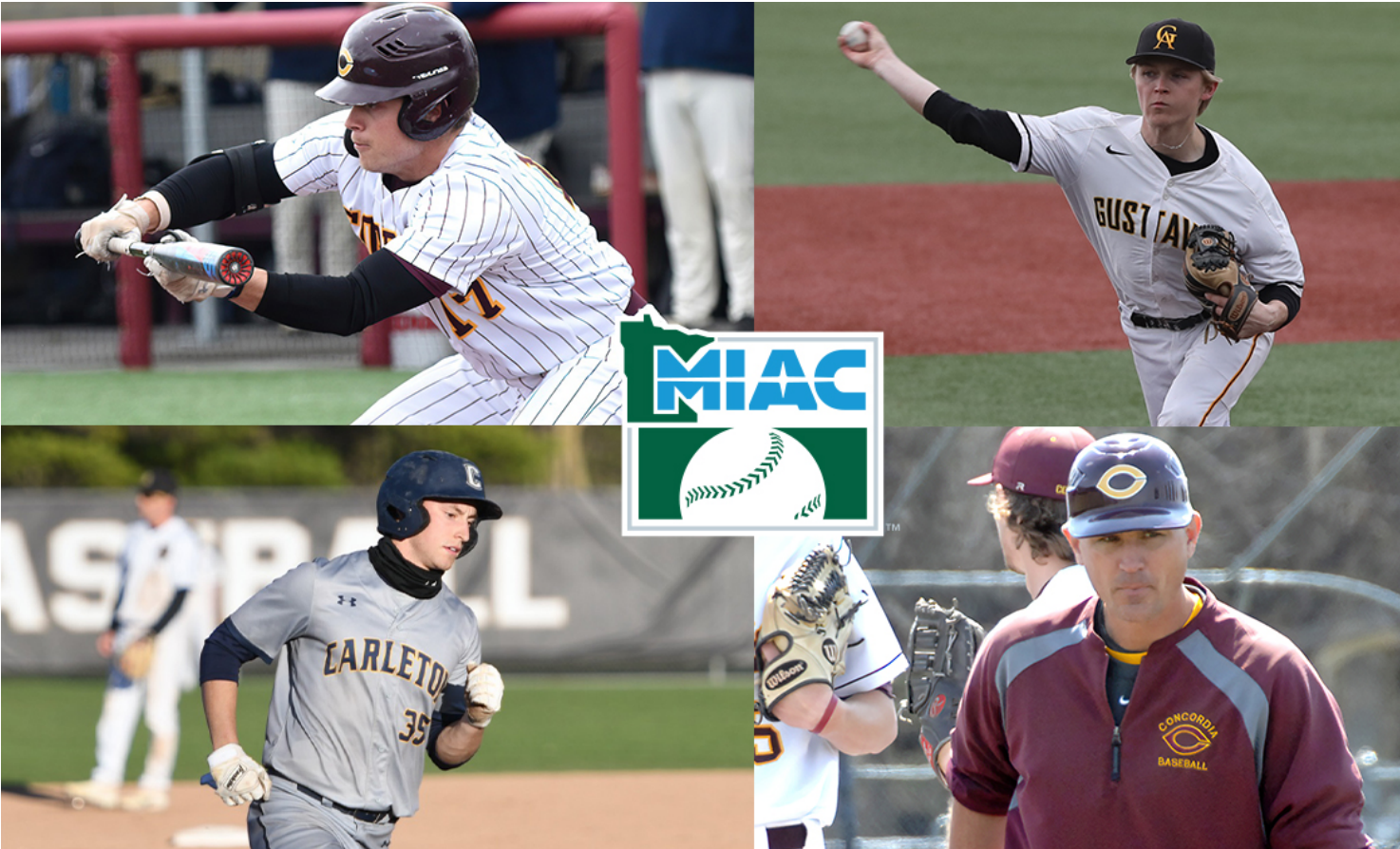


Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference



MIAC announces 2023 Baseball Awards
Baseball
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BLOOMINGTON, Minn. – With the 2023 Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) season in the books, the conference announced its annual baseball awards on Monday.

Concordia senior centerfielder **Andy Gravdahl** was named the Max Molock Player of the Year, while Gustavus right-hander **Mitch Casperson** was selected Mike Augustin Pitcher of the Year, and Carleton first-year outfielder **Sam Chutkow** earned MIAC Rookie of the Year honors. Concordia head coach **Chris Coste** was recognized by his peers as the 2023 Jim Dimick Coach of the Year.

