals were 9-7-2 in MIAC play and finished in fourth place in the final standings with 20 points. SMU is the No. 4 seed in the MIAC Playoffs, and will open the postseason by hosting No. 5-seeded Bethel Thursday night at 7 p.m.

This season, Mannor coached three players to All-Conference honors and three more who received All-MIAC Honorable Mention accolades. His team has been especially good defensively this season, ranking fourth in the MIAC in goals allowed (50), goals against average (1.97) and third in save percentage (.930). The Cardinals were even better in conference play, leading the league in save percentage (.940) and ranking third in goals allowed (29) and goals against average (1.59).

Gendreau isn't the only three-time All-MIAC honoree, as Saint Mary's Macki Fadness also earned her third-straight honor. Draayer was joined by a group of individuals who earned their second-straight All-Conference honor: Gustavus' Courtney Boucher and Allison Eder-Zdechlik, Concordia's Libby Frandsdal, Bethel's Erin Harper and Kalie Johnson, St. Thomas' Megan Juricko and Saint Mary's Breanna Peterson. St. Thomas' Tara Baggo and St. Catherine's Megan Killmer also earned their second career All-MIAC honors after both also received the award in 2013.

The All-Conference team included the top 20 players - 12 forwards, six defenders and two goalies - in the MIAC in 2014-15. MIAC champ Gustavus led the way with five All-MIAC selections. Second-place St. Thomas was next with four and each of the other three Playoff teams - Concordia, Saint Mary's and Bethel - had three players honored apiece. St. Catherine and Hamline each had one All-Conference selection.

The All-MIAC team was extremely heavy on veterans with 10 seniors and eight juniors honored, along with one sophomore and one freshman. The conference also honored the MIAC All-Rookie Team, which included the top players in their first season of collegiate hockey. All-Conference Honorable Mention selections were also recognized.

As part of a conference-wide sportsmanship initiative, the MIAC also announced the eighth annual All-MIAC Sportsmanship team for women's hockey. 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.

2014-15 MIAC Women's Hockey Awards

Player-of-the-Year - Madison Gendreau, Concordia (Sr., Forward., Bismarck, N.D.)
Sheila Brown Award - Carolyn Draayer, Gustavus (Sr., Forward, Deephaven, Minn./Minnetonka)
Coach-of-the-Year - Terry Mannor, Saint Mary's (10th season)

2014-15 MIAC Women's Hockey All-Conference Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown/Previous School</u>
Tara Baago	St. Thomas	Sr.	Forward	Eagan, Minn. / Henry Sibley
Courtney Boucher	Gustavus	Sr.	Defense	Hastings, Minn.
Carolyn Draayer	Gustavus	Sr.	Forward	Deephaven, Minn. / Minnetonka
Allison Eder-Zdechlik	Gustavus	Jr.	Forward	Stillwater, Minn.
Macki Fadness	Saint Mary's	Jr.	Defense	Eau Claire, Wis.
Nuala Flood	St. Thomas	Jr.	Defense	St. Paul, Minn. / Cretin-Derham Hall
Libby Fransdal	Concordia	Sr.	Defense	Hopkins, Minn.
Madison Gendreau	Concordia	Sr.	Forward	Bismarck, N.D.
Erin Harper	Bethel	Jr.	Defense	Blaine, Minn.
Tori Herrmann	Saint Mary's	Jr.	Goaltender	Elk River, Minn.
Lindsey Hibbard	Gustavus	Jr.	Goaltender	Princeton, Minn.
Kalie Johnson	Bethel	Sr.	Forward	Richfield, Minn.
Megan Juricko	St. Thomas	Jr.	Defense	Eagan, Minn.
Megan Killmer	St. Catherine	Sr.	Forward	Savage, Minn. / Burnsville
Kathryn Larson	Bethel	So.	Forward	Shoreview, Minn. / Mounds View
Breanna Peterson	Saint Mary's	Sr.	Forward	Macomb, Mich./Honeybaked
Erica Power	Gustavus	Fy.	Forward	Lakeville, Minn. / Apple Valley
Courtney Umland	St. Thomas	Jr.	Forward	Maple Grove, Minn.
Kelsey Vandegrift	Concordia	Sr.	Forward	St. Paul, Minn. / Central
Jordan Verleye	Hamline	Sr.	Forward	Livonia, Mich.

