

Tommies' Borgstrom headlines MIAC Women's Hockey awards

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BLOOMINGTON, Minn. – The Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) announced its award honorees for the 2017-18 Women's Hockey season on Monday. St. Thomas senior forward **Allison Borgstrom** and Hamline head coach **Natalie Darwitz** claimed the Conference's top individual on-ice awards, while Concordia senior defender **Emily Goff** received the prestigious Sheila Brown Award.

Borgstrom (Sr. | Lindstrom, Minn. | Chisago Lakes) earned MIAC Player of the Year honors after totaling 37 points in 25 games, helping the Tommies earn a share of the regular season Conference title. The two-time All-Conference honoree had 13 multi-point games and scored a career-high 15 goals with two game-winners and her first-ever hat trick in her final season of competition.

Darwitz was voted MIAC Coach of the Year by her peers for the first time in her career after guiding Hamline to a program-record 18 regular season wins this year. Under Darwitz's watch, the Pipers made their first-ever appearance in a national top-10 poll in 2018 and went on to not only host a home playoff game but secure a berth in the MIAC Women's Hockey Championship Game.

Named for the longtime St. Catherine University athletic director, the Sheila Brown Award is presented each year to a senior women's hockey student-athlete who has made a long-term contribution to her team's success while consistently displaying good sportsmanship in competition. The honoree is selected based on team leadership, sportsmanship and volunteer work, academic excellence, and hockey skills and production.

The 2017-18 Sheila Brown Award recipient is Emily Goff. Goff played in 82 games over four seasons at Concordia, earning All-Rookie Team honors in 2014-15 and helping the Cobbers earn a spot in the MIAC Playoffs each of the last four years. A double-major in Nursing and Spanish, Goff received Academic All-Conference honors last summer and is in line for a second straight Conference award this year with a cumulative grade-point average well above 3.5. She is also a difference-maker in the community, taking her passion for nursing to volunteer with such organizations as Love Your Melon and Colleges Against Cancer while serving as a member of the Student Nurses Association and National Nurses Association. Goff is the perfect embodiment of what it means to be a student-athlete in the MIAC and a very worthy recipient of this prestigious award.

In addition to individual awards, MIAC coaches also voted on All-Conference and All-Rookie Teams. Twenty MIAC student-athletes were selected to the All-Conference Team, with an additional 12 garnering honorable mention accolades. Six first-year players received All-Rookie honors.

Gustavus senior forward **Erica Power** cemented her legacy as one of the Conference's all-time greats with her fourth consecutive All-Conference selection, while seven others were selected to the team for the second straight season, including Borgstrom (St. Thomas), **Demi Cooper** (St. Thomas), **Amanda DiNella** (Gustavus), **Darby Dodds** (Hamline), **Kaitlyn Klein** (Gustavus), **Bre Simon** (Hamline) and **Tori Thompson** (St. Catherine).

As part of a Conference-wide sportsmanship initiative, the MIAC also announced the 12th-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.



Borgstrom scored a career-high 15 goals this season. (Photo: Mark Brown)

2018 MIAC WOMEN'S HOCKEY AWARDS

Player of the Year: Allison Borgstrom, St. Thomas (Sr. | F | Lindstrom, Minn. | Chisago Lakes)

Sheila Brown Award: Emily Goff, Concordia (Sr. | D | Eagan, Minn.)

Coach of the Year: Natalie Darwitz, Hamline (3rd season)