Gravdahl (West Fargo, N.D.) was named MIAC Player of the Year after leading the conference in both runs (29) and hits (40) in 20 league games this season. His 40 MIAC hits are the second-most in a season by any conference player since 1980. Gravdahl finished the year with a conference slash line of .506/.530/.785. He totaled 13 extra-base hits and brought home 23 runs, good for the third-highest RBI total in the conference. He is the eighth Cobber to be named MIAC Player of the Year and the first since Kyle Johnson in 2009.

Casperson (Le Sueur, Minn.) was unanimously selected MIAC Pitcher of the Year after leading the conference with five wins and a 1.18 earned-run average. Casperson pitched a MIAC-high 38.0 innings and struck out a league-best 40 batters while limiting conference opponents to 29 hits and allowing just four walks on the season. Casperson is the Gusties' first-ever MIAC Pitcher of the Year honoree.

Chutkow (Needham, Mass.) was selected MIAC Rookie of the Year after leading all first-year players with 25 hits in his debut season. Chutkow started 16 for the Knights, batting .424 with a .559 slugging percentage. He finished the season with five extra-base hits and six stolen bases. Chutkow is the second Knight to win MIAC Rookie of the Year honors in baseball, joining 2013 selection Hayden Tsutsui.

Coste (9th season) was celebrated by his peers as the MIAC Coach of the Year after leading the Cobbers to a second consecutive playoff berth with a 14-win season – good for the program's best record since a 14-6 2010 campaign and tied for the team's most successful regular season since going 15-5 in 2003. The MIAC Coach of the Year honor is the first for Coste, who was also a three-time MIAC Player of the Year for the Cobbers from 1993-95 before embarking on a 16-year professional career that culminated in a World Series championship with the Philadelphia Phillies in 2008. Coste is the second Cobber baseball coach on record to receive the award from his peers, joining Bucky Burgau who won the award four times (1985, 1992, 2004, 2010).

In addition to individual awards, MIAC coaches also selected 33 players All-Conference with 15 more receiving honorable mention distinction. All awards were nominated by and voted on by the eleven MIAC head baseball coaches and only statistics from regular season MIAC contests were considered for conference honors; any nominated player not selected as All-Conference but still receiving votes from at least three coaches was named honorable mention.

Ten of the 33 players named All-Conference in 2023 were also selected for the honor in 2021 or 2022. Three players – Saint John's senior first baseman **Max Nyrop**, Gustavus senior shortstop **Jack Hanson**, and Gustavus senior centerfielder **Bryce Novak** – earned their third straight All-MIAC nod.

The MIAC also announced the inaugural All-Playoff Team for baseball, which recognized the top eleven performers from the conference tournament, as selected by playoff-participant head coaches.

2023 MIAC Baseball Awards

2023 MIAC Baseball Max Molock Player of the Year					
Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School	Previous Selections
OF	Andy Gravdahl	Concordia	Sr.	West Fargo, N.D.	--

2023 MIAC Baseball Mike Augustin Pitcher of the Year

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School	Previous Selections
RHP	Mitch Casperson	Gustavus	Jr.	Le Sueur, Minn.	--

2023 MIAC Baseball Rookie of the Year

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School
OF	Sam Chutkow	Carleton	Fy.	Needham, Mass.

