

2011 MIAC Baseball Awards

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ST. PAUL, Minn. -- Though the weather wasn't always cooperative, the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) enjoyed another terrific season in 2011 with a conference race that came down to the final day and numerous outstanding individual performances. Those performance were honored Monday, May 16, as the MIAC announced its 2011 Baseball Awards, headlined by MIAC MVP **Tayler Rahm** of St. Thomas.



Rahm, a senior outfielder for the regular season co-champion Tommies, was selected as the 2011 MIAC Max Molock Most Valuable Player for his outstanding play this season. Overall, Rahm hit .305 with 29 runs, a team-leading 35 RBI and 10 doubles to go along with his .984 fielding percentage. He was even better in MIAC play, leading UST to a 16-4 conference record, with a .429 batting average, 17 runs, 21 RBI, 27 hits and six doubles. Rahm also earned his second-straight All-MIAC honor.

St. Olaf College pitcher **Ben Hughes** was named the 2011 MIAC Mike Augustin Pitcher-of-the-Year thanks to his dominant season on the mound. Hughes overpowered hitters all year en route to a 7-1 record with a 2.50 ERA. He had three complete games, two shutouts, 16 earned runs, 19 walks and an incredible 83 strikeouts in just 57.2 innings pitched while limiting opposing hitters to a .198 batting average. In MIAC play, Hughes was just as good with a 5-1 record, a 1.40 ERA and 59 strikeouts in 38.2 innings.

St. Thomas freshman catcher **J.D. Dorgan** was another big reason the Tommies captured a share of the league title with a breakout season both at and behind the plate, resulting in his selection as the 2011 MIAC Rookie-of-the-Year. The first-year star led St. Thomas with a .390 batting average, five home runs, two triples and a .636 slugging percentage while adding 31 RBI, 10 doubles and a .985 fielding percentage to his stat line. In MIAC games, Dorgan hit .393 with 17 RBI and 13 runs scored for UST.

Macalester College head coach **Matt Parrington** was selected as the 2011 MIAC Jim Dimick Coach-of-the-Year award. Parrington's club was picked to finish eighth in the Preseason Coaches' Poll, but the Scots became the talk of the league as they rolled to a 16-4 conference record (26-14 overall) and claimed a share of their first MIAC regular season title in 61 years. Macalester secured a berth and the No. 2 seed in the 2011 MIAC Baseball Playoffs, and enjoyed an 11-game winning streak from April 12 to May 3. The Scots' 16 conference wins was an eight-win improvement over their 2010 total.

The two regular-season co-champions led the way with 11 combined selections. Macalester placed six players on the 27-member All-MIAC team, while St. Thomas had five players honored. MIAC Playoff champion Hamline was next with four selections, Saint John's and Augsburg each had three players chosen, St. Olaf had two selections and Concordia, Saint Mary's, Bethel and Gustavus had one player selected apiece. Rahm headlined a group of five players who earned All-MIAC honors for the second-straight season. Two of Rahm's teammates - senior **Kris Edwards** and junior **Charles Bruchu** - were also repeat All-Conference selections, as were Macalester junior **Mitch Glasser** and Saint John's senior **Brett Kramer**.

For the second year in a row, the MIAC coaches selected an All-Defensive Team. The 10-player team consists of one player at each position, a starting pitcher, and a relief pitcher. Award winners were selected for their arm strength and range as well as all defensive statistics. Macalester had three players honored for their defense, Hamline and Concordia each had two selections and St. Thomas, Augsburg and Saint John's each placed one player on the team. St. Thomas' **Matt McQuillan** and Saint John's **Brian Skluzacek** were both repeat selections from last year's squad.

As part of a conference-wide sportsmanship initiative, the MIAC announced the fifth annual All-MIAC Sportsmanship team for baseball. 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.

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Max Molock Most Valuable Player - Tayler Rahm, St. Thomas (Sr., Savage, Minn./Holy Angels)

Mike Augustin Pitcher-of-the-Year - Ben Hughes, St. Olaf (Jr., St. Louis Park, Minn./The Blake School)

Rookie-of-the-Year - J.D. Dorgan, St. Thomas (Fr., Eagan, Minn.)