2018 MIAC Women's Hockey All-Conference Team

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School
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F	Bridget Wagner	Augsburg	So.	Niles, Ill. Maine South
F	Kaitlyn VanTassel	Bethel	So.	Circle Pines, Minn. Forest Lake
F	Amanda Flemming	Concordia	So.	Sartell, Minn.
F	Diana Draayer	Gustavus	Sr.	Deephaven, Minn. Minnetonka
F	Kaitlyn Klein	Gustavus	Sr.	Plymouth, Minn. Wayzata
F	Erica Power	Gustavus	Sr.	Lakeville, Minn. Apple Valley
F	Sarah Bobrowski	Hamline	Sr.	St. Paul, Minn. Hill-Murray
F	Darby Dodds	Hamline	Sr.	Byron, Minn. Dodge County
F	Bre Simon	Hamline	So.	Elk River, Minn.
F	Jane Vezina	St. Olaf	Sr.	Stillwater, Minn.
F	Allison Borgstrom	St. Thomas	Sr.	Lindstrom, Minn. Chisago Lakes
F	Rachel Werdin	St. Thomas	So.	Eden Prairie, Minn.
D	Nikki Nightengale	Augsburg	So.	Bloomington, Minn. Jefferson
D	Callie Fagerstrom	Concordia	Fy.	Thief River Falls, Minn.
D	Kristen Cash	Gustavus	So.	Roseville, Minn. Mounds View
D	Tori Thompson	St. Catherine	Jr.	Rochester, Minn. John Marshall
D	Demi Cooper	St. Thomas	Jr.	Mendota Heights, Minn. Henry Sibley
D	Heidi Hannula	St. Thomas	Jr.	Coon Rapids, Minn.
G	Amanda DiNella	Gustavus	Jr.	Oakbrook Terrace, Ill. Willowbrook
G	Kenzie Torpy	St. Thomas	Jr.	Oregon, Wis.

2018 MIAC Women's Hockey Honorable Mention

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School
F	Wendy Roberts	Bethel	Sr.	Grantsburg, Wis.
F	Tori Davis	Concordia	Sr.	Sabin, Minn. Moorhead
F	Brigette Miller	Saint Benedict	Sr.	Inver Grove Heights, Minn. South St. Paul
F	Laken Muller	St. Catherine	Jr.	Inver Grove Heights, Minn. Simley
F	Anya Hafiz	Saint Mary's	So.	Woodbury, Minn. East Ridge
F	Kaylee Druk	St. Thomas	Sr.	Orono, Minn. Benilde-St. Margaret's
D	Valerie Whichello	Augsburg	Jr.	Woodbury, Minn. East Ridge
D	Taral Clayton	Augsburg	Sr.	Anchorage, Alaska Dimond
D	Dani Perry	Hamline	So.	Cottage Grove, Minn. Park
D	Natalie Ryan	Saint Mary's	So.	Lakewood, Ill. Chicago Young Americans
D	Anna Williams	St. Thomas	So.	Hastings, Minn.
G	Kristen Pechacek	St. Catherine	Sr.	Park Falls, Wis. Chequamegon

2018 MIAC Women's Hockey All-Rookie Team

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School
F	Bri Stafne	Bethel	Fy.	Duluth, Minn. Hermantown
F	Jordan Hansen	Hamline	Fy.	White Bear Lake, Minn. Cretin-Derham Hall
F	Maddy Fiedler	St. Thomas	Fy.	Chanhassen, Minn.
D	Kennedi Mitchell	Bethel	Fy.	Elk River, Minn.

D	Callie Fagerstrom	Concordia	Fy.	Thief River Falls, Minn.
G	Bryce Boreen	St. Catherine	Fy.	Cottage Grove, Minn. Park-Cottage Grove

2018 MIAC Women's Hockey All-Sportsmanship Team

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School
D	Tara Clayton	Augsburg	Sr.	Anchorage, Alaska Dimond
F	Kylie Guimont	Bethel	So.	Cambridge, Minn. Cambridge-Isanti
F	Megan Dondelinger	Concordia	Jr.	Bemidji, Minn.
F	Rachel Skoglund	Gustavus	Sr.	Forest Lake, Minn.
G	Mari Johnson	Hamline	So.	Stillwater, Minn. Hill-Murray
D	Alexis Klatt	Saint Benedict	Sr.	Watkins, Minn. Eden Valley-Watkins
F	Anna Carman	St. Catherine	Sr.	Lutsen, Minn. Cook County
G	Ashley Corcoran	Saint Mary's	Jr.	Red Wing, Minn.
F	Riley Anderson	St. Olaf	Sr.	Edina, Minn.
D	Erika Bjorkman	St. Thomas	Sr.	Roseville, Minn.