

2013 MIAC Women's Soccer Preview and Preseason Coaches' Poll

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2013 MIAC Conference Preview

ST. PAUL, Minn. -- A year ago, the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) women's soccer campaign was a season-long coronation for Concordia College. The Cobbers were near-perfect in capturing MIAC regular season and Playoff championships, as well as a berth in the NCAA Division III Sweet 16. However, a Concordia coaching change and graduation, along with improvements on other campuses around the league, all contribute to an intriguing 2013 season.



The 2012 Cobbers rolled to the MIAC title with a 10-1 conference record and 30 points in the standings - 10 more than anyone else in the league. St. Olaf and a resurgent Augsburg tied for second with 20 points and 6-3-2 records, and Saint Benedict edged Macalester (both 6-4-1, 19 points) in a tiebreaker for the final postseason bid. The Auggies valiantly battled Concordia in the MIAC Playoff championship, but the Cobbers rode their penalty-kick victory to two more wins in the NCAA tournament as they completed a 17-4-2 season.

After Concordia, things were incredibly tight throughout the rest of the standings a season ago. The Auggies and Oles tied at 20 points, the Scots and Blazers were a point back at 19, Bethel and St. Thomas each had 17 points, Hamline had 16 and both Carleton each amassed 12 points. So just eight total points separated nine spots in the conference standings. Gustavus finished 11th with nine points, and Saint Mary's rounded out the final spot.

In 2013, Concordia will try to replace the leadership and production of two-time MIAC Player-of-the-Year Sarah Rounds and four-time All-MIAC goalkeeper Ali Nelson, as well as departed former coach Dan Weiler, who left for the head coaching position at Christopher Newport University. All seem like a tall task for new Cobber Coach Kevin Roos, but plenty of talent and championship pedigree remain on the roster.

However, all that close competition below Concordia in the standings should move upward and close the gap in 2013. Expect improved Saint Benedict, Macalester, St. Olaf and St. Thomas teams to be in the conference championship conversation, and Augsburg, Hamline, Bethel, Carleton and an improving St. Catherine program to also be in the mix for the postseason or even a title hunt.

Fortunately, the start of the 2013 season is just two short days away, and all the looming questions and optimism of a new season can start to play itself out on the field beginning Friday.

COACHES PREDICT COMPANY FOR CONCORDIA

The defending champion Cobbers received the most first-place votes (six) of any team in the 2013 MIAC Women's Soccer Preseason Coaches' Poll, but Concordia shares the top spot with Saint Benedict, as each received a total of 110 points. The Blazers received four first-place votes and were tabbed as conference co-favorites with the defending champs.

Macalester also received a first-place vote and a total of 95 points to take the No. 3 spot in the poll. St. Olaf - which received the final first-place vote - and St. Thomas each received 82 points to tie for fourth place, and to prove the conference's strength across its top five spots. Augsburg wasn't far back in sixth with 70 points and Hamline edged Bethel by three points for seventh place, 63-60, to give the MIAC eight teams all eyeing the four conference postseason bids.

Carleton was just six points behind Bethel with a total of 54 points in ninth place, and it's certainly plausible the Knights could surge into a return to the postseason as well. St. Catherine, coming off a school-record nine wins, came in 10th with 31 points, while Gustavus (24 points) and Saint Mary's (11 points) rounded out the final two spots in the MIAC coaches' predictions.

WHAT'S NEW?

The aforementioned Roos is the only new coach in the conference this season, following a 2012 season that saw massive turnover. Roos is the sixth head coach in Cobber history and he inherits a program that has won at least 10 games in each season over the past decade. Roos was a standout men's player at Concordia from 1998-2001, and will try to keep the Cobbers' championship pedigree intact.

With Concordia's coaching transition, seven of the MIAC's 12 teams have hired a new head coach over the past three seasons. Augsburg's Mike Navarre - now in his 15th season leading the Auggies - is the longest tenured head coach in the conference, and the only coach with 10 or more seasons at his current post. Next is St. Olaf's Jeremy Driver (eighth season), Hamline's Ted Zingman (seventh) and St. Thomas' Shelia McGill (seventh).