Jim Dimick Coach-of-the-Year - Matt Parrington, Macalester (12th season)

2011 MIAC All-Conference Team

Name	Team	Year	Position	Hometown/High School
Donald Blunt	Augsburg	Sr.	SS	Richfield, Minn.
Charles Bruchu	St. Thomas	Jr.	3B	Lake Elmo, Minn./Hill-Murray
Jordan Buck	Hamline	So.	DH	Apple Valley, Minn.
Matt Butorac	Saint John's	Sr.	SS	Maple Grove, Minn.
Michael Carlson	Concordia	Sr.	IF	Sartell, Minn.
Will Chen	Macalester	Sr.	OF	Edina, Minn.
J.D. Dorgan	St. Thomas	Fr.	C	Eagan, Minn.
Kris Edwards	St. Thomas	Sr.	P	Edina, Minn.

Bryce Gapinski	St. Thomas	Jr.	P	Foley, Minn.
Mitch Glasser	Macalester	Jr.	IF/P	Chicago, Ill./The Latin School
Ben Hughes	St. Olaf	Jr.	P	St. Louis Park, Minn./The Blake School
Alex Ingram	Macalester	Sr.	P	Chicago, Ill./Morgan Park Academy
Brett Kramer	Saint John's	Sr.	IF/P	Baxter, Minn./Brainerd
Cass Kreitlow	Hamline	Sr.	P	Brooklyn, Minn./Minnewaska
Nick Kulla	St. Olaf	Fr.	IF	Lakeville, Minn./North
Luke Larson	Saint Mary's	Fr.	IF	Bloomington, Minn./Jefferson
Tom Petersen	Augsburg	Jr.	1B	Hugo, Minn./White Bear Lake
Alex Powell	Saint John's	So.	OF	Hopkins, Minn.
Taylor Rahm	St. Thomas	Sr.	DH/OF	Savage, Minn./Holy Angels
Ben Richardson	Hamline	Jr.	C	Ankeny, Iowa
Eric Robinson	Macalester	Sr.	P	San Francisco, Calif./The Urban School
Tony Rogers	Hamline	Sr.	OF	Rogers, Minn.
Garrett Salzman	Macalester	Jr.	C	Glendale, Calif./St. Francis
Adam Seaman	Augsburg	Jr.	DH	Richfield, Minn.
Mike Sedjo	Bethel	Jr.	3B	West Chicago, Ill.
Cody Sukalski	Gustavus	Sr.	P/IF	Blue Earth, Minn.
Robert Williams	Macalester	Jr.	C	West Covina, Calif./Northview

2011 MIAC All-Defensive Team

Name	Team	Year	Position	Hometown/High School
J.D. Modryski	Hamline	Sr.	1B	Lakeville, Minn./Eastview
Dan Wackler	Concordia	Sr.	2B	Buffalo, Minn.
Mason Holmquist	Augsburg	Sr.	3B	Prior Lake, Minn.
Jimmy Belfont	Macalester	So.	SS	Olney, Md./Our Lady of Good Counsel
Matt McQuillan	St. Thomas	Sr.	OF	St. Paul, Minn./Cretin-Derham Hall
Cory Miller	Hamline	Jr.	OF	Coon Rapids, Minn.
Will Chen	Macalester	Sr.	OF	Edina, Minn.
Brian Skluzacek	Saint John's	Sr.	C	Cold Spring, Minn./Rocori
Eric Robinson	Macalester	Sr.	SP	San Francisco, Calif./The Urban School
Ben Sand	Concordia	Sr.	RP	Fargo, N.D./Shanley

2011 All-MIAC Sportsmanship Team

Augsburg - Bryant Nordby (Sr., Brownston, Minn./McLeod West)

Bethel - David Freed (So., North Oaks, Minn./Mounds View)

Carleton - Jim Klein (Sr., Alameda, Calif./College Preparatory)

Concordia - Zach Weller (Sr., Sauk Centre, Minn.)

Gustavus - Mitch Johnson (Sr., Hastings, Minn.)

Hamline - Kent Huls (Sr., Apple Valley, Minn.)

Macalester - Elliot Yodh (Sr., Merion, Pa./Lower Merion)

Saint John's - Brett Kramer (Sr., Baxter, Minn./Brainerd)

Saint Mary's - Andrew Ruf (Sr., Chippewa Falls, Wis./McDonnell)

St. Olaf - Sean Dube (Sr., Hastings, Minn.)

St. Thomas - Matt McQuillan (Sr., St. Paul, Minn./Cretin-Derham Hall)