

Saint Mary's Doll named MVP to headline 2016 MIAC Baseball Awards

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BLOOMINGTON, Minn. -- The 2016 Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) baseball season featured incredible parity throughout the standings, so it was fitting that individuals from four different teams claimed the conference's top honors when the 2016 MIAC Baseball Awards were announced Friday.

Saint Mary's senior centerfielder Willie Doll (Amherst, Wis.) was named the Max Molock Most Valuable Player in recognition for his outstanding season, and St. Thomas senior starter Eric Veglahn (LaCrescent, Minn.) was honored with the Mike Augustin Pitcher-of-the-Year award. Rookie-of-the-Year honors went to Augsburg's Mike Brookshaw (Fr., 2B, Prescott, Wis.) and Hamline's Jim Weyandt was recognized by his peers with the Jim Dimick Coach-of-the-Year award. The conference also announced the 2016 MIAC All-Conference Team, the All-Defensive Team and the All-MIAC Sportsmanship Team.



Doll's Most Valuable Player award honors the Saint Mary's senior after a stellar MIAC campaign. He led the Cardinals to a second-place tie in the standings (13-7), and the team is currently 26-13-1 overall. In conference play, he led the league in nearly every offensive category, including batting average (.514), on-base percentage (.600), slugging (.819), runs (28), hits (37), total bases (59) and stolen bases (11). His batting average led the league by nearly 50 points. He also finished in the top 10 in home runs (four) and triples (two) and drove in 15 runs to lead the Cardinals back to the MIAC Playoffs, where they upset No. 1-seeded St. Thomas, 7-0, on Thursday night.

The Saint Mary's centerfielder also had outstanding overall numbers, with a .439 batting average (second in the MIAC), .525 on-base percentage (third), .622 slugging percentage (eighth) and he led the league in hits (65) and stolen bases (22). In center, he had a .979 fielding percentage, with just two errors on 95 total chances. In addition to MVP honors, Doll received a third-straight All-Conference nod, and a remarkable fourth-straight selection to the All-Defensive Team.

Veglahn capped his stellar MIAC career with his Pitcher-of-the-Year award, in recognition of another dominant campaign on the mound that resulted in a conference championship for the Tommies. In conference play, the UST ace was 4-1 with a save in eight appearances (six starts). He led the MIAC with a 2.06 ERA and 40 strikeouts, and conference opponents batted just .205 off him. He allowed just nine earned runs in 39.1 innings, and his average of 9.15 strikeouts per game ranked second in the league, and he only surrendered three walks and 30 hits in MIAC action.

Overall, he's been just as good with a 6-2 record and two saves in 14 appearances (10 starts). He's allowed just 18 earned runs on 58 hits and seven walks in 67 innings. His 70 overall strikeouts lead the league, and his 2.42 ERA ranks third in the conference. Veglahn was also named to the All-Conference team for the third-straight season, in addition to his honor as the MIAC's top pitcher in 2016.

Brookshaw had a breakout season for the Auggies to earn his Rookie-of-the-Year honor. The second baseman had the second-best batting average in the league in conference play (.467) and also ranked in the top five in on-base (.500) and slugging (.747) percentage, total bases (56), hits (35), home runs (four), triples (two), runs (19) and RBI (20). Overall, Brookshaw batted .415 with 32 runs, 35 RBI, five homers, seven triples and eight doubles in his first collegiate season. He was also named to the All-Conference team for his outstanding rookie year.

Weyandt was recognized as the league's outstanding coach in 2016 after leading the Pipers to a top-two finish and their first trip to the MIAC Playoffs since 2011. His club went 13-7 in conference play to share second place with Saint John's and Saint Mary's, and they entered the conference tournament with a 27-13 overall record. Under Weyandt's guidance, Hamline far outperformed expectations in 2016, after the team was picked to finish seventh in the MIAC in the Preseason Coaches' Poll. He coached three players to All-Conference honors and one to All-Defensive Team recognition.

In addition to a third-straight All-Conference selection for both Doll and Veglahn, Carleton catcher Hayden Tsutsui wrapped up his outstanding collegiate career with a rare fourth-straight All-MIAC honor. The Knights' star was named Rookie-of-the-Year in 2013, and received All-Conference honors in each of his four seasons at Carleton. Saint John's Logan Hershey and Derek Schiebel, St. Thomas' Brady Johnson and Saint Mary's Ben Buerkle each received their second-straight All-MIAC nod.

Doll and the Cardinals led the way with five All-Conference selections, and Saint John's was next with four players honored. St. Thomas, Hamline, Augsburg and Carleton each had three players recognized. Concordia, Gustavus, Macalester and St. Olaf each had two All-MIAC picks, and one Bethel player was honored. Nearly half of the 30-player All-Conference team was seniors (14) and six juniors, six sophomores and four freshman made up the other 16 spots.

The conference also honored a 10-player All-Defensive Team with one player at each position and an additional pitcher. Doll also headlined that squad with a remarkable fourth-straight selection, and he was one of two Saint Mary's players honored. St. Thomas, Saint John's and Bethel each had two players honored for their work with the glove, and Hamline and Gustavus each placed one player on the All-Defensive squad. The team included three seniors, three juniors and four sophomores.

As part of a conference-wide sportsmanship initiative, the MIAC announced the 10th-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.