WHO'S BACK?

It's already been discussed that Concordia has some major pieces to replace, but if any team is equipped for the transition, it's the Cobbers. Concordia certainly has plenty of talent back to bolster continued title hopes, starting with a pair of All-MIAC and All-Region stars.

Senior midfielder Gina Weiss and junior defender Libby Fansdal are both back to lead the defending champs, as is All-MIAC Honorable Mention midfielder Laura Prosinski.

Meanwhile, it's easy to see why the Blazers were also a popular pick. 2011 Co-MIAC Player-of-the-Year Colleen Bochart is back for her senior season after earning both All-MIAC and All-Region honors a season ago. She'll team up with All-MIAC selections Alyssa Hoffman and Laura Kosch to give Steve Kimble's team plenty of scoring punch.

Macalester also welcomes back one of the league's top stars, as forward Georgia Cloepfil is back to lead the Scots after scoring 15 goals a year ago and earning both All-MIAC and All-Region honors. Senior goalkeeper Ellen Palmquist and her 1.19 goals against average is also back, as is midfielder Bonnie Gale and her six goals.

St. Olaf's hopes start with defense in 2013, leading with All-MIAC goalkeeper Nora Forbes. A year ago, Forbes had a stellar 0.96 goals against average and 112 saves. All-MIAC Honorable Mention selections Megan Campbell and Kajsa Brindley are also back for the Oles. The Tommies' title hopes lean on a decorated senior trio. Forward Katy Scherer is a two-time All-Conference performer, and fellow forward Jenna Savino and midfielder Jaclyn Glaser both joined Scherer on the All-MIAC team in 2012.

Augsburg graduated a pair of talented "Bris" in Bri Clark and Bri Dorale, but the Auggies' cupboard certainly isn't bare. All-MIAC and All-Region midfielder Molly Allen leads the returners, along with All-MIAC Honorable Mention defender Alezcandra Miller and starting goalkeeper Katie Gajewski. Across the metro, Hamline's high hopes are fueled by the talent of star junior forward Aileen Scheibner, an All-MIAC pick, as well as talented senior goalkeeper Molly Jacobos and senior forward/mid Brienne Garside.

Bethel graduated four-time All-MIAC star Kelsey Flaherty, but hope forward Jessica Huseby - an All-Conference selection - can carry the torch forward in 2013. All-MIAC Honorable Mention defender Olivia Haggerty teams with Huseby to give the Royals a talented junior tandem. Carleton is another team expected to get defensive in 2013, led by All-MIAC senior defender Layne Teska and All-MIAC Honorable Mention goalkeeper Mikayla Coulombe, who had nine shutouts and a 0.77 goals against average.

St. Catherine hopes to take another step forward in 2013 behind All-MIAC Honorable Mention selection Elly Leyva, who netted three game-winners in her first season a year ago. Sophomore goalkeeper Danielle Mendez and her five shutouts are also back for SCU. Gustavus will again be led by All-MIAC Honorable Mention seniors Amanda Cartony (forward) and Estee Berg (defender), who both hail from Stillwater, Minn. Saint Mary's will lean on sophomore midfielder Carolin Blackwood, who is coming off an All-MIAC Honorable Mention rookie campaign, as well as junior forward Bethany Schmidt.

CIRCLE THESE DATES

Fortunately for MIAC women's soccer fans, the season isn't far away now with nine of the 12 teams set to start on Friday, and two more beginning their seasons Saturday. Gustavus, Bethel, St. Thomas, Concordia and St. Catherine all make their home debuts Friday, with Carleton, Augsburg, St. Olaf and Hamline also opening that day, albeit on the road. Saint Mary's and Saint Benedict both start Saturday, and Macalester opens on Sept. 4.

What promises to be an entertaining battle for the MIAC championship and four postseason bids starts with a pair of games on Sept. 17 and the rest of the teams in action on Sept. 18. The final day of the regular season - which could determine the title and Playoff seeds - is Saturday, Nov. 2. The two MIAC Playoff semifinals will be held Nov. 5 with the championship game set for Saturday, Nov. 9.

