

2021 MIAC Women's Soccer Preview

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BLOOMINGTON, Minn. - Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) women's soccer teams are preparing for a full 2021 season this fall after no games in the fall of 2020 and an abbreviated schedule this past spring.

MIAC women's soccer teams participated in nearly two dozen contests in the spring of 2021; however, September marks the conference's return to the traditional fall regular season format for the first time in nearly two full years due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It also marks the first change in membership for the league since the 1985 campaign, as the University of St. Thomas departed the MIAC for NCAA Division I in July and the conference welcomed The College of St. Scholastica to the fold as its 13th member.



Non-conference action officially gets underway on Wednesday, September 1. The first conference games since November of 2019 are set to be played on September 15 and will continue on through the end of October.

The top six teams in the conference standings at the end of the regular season will move on to the conference playoffs. The 2021 MIAC Women's Soccer Playoffs will begin with two quarterfinal contests on Monday, November 1, followed by a pair of semifinal matches on Wednesday, November 3. The 2021 MIAC Women's Soccer Playoff Championship is set for Saturday, November 6, with the winner securing the conference's automatic qualifier to the NCAA Tournament. The 2021 NCAA Division III Women's Soccer Championship is scheduled for December 3-4, 2021 at UNC-Greensboro Soccer Stadium in Greensboro, N.C.

Throughout the 2021 season, the MIAC will honor outstanding individual performances each week with the announcement of the women's soccer Athletes of the Week. Weekly selections will begin on Tuesday, September 7 and continue on each subsequent Monday through the end of the regular season.

As health and safety guidelines are likely to remain in place for some time, fans are encouraged to review the [MIAC COVID-19 Competition Plan](#) and refer to each campus' protocols prior to attending events this fall.

LAST TIME OUT

2019 Regular Season Champion(s): Augsburg, St. Thomas

2019 Playoff Champion: St. Thomas

2019 MIAC Playoff Berths: Augsburg, St. Thomas, St. Catherine, Saint Benedict, Carleton, Bethel

2019 NCAA Tournament Berths: Augsburg, St. Thomas

2019 Offensive Player of the Year: Megan Thompson | F | Saint Benedict

2019 Defensive Player of the Year: Emily Chapman | GK | Augsburg

2019 Rookie of the Year: Amanda Elton | F | St. Catherine

2019 Coach of the Year: Sheila McGill | St. Thomas

LOOKING AHEAD

First Non-Conference Date: Wednesday, September 1

First Conference Match Date: Wednesday, September 15

Playoff Dates: November 1 (QF), November 3 (SF), November 6 (Championship)

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