2016 MIAC BASEBALL AWARDS

- Max Molock Most Valuable Player** - Willie Doll, Saint Mary's (Sr., OF, Amherst, Wis.)
Mike Augustin Pitcher-of-the-Year - Eric Veglahn, St. Thomas (Sr., P, LaCrescent, Minn.)
Rookie-of-the-Year - Mike Brookshaw, Augsburg (Fr., 2B, Prescott, Wis.)
Jim Dimick Coach-of-the-Year - Jim Weyandt, Hamline (4th season)

2016 MIAC BASEBALL ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

Name	School	Year	Position	Hometown/High School
Alex Bauermeister	Hamline	So.	P	Andover, Minn. / St. Francis
Griffin Bolte	Carleton	So.	OF	Portland, Ore. / Lincoln
Mike Brookshaw	Augsburg	Fr.	2B	Prescott, Wis.
Ben Buerkle	Saint Mary's	Jr.	3B	Roseville, Minn.
Tim Carlson	Concordia	Sr.	DH	Cumberland, Wis.
Willie Doll	Saint Mary's	Sr.	OF	Amherst, Wis.
Logan Hershey	Saint John's	Sr.	SS	Maple Grove, Minn.
Brady Johnson	St. Thomas	Sr.	SS	Andover, Minn.
Andy Julkowski	Augsburg	Sr.	DH	Cedar, Minn. / St. Francis
Joe Keiski	St. Olaf	Fr.	C	Minneapolis, Minn. / Southwest
Alex Kendall	Saint John's	Jr.	P	St. Cloud, Minn. / Saint John's Prep
Bob Kinne	Saint Mary's	Jr.	OF	St. Paul, Minn. / Cretin-Derham Hall
Nathan Mathwig	Saint Mary's	So.	P	Woodbury, Minn. / Stillwater Area
Nick McMullen	Macalester	So.	1B	Payson, Ariz.
Dan Moro	Hamline	Sr.	OF	Calgary, Alberta / Vauxhall
Alex Sandahl	Concordia	Sr.	OF	Warroad, Minn.
Steph Scatassa	Saint Mary's	Sr.	P	Westchester, Ill. / St. Joseph
Derek Schiebel	Saint John's	Jr.	3B	Apple Valley, Minn. / Eastview
Brandon Schmahl	Augsburg	Sr.	OF	Minneapolis, Minn. / Washburn
Nolan Schoonveld	Hamline	Fr.	P	Middleton, Wis.
Jake Smith	St. Thomas	So.	OF	Apple Valley, Minn.
Patrick Strey	Saint John's	Sr.	1B	Apple Valley, Minn. / Eastview
Quentin Stuart	Macalester	Jr.	2B	Nashville, Ind. / Indiana Academy
Sam Stuckmayer	St. Olaf	Fr.	OF	Northfield, Minn.
Hayden Tsutsui	Carleton	Sr.	C	Northridge, Calif. / Chatsworth
Eric Veglahn	St. Thomas	Sr.	P	LaCrescent, Minn.
Esteban Velasco	Bethel	So.	SS	San Diego, Calif. / Bonita Vista
Jack Violetta	Carleton	Sr.	P	Green Bay, Wis. / Bay Port
Jacob Volness	Gustavus	Sr.	P	Cokato, Minn. / Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted
Isaiah Welckle	Gustavus	Jr.	2B	Minneapolis, Minn. / Washburn

2016 MIAC BASEBALL ALL-DEFENSIVE TEAM

Name	School	Year	Position	Hometown/High School
Jacob Picht	Hamline	Jr.	1B	Oakdale, Minn. / Tartan
Zach Gottfredsen	St. Thomas	So.	2B	Mendota Heights, Minn. / Henry Sibley
Brock Peterson	Gustavus	So.	3B	Cannon Falls, Minn.
Esteban Velasco	Bethel	So.	SS	San Diego, Calif. / Bonita Vista
Willie Doll	Saint Mary's	Sr.	OF	Amherst, Wis.
Bob Kinne	Saint Mary's	Jr.	OF	St. Paul, Minn. / Cretin-Derham Hall
Jake Smith	St. Thomas	So.	OF	Apple Valley, Minn.
Gabe MacDonald	Saint John's	Sr.	C	Minneapolis, Minn. / Benilde-St. Margaret's
Tyler Heitmann	Bethel	Sr.	P	Baldwin, Wis. / Baldwin-Woodville

Alex Kendall	Saint John's	Jr.	P	St. Cloud, Minn. / Saint John's Prep
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2016 BASEBALL ALL-MIAC SPORTSMANSHIP TEAM

- Augsburg - Billy Brookshaw (Sr., Prescott, Wis.)
- Bethel - Matt Herringshaw (Sr., Alexandria, Minn. / Mounds View)
- Carleton - Gar Crowell (Sr., Chicago, Ill. / Lincoln Park)
- Concordia - Tim Carlson (Sr., Cumberland, Wis.)
- Gustavus - Danny Kimlinger (Lindstrom, Minn. / Chisago Lakes)
- Hamline - Nick Beckman (Sr., Blaine, Minn.)
- Macalester - Doug Lewis (Jr., Duluth, Minn. / Marshall)
- Saint John's - Mike Stegora (Sr., Red Wing, Minn.)
- Saint Mary's - Alec Rolain (Sr., Appleton, Wis. / North)
- St. Olaf - Nate Gelle (Sr., Lakeville, Minn. / South)
- St. Thomas - Ben Waltz (Sr., Minneapolis, Minn. / Washburn)