One big reason the title could be decided on the final day is because the co-winners of the coaches' poll square off to close the regular season. Saint Benedict travels to Moorhead, Minn., to face Concordia in a 1 p.m. game with huge implications on Nov. 2. That day, St. Olaf also travels across town to face Carleton at 1 p.m. in an always-entertaining rivalry game, and St. Catherine ventures across the metro area to take on Bethel at 1 p.m. in a showdown of two MIAC teams on the rise.

The conference season starts with a marquee matchup as well, as Macalester travels to St. Thomas on Sept. 18 for a 4 p.m. showdown that could alter postseason seeds or fortunes right out of the gate. On Oct. 2, Gustavus will host Saint Mary's in a 4 p.m. matchup of teams hoping to take a big step forward in 2013, and Augsburg travels to St. Paul to face Hamline at 4 p.m. on Oct. 15 in a game that could alter the postseason fates of two teams with high hopes this season.

A CLOSER LOOK

The rest of the 2013 MIAC Women's Soccer Preview contains complete results from the 2013 Preseason Coaches' Poll, MIAC Playoff details, helpful links and a preview for each team submitted by their sports information director. The new MIAC web site - www.miacathletics.com - will be an outstanding source for MIAC women's soccer news, schedules, scores, stats and more throughout the 2013 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.

2013 MIAC Women's Soccer Preseason Coaches' Poll

Coaches voted for every team in the conference except their own team. Points were assigned for each vote (11 for first, 10 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.

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2013 MIAC Women's Soccer Preseason Coaches' Poll

Rank	Institution	Total
T1	Concordia (6)	110
T1	Saint Benedict (4)	110
3	Macalester (1)	95
T4	St. Olaf (1)	82
T4	St. Thomas	82
6	Augsburg	70
7	Hamline	63
8	Bethel	60
9	Carleton	54
10	St. Catherine	31
11	Gustavus	24
12	Saint Mary's	11

2013 MIAC Women's Soccer Playoffs

The 2013 MIAC Playoffs will feature the top four teams in the conference standings playing in a high-seed-host, single-elimination postseason tournament. The two semifinal games will be held Nov. 5, with the championship set for Saturday, Nov. 9. The winner will receive the MIAC's automatic bid to the 2013 NCAA Division III Women's Soccer Tournament.

| [MIAC Women's Soccer Playoffs Web Sites](#) | [2012](#) | [2013](#) |

MIAC Women's Soccer Links

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MIAC Weekly Podcast - 2013 Soccer Preview

As the fall season nears, [MIAC Weekly Podcast](#) host **Mike Gallagher** takes a special look at the upcoming MIAC soccer season. St. Thomas Men's Soccer Coach **Jon Lowery** and Saint Benedict Women's Soccer Coach **Steve Kimble** join Gallagher to talk about their teams and preview the 2013 season.

MIAC Team-by-Team Previews

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

Head coach

- Mike Navarre (15th season)

A Year Ago

- 6-3-2 MIAC (T-2nd place) | 12-5-3 Overall

In the 2012 Postseason

- W 2-1 (OT) over St. Olaf in MIAC semifinals; T Concordia 0-0 (2OT, L 7-6 on penalty kicks) in MIAC championship

Top Returners

- Molly Allen (MF, JR | All-MIAC, NSCAA All-North Region 2nd team in 2012; 11assists in 2012 (3rd most in single season in school history), 3rd-most among MIAC players in overall stats and 32nd nationally in Division III; 14 assists in 39 career games (11th-most in school history))
- Alekzandra Miller (D, SR | All-MIAC honorable mention, NSCAA Scholar All-North/Central Region honorable mention in 2012; 2 assists in

2012; leader of Augsburg defense that allowed just 16 goals in 2012, 2nd-fewest among MIAC teams in overall stats)

- Katie Gajewski (G, SR | 7-3-1 with 0.83 GAA, 6 shutouts and 57 saves in 2012; 19-15-4 with 1.19 GAA and 15 shutouts in 40-game career; 1.19 GAA and 15 shutouts are both 4th-best in school history)