2014-15 MIAC Women's Hockey All-Rookie Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown/Previous School</u>
Emily Goff	Concordia	Fy.	Defense	Rochester, Minn. / Eagan
Paige Kittelson	St. Thomas	Fy.	Goaltender	Arden Hills, Minn. / Mounds View
Michelle Klimstra	Bethel	Fy.	Goaltender	Elk River, Minn. / Rogers
Maddie McGlade	St. Thomas	Fy.	Forward	Lakeville, Minn. / North
Erica Power	Gustavus	Fy.	Forward	Lakeville, Minn. / Apple Valley
Rachel Skoglund	Gustavus	Fy.	Defense	Forest Lake, Minn.
Heidi Winiecki	St. Thomas	Fy.	Forward	Lakeville, Minn. / North

2014-15 MIAC Women's Hockey All-Conference Honorable Mention

<u>Name</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown/Previous School</u>
Erika Allen	Augsburg	Jr.	Goaltender	Roseville, Minn.
Marissa Brandt	Gustavus	Sr.	Defense	Vadnais Heights, Minn. / Hill Murray
Megan Brettingen	Saint Benedict	Sr.	Defense	Mora, Minn. / Warroad
Lindsay Burman	Bethel	Sr.	Forward	Stanchfield, Minn. / Cambridge / Isanti
Randi Fabsits	St. Catherine	Jr.	Defense	Tinley Park, Ill. / Victor J. Andrew

Hannah Forliti	St. Olaf	So.	Defense	Shoreview, Minn. / Cretin-Derham Hall
Kayla Fuechtmann	Augsburg	Jr.	Forward	Circle Pines, Minn. / Centennial
Danielle Heitkamp	Augsburg	So.	Defense	Bismarck, N.D. / Grand Rapids (Minn.)
Andrea Klug	Concordia	So.	Goaltender	West Fargo, N.D.
Chelsea Koehn	Hamline	Jr.	Forward	Clyde, Mich.
Katie LeTourneau	Saint Mary's	Jr.	Defense	White Bear Lake, Minn.
Kassie Lien	Saint Mary's	So.	Forward	Grantsburg, Wis.
Jenny Magill	Hamline	Jr.	Defense	Lake Elmo, Minn.
Karina Marette	St. Thomas	Jr.	Defense	Brooklyn Park, Minn. / Breck
Elli Marvin	Saint Benedict	So.	Forward	Shoreview, Minn. / Mounds View
Callen Naasz	Augsburg	So.	Forward	Lakeville, Minn./South
Brenna Nakonechny	Augsburg	Jr.	Defense	Grand Forks, N.D./Red River
Bailey Rasmussen	St. Catherine	Sr.	Forward	Grand Rapids, Minn.
Jaci Reinke	Hamline	So.	Defense	Waconia, Minn.
Marah Shields	Saint Mary's	So.	Goaltender	Milford, Mich. / Honeybaked
Jenna Traut	Saint Benedict	Sr.	Goaltender	St. Cloud, Minn. / Apollo
Jane Vezina	St. Olaf	Fy.	Forward	Stillwater, Minn.
Heidi Winiecki	St. Thomas	Fy.	Forward	Lakeville, Minn. / North
Abbi White	St. Catherine	So.	Goaltender	Wyoming, Minn. / Forest Lake

2014-15 Women's Hockey All-MIAC Sportsmanship Team

Augsburg - Brianna Schulz (Sr., Prior Lake, Minn.)
 Bethel - Caroline Kivisto (Jr., Dassel, Minn. / Dassel-Cokato)
 Concordia - Erin McNeill (Sr., Chanhassen, Minn.)
 Gustavus - Keri Pickel (Sr., Rochester, Minn. / Mayo)
 Hamline - Jaci Reinke (So., Waconia, Minn. / Holy Family)
 Saint Benedict - Ally Hoffman (Jr., Chaska, Minn. / Benilde-St. Margaret's)
 St. Catherine - Shelby Salmonsén (Sr., Faribault, Minn.)
 Saint Mary's - Katie LeTourneau (Jr., White Bear Lake, Minn.)
 St. Olaf - Lauren Bazzachini (Sr., Plymouth, Minn. / Minnehaha Academy)
 St. Thomas - Paige Baldwin (Sr., Shorewood, Minn. / Minnetonka)

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