Key Losses

- Bri Clark (F | All-MIAC in 2012 and 2011; NSCAA All-North Region in 2012 (3rd team) and 2011 (3rd team); 8 goals, 22 points in 2012; claimed goal or assist in 11 of 19 games in 2012; 24 goals, 9 assists, 57 points in 61 career games; 5th in school history in both career goals and career points)
- Bri Dorale (D | All-MIAC honorable mention in 2012 and 2011, NSCAA Scholar All-North/Central Region in 2012; All-MIAC Sportsmanship Team in 2012; 4 goals and 1 assist for 9 points in 2012; 6 goals and 10 assists for 22 points in 74 career games, 12th-most in school history in career assists)
- Carly Reimer (D | 4-year veteran, 9 goals and 6 assists for 24 career points, including 3 game-winning goals, in 67 career games)

By the Numbers

- 15: Seasons of coaching Augsburg's women's soccer team for Mike Navarre with the 2013 campaign, more than half the years of the 29-season history of the Auggie program. Navarre's 118-100-35 record is better than the record of the other five coaches in the first 14 years of the Augsburg program combined (76-138-13 from 1985 to 1998).
- 12: Wins for Augsburg in 2012 (12-5-3), the second-most wins in a single season in the 28-season history of the program, behind the 13-4-0 record for the Auggies in 1995. Augsburg's second-place tie in the MIAC standings marked its highest-ever conference finish. The Auggies finished third in the league standings in 2004, 2007 and 2008.
- 5: Consecutive shutouts to start the 2012 season, with Augsburg outscoring its opponents by a 16-0 margin. Augsburg recorded 11 shutouts in 2012, its most since claiming a school-record 12 shutouts in the 2002 season.

Did You Know?

- Entering his 15th season as Augsburg's head coach, Mike Navarre is now the longest-tenured active head coach among the 12 MIAC women's soccer programs. The next longest-tenured active women's soccer head coach in the MIAC is Jeremy Driver of St. Olaf, entering his eighth season with the Oles in 2013.

Off the Field

- Augsburg's women's soccer team performed a community service project at the Feed My Starving Children organization in Eagan, Minn., on Aug. 20, volunteering to pack food for hungry people throughout the world. The team packed 23,562 meals (109 boxes) in 90 minutes, enough to feed 65 kids a meal per-day for a whole year.



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

Head coach

- Amanda Maxwell (Second season)

A Year Ago

- 5-4-2 MIAC (T-6th place) | 8-7-3 Overall

Top Returners

- Jessica Huseby (Forward, Junior | 2012 MIAC All-Conference, 5 G, 12 A (MIAC Leader), 22 Pts.)
- Olivia Haggerty (Defender, Junior | 2012 MIAC Honorable Mention All-Conference)
- Suzette Anderson (Forward, Senior | 5 G, 2 A, 12 Pts.)

Key Losses

- Kelsey Flaherty (Midfielder | Four Time MIAC All-Conference, 51 Career Pts.)
- Anne Fazio (Midfielder | 10/9/2012 MIAC Women's Soccer Athlete of the Week, 44 Career Pts.)
- Lydia Bergeson (Defender | 2010 MIAC Honorable Mention All-Conference, 43 Career Pts.)

By the Numbers

- 6: The Royals broke or tied six team and individual single season records in 2012. Amongst the records destroyed were most wins (5), fewest losses (4), consecutive games without a loss (5), most goals by a team (16), individual assists (12), and individual assists against MIAC opponents (7).
- 4: Following the conclusion of 2012 season, graduated senior Kelsey Flaherty was named MIAC All-Conference for the fourth time in her career. Flaherty is the only Bethel University women's soccer player to receive All-Conference accolades all four years and is one of 11 MIAC players to receive this honor four times.
- 12: Jessica Huseby's 12 assists in 2012 not only led all MIAC players, but also shattered the Bethel University record for assists in a single season. Huseby tallied at least one assist in seven consecutive games, which happened to help Bethel go on a seven-game streak without a loss.

Did You Know?

- The Royals allowed one or less goals in 12 of 18 contests played last year. Of the 12 games, Bethel was defeated five times overall – four in conference play – by the score 1-0. The final two matches of the season resulted in a 1-0 loss, keeping BU from its first ever trip to the postseason.

Off the Field

- The Royals spent ten days in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in early-August as part of a soccer ministry with Team Chicago Brazil.



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

Head coach

- Jocelyn Keller (Second season)

A Year Ago

- 3-5-3 MIAC (T-9th place) | 7-6-4 Overall

Top Returners

- Layne Teska (Defender, Sr. | All-MIAC in 2012, anchored defense for squad that allowed only 14 goals all season to pace the conference, All-Region in 2011)
- Mikayla Coulombe (Goalkeeper, So. | All-MIAC Honorable Mention, posted top goals against average (0.77) among MIAC keepers with more than 10 appearances and paced conference with 9 regular-season shutouts)
- Ellie Wilson (Forward, Jr. | posted team's highest goal total each of the last two years)

Key Losses

- Marlena Hartman-Filson (Midfielder | NSCAA All-Region, All-MIAC Honorable Mention, finished with 19 career goals)
- Claire McGillem (Midfielder | fourth on the Knights in goals (3) and points(8)
- Sarah Hagerty (Midfielder | four-year starter)

By the Numbers

- 6: All six of the Knights' losses last season came by a single goal
- .810: Carleton is 21-3-5 in MIAC home matches over the last five seasons, for a .810 winning percentage
- 14: Last year, the Knights scored 14 of their 21 goals in the second half

Did You Know?

- The Knights have 13 states represented on their roster—Alaska, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Ohio, Oregon, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin—as well as a player from Canada.

Off the Field

- Carleton has earned 12 consecutive NSCAA Team Academic Awards, the longest streak of any MIAC school. Three players received Scholar All-Region recognition.



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

Head coach

- Kevin Roos (First season)

A Year Ago

- 10-1 MIAC (First place) | 17-4-2 Overall

In the 2012 Postseason

- MIAC postseason results (W 1-0 vs. St. Ben's in MIAC Semifinals; Beat Augsburg in PK shootout in MIAC Championship)
- NCAA postseason results (W 2-1 vs. Lake Forest in NCAA First Round; W 3-2 vs. Cal. Lutheran in NCAA Second Round; L 1-2 at Washington Univ. in NCAA Sweet 16)

Top Returners

- Libby Fransdal (D, Jr. | 2012 NSCAA North All-Region; 2012 MIAC All-Conference)
- Gina Weiss (M, Sr. | 2012 NSCAA North All-Region; 2012 MIAC All-Conference)
- Laura Prosinski (M, Jr. | 2012 MIAC All-Conference Honorable Mention)

Key Losses

- Sarah Rounds (F | 2-time NSCAA All-American; 2-time MIAC MVP; 138 career points)
- Ali Nelson (GK | 2012 NSCAA All-American; 4-time NSCAA All-Region; 4-time All-MIAC; CC record holder for most career wins and shutouts)

By the Numbers

- 6: New Cobber head coach Kevin Roos is the sixth coach in program history
- 10: Concordia has won at least 10 overall games in 10 straight seasons
- 55: Concordia senior Gina Weiss has 55 career points heading into the 2012 season

Did You Know?

- New Cobber head coach Kevin Roos tallied double-digit point totals in his junior and senior seasons while playing for Concordia in 2000 and 2001.

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

Head coach



- Laura Burnett-Kurie (Second Season)

A Year Ago

- 3-8-0 MIAC (11th place) | 6-11-0 Overall

Top Returners

- Amanda Cartony (Sr., Forward, Stillwater, Minn.) | 2012 All-MIAC Honorable Mention... Led team in goals (5), and points (12) last season... Has led the team in both categories each of the last two seasons.
- Estee Berg (Sr., Defender, Stillwater, Minn.) | 2012 All-MIAC Honorable Mention... Led field players in minutes played

with 1,406.

- Leah Brossoit (Sr., Defender, Rochester, Minn.) | Second among field players in minutes played with 1,399 a year ago... Led team in corner kicks, taking 36 of 39 on the year.

Key Losses

- Jessica Richert (Goalkeeper, Freeburg, Ill.) | 2012 All-MIAC Honorable Mention... Ranks third all-time on the career saves list at Gustavus with 282... Tallied 138 saves (2nd/MIAC) and logged 1,523:05 minutes (6th/MIAC) in net, playing all but nine minutes last season.
- Tam Meuwissen (Forward, Chanhassen, Minn.) | Second on team in points scored (10) last season... Registered four goals (2nd/team) and two assists (T-2nd/team).

By the Numbers

- 4: The number of goals that senior Amanda Cartony needs to crack the top 10 career goals scored list at Gustavus.
- 6: The number of starters returning from last year's squad.
- 16: The number of players on the roster that call Minnesota their home state. The 2013 Gustie roster features 16 players from Minnesota and one player from each of the following states: Alaska, Idaho, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin.

Did You Know?

- The Gustavus women's soccer team will host its second annual "Kicking For The Cause" match on Saturday, September 28th against Saint Benedict. The match will serve as a fundraising event for Yuwa, a nationally-based non-profit organization reaching out to girls in rural India, specifically Jharkland. Through team sports, Yuwa provides a platform for young women to gain confidence and make a change in their world.

Off the Field

- Former Gustavus women's soccer player Alecia "Tromiczak" Gazzola '98 will enter the Gustavus Athletics Hall of Fame on Saturday, November 2nd. In her tenure donning the Black and Gold, Gazzola was a three-time All-Conference and All-Region performer. She ranks second in program history in career goals (48) and third in career scoring (48-17-113). She was a starting forward on the MIAC Championship teams of 1995, 1996, and 1997, and is one of just two players in program history to be named an NSCAA All-American twice (1996, 1997).



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

Head coach

- Ted Zingman (Seventh season)

A Year Ago

- 5-5-1 MIAC (Eighth place) | 12-5-1 Overall

Top Returners

- Aileen Scheibner (Jr., F, 9 goals, 3 assists in 2012. 9 goals ranked 3rd in the MIAC, All-MIAC pick)
- Molly Jacobs (Sr., GK, 0.93 GAA last year, school record 12 wins and eight shutouts)
- Brienne Garside (Sr., F-MF, All-MIAC Honorable Mention as freshman, tied for team lead last year with 4 assists)

Key Losses

- Kelsey Carraciolo (F, tied for team lead in 2012 with 9 goals; All-MIAC Hon. Mention pick)
- Jordan Sammons (F, All-MIAC and All-Region choice last year, 4 goals)
- Heather Hollinger (MF, 3 goals last year)

By the Numbers

- 0: goals allowed in first four games last year (1st 4-0 start in school history)
- 5: years between victories over St. Olaf and St. Thomas (HU defeated both of them in 2012)
- 22: overall victories the past two seasons (only Concordia has recorded more)

Did You Know?

- Hamline is 10-9-3 in MIAC play the past two seasons. In their previous four seasons, they won just five league games.

Off the Field

- It will be a homecoming of sorts when the Pipers open the season with two games in Oregon. They have four players who are natives of the state and six more from nearby Washington state.



Head coach

- Michele Cornish (Second season)

A Year Ago

- 6-4-1 MIAC (T-4th place) | 10-6-1 Overall

Top Returners

- Georgia Cloepfil (F | All-Region; two-time All-MIAC, 15 goals and 8 assists, led MIAC with eight conference goals)

- Ellen Palmquist (Sr., GK | 1.19 GAA and two shutouts)
- Bonnie Gale (Jr, MF | second on team with 6 goals)

Key Losses

- Erica DeJong (D | All-MIAC)
- Hannah Boston (MF)
- Emily Humphreys (MF)

By the Numbers

- 24 – The Scots have posted 24 consecutive winning seasons.
- 17 – Seventeen different Macalester players have gained All-America honors.
- 15 – Macalester has made 15 appearances in the NCAA playoffs.

Did You Know?

- Coach Michele Cornish helped lead George Mason (Va.) to the 1985 Division I national crown and was head coach at Division I North Carolina-Asheville from 1994 to 2010.

Off the Field

- Eight players from last year's team received Academic All-MIAC recognition.



Head coach

- Steve Kimble (Fifth season)

A Year Ago

- 6-4-1 MIAC (T-4th place) | 7-6-4 Overall

In the 2012 Postseason

- Lost 1-0 to Concordia in the MIAC Tournament Semifinals

Top Returners

- Colleen Bouchard (Forward, Senior | Second Team All-Region, All-MIAC, team leader with seven goals, nine assists and 23 points, seven goal and 19 points in conference play were season second in the MIAC, 37th in NCAA in assists/game with 0.53)
- Alyssa Hoffman (Forward, Sophomore | All-MIAC, eight goals were a team best and 18 points were second, three game-winners led the team)
- Laura Kosch (Midfielder, Senior | All-MIAC, scored three goals with one assist for seven points)

Key Losses

- Missy Shelendich (Defender | Started 15 games on the backline while playing in all 17, helped defense to four shutouts and five one-goal games)
- Hannah Frost (Midfielder | Played in all 17 games and started 12)
- Jess Pellegrine (Played in all 17 games, starting 15)

By the Numbers

- 20: Career assists for Colleen Bouchard entering the season, 14 shy of the school record
- 6: Consecutive matches without a loss in the final month of the season, propelling the Blazers into the playoffs
- 0: Shutouts against the Blazers during the regular season, making them the only MIAC team to score in every game.

Did You Know?

- After their 7-6-4 record last season, Blazer soccer extended its streak of consecutive winnings seasons to 24, a run dating back to the 1989 season.

Off the Field

- Last season the Blazers were one of just 14 teams across college soccer (men/women/DI/DII/DIII) to earn the NSCAA Gold Ethics Award, as they finished the season without a single card.
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ST. CATHERINE | [Wildcats' women's soccer home page](#) |

Head coach

- Chris Citowicki (Third season)

A Year Ago

- 4-7 MIAC (T-9th place) | 9-8 Overall

Top Returners

- Elly Leyva (F, So. | All-MIAC Honorable Mention, 14th in MIAC in goals (5), 12th in MIAC in points (13), three game-winners)
- Lensa Gurmessa (MF, Sr. | Third on team in points (11) and goals (4))
- Danielle Mendez (G, So. | 5th in MIAC in shutouts (5), 5th in MIAC in saves (85), 16 games played)

Key Losses

- Christina Paik (F | All-MIAC Honorable Mention, 10th in the MIAC goals (6), 11th in MIAC in points (14), two game winners, 26 career points)
- Liesl Wolf (D | All-MIAC Honorable Mention, Capital One Academic All-District, 7th in MIAC in assists (6), 69 career games played)

By the Numbers

- 9 – The Wildcats recorded nine wins in 2012, which ties for the most in a season in program history since 2008 when the squad went 9-7-2.
- 20 – In its 2012 season opener, the Wildcat soccer team tallied 20 points (7 goals, 6 assists) against UW-Superior, which tied for the most in a single game by any MIAC women's team last season.
- 3 – Three Wildcats had two-goal games in the 2012 season including Christina Paik who had back-to-back mutli-goal performances against UW-Superior and Jamestown to open the season and earn MIAC Athlete-of-the-Week honors.

Did You Know?

- St. Catherine was first among all Division III women's soccer teams for most improved teams from 2011 to 2012. Based on an NCAA formula for games improved, the Wildcats' 8.5 rating was not only the best in 2012 but also ranks in the most improved won-lost records all-time in Division III.

Off the Field

- The Wildcat soccer team helped plan and organize the first-ever Relay for Life event hosted at St. Catherine University. The squad also raised \$1,850 – the most of all participating teams at the event held in April.



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

Head coach

- Neil Cassidy (Third season)

A Year Ago

- 0-11-0 MIAC (12th place) | 0-18-0 Overall

Top Returners

- Bethany Schmidt (5-9, Jr., Forward | 17 GP, 2 G, 1 A, 5 Pts)
- Caroline Blackwood (5-5, So., Midfield | 18 GP, 0 G, 1 A, 1 Pt; 2012 Honorable-mention All-MIAC)
- Miranda Halling (5-5, Jr., Goalkeeper | 18 GP, 3.11 GAA, 145 saves, .721 Save %)

Key Losses

- Sloane Kuramoto (15 GP, 2 G, 0 A, 4 Pts)

By the Numbers

- 2: Bethany Schmidt (Sparta, Wis.) and Sloane Kuramoto (Rochester, Minn.) shared the team lead in goals a year ago with two each.
- 6: The Cardinals scored six of their seven goals in the second half. Sloane Kuramoto's (Rochester, Minn.) goal vs. Bethel on Sept. 22 was SMU's lone first-half goal this season
- 18: Miranda Halling (Rochester, Minn.) made her 18th straight start in goal for the Cardinals in their season-finale against Augsburg on Oct. 27. The sophomore goalkeeper finished with 12 saves vs. the Auggies, giving her a conference-leading 145 saves last season

Did You Know?

- Four of the Cardinals' seven goals last season were collegiate-firsts.

Off the Field

- Sloane Kuramoto (Rochester, Minn.), Heidi Martin (Ankeny, Iowa), Melissa Radermacher (Plymouth, Minn.) and Bethany Schmidt (Sparta, Wis.) represented the women's soccer team on the Academic All-MIAC Team.

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Head coach

- Jeremy Driver (Eighth season)

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A Year Ago

- 6-3-2 MIAC (T-2nd place) | 8-7-4 Overall

In the 2012 Postseason

- MIAC postseason results - Lost in semifinals, 2-1 (OT) to Augsburg College

Top Returners

- Nora Forbes (GK, Sr. | All-MIAC, 8-7-4, 0.96 GAA, 112 saves were third-best in MIAC)

- Megan Campbell (D, Sr., | All-MIAC honorable mention)
- Kajsa Brindley (M, Jr., | All-MIAC honorable mention, three goals, assist)

Key Losses

- Christine Barringer (D | All-MIAC in 2012, 48 career starts)
- Anna Theis (M | Started all 19 games in 2012)
- Annie Manning (M | Started 18 games, goal and three assists in 2012)

By the Numbers

- .868: Nora Forbes' save percentage in 2012, which ranked second in the MIAC.
- 10: St. Olaf allowed a mere 10 goals in 11 league games. Six of those came in a loss to league champion Concordia.
- 3: No St. Olaf player had more than three goals in 2012. St. Olaf had two players with two goals and three with three (Kajsa Brindley, Madison Van Wylen and Amanda Leone).

Did You Know?

- St. Olaf finished second in the MIAC in 2012, which marked the best finish for the program since 1983.



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Head coach

- Sheila McGill (Seventh season)

A Year Ago

- 5-4-2 MIAC (T-6th place) | 7-9-2 Overall

Top Returners

- Jenna Savino, SR, F, All-MIAC; 12 goals, 12 assists on career
- Katy Scherer, SR, F, 2X All-MIAC; 18g-10a/46 pts on career
- Jaclyn Glaser, SR, MF, All-MIAC; 6g-5a/17 pts on career

Key Losses

- Brittany Cochlin, Grad, D, All-MIAC
- Anna Strehlow, Grad, Def., 4g-13a/21 pts on career; All-MIAC
- Callan Faulkner, Grad, GK, 0.83 GAA in 2012

By the Numbers

- 14: Number of juniors and seniors on Tommies' 2013 roster
- 430: Tommie defense's current streak of scoreless minutes including shutouts recorded in their last four 2012 games
- 19: Combined games missed to injury last fall for top scorers Katy Scherer and Anna Strehlow

Did You Know?

- The Toms have allowed just 65 goals in their last 74 games

Off the Field

- St. Thomas replaced its natural grass with a state-of-the art Field Turf surface on the entire South Field in summer 2013. The \$2 million project provided an improved and more durable surface for the university's soccer and softball teams, plus new bleachers, dugouts and scoreboards.

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