2023 MIAC Baseball Jim Dimick Coach of the Year

Name	Institution	Previous Selections
Chris Coste	Concordia	--

2023 MIAC Baseball All-Conference Team

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School	Previous Selections
C	Noah Wenberg	Bethel	Sr.	Stillman Valley, Ill.	--
1B	Mason Coyle	Saint Mary's	So.	Madison, Wis. Lafollete	--
1B	Isaac Henkemeyer-Howe	Concordia	So.	Moorhead, Minn.	2022
1B	Chris Knowles	Gustavus	Jr.	New Ulm, Minn. Cathedral	--
1B	Max Nyrop	Saint John's	Sr.	Alameda, Calif.	2021 2022
2B	Joe Margolis	Macalester	Sr.	Chicago, Ill. Jones College Prep	--
3B	Joe Becker	Saint John's	Jr.	New Prague, Minn.	--
3B	Matt Gruber	Concordia	Sr.	Glenwood, Minn. Minnewaska Area	2021
SS	Jack Hanson	Gustavus	Sr.	Minnetonka, Minn.	2021 2022
SS	Thomas Horan	Concordia	Sr.	Moorhead, Minn.	--
SS	Marcus Krupke	Bethel	Sr.	St. Michael, Minn. St. Michael-Albertville	2022
SS	Mitchell Novak	St. Scholastica	Sr.	Stillwater, Minn.	--
OF	Matthew Carlsen	Bethel	Jr.	Miltona, Minn. Alexandria	2022
OF	Sam Chutkow	Carleton	Fy.	Needham, Mass.	--
OF	Andy Gravdahl	Concordia	Sr.	West Fargo, N.D.	2022
OF	Evan Hammonds	St. Olaf	So.	Brooklyn Park, Minn. Champlin Park	--
OF	Bryce Novak	Gustavus	Sr.	Cleveland, Minn.	2021 2022
OF	Jake Schelonka	St. Scholastica	Jr.	Sartell, Minn.	--
OF	Jack Schleper	Saint John's	Jr.	Shakopee, Minn.	--
OF	Drake Siens	Gustavus	Jr.	Rogers, Minn. St. Michael-Albertville	--
OF	Mike Weiss	Augsburg	Sr.	Marion, Minn. Linn-Mar	--
OF	Justin Winterfeldt	Bethel	Sr.	Savage, Minn. Shakopee	2022
DH/P	Sam Lavin	St. Olaf	Jr.	Algonquin, Ill. Marian Central Catholic	--
P	Adam Biewen	Gustavus	Jr.	Golden Valley, Minn. Robbinsdale Armstrong	--
P	Mitch Casperson	Gustavus	Jr.	Le Sueur, Minn.	--
P	Jack Haring	Saint John's	Sr.	Ham Lake, Minn. Blaine	--
P	Addison Hochevar	Saint Mary's	Jr.	Lake Geneva, Wis. Badger	--
P	Ty Koehn	Bethel	Gr.	Arden Hills, Minn. Mounds View	2022
P	Wyatt Rudolf	Saint John's	Sr.	Carver, Minn. Chanhassen	--
P	Luke Siegle	Gustavus	So.	Blaine, Minn. Totino-Grace	--
P	Evan Soeffker	Saint John's	Fy.	Buffalo, Minn.	--
P	John Solfest	Bethel	Sr.	Shoreview, Minn. Mounds View	--
P	Ashwin Stratton	Concordia	Sr.	Fergus Falls, Minn. Kennedy	--

2023 MIAC Baseball Honorable Mention

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School	Previous Selections
C	Matt Odom	Macalester	Jr.	Glendale, Calif. St. Francis	2021 (AC)
1B	Charlie Burton	Macalester	Jr.	Round Lake, Ill.	--
1B	Tyler Johnson	Hamline	Jr.	Poplar, Wis. Duluth Marshall	--
1B	Steven Salz	Augsburg	Sr.	Maple Grove, Minn.	--
2B	Jake Christianson	Concordia	So.	Glencoe, Minn. Glencoe-Silver Lake	--
3B	Nick Kulseth	Bethel	Sr.	Roseville, Minn.	--
SS	Matthew Kulesa	St. Olaf	So.	Minneapolis, Minn. DeLaSalle	--
SS	Jackson Peter	Saint John's	So.	Elrosa, Minn. Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa	--
OF	Riley Bauman	Saint Mary's	So.	Stratford, Wis.	--
OF	Rodney Erickson	Saint John's	Jr.	St. Paul, Minn. Woodbury	--
OF	Caiden Kjelstrom	Concordia	So.	Aitkin, Minn.	--
OF	Sam Zacks	Carleton	So.	Glencoe, Minn. New Trier	--
DH	Gavin Baker	Gustavus	Sr.	Lakeville, Minn. North	2022 (AC)
DH	Mac Enlow	Hamline	Sr.	Blaine, Minn.	2021 (AC)
DH	Tommy Friesen	Bethel	Gr.	St. Cloud, Minn. Tech	--

2023 MIAC Baseball All-Playoff Team

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School	Previous Selections
1B	Keenan Hodgkin	Bethel	Gr.	Plymouth, Minn. Providence Academy	--
1B	Max Nyrop	Saint John's	Sr.	Alameda, Calif.	--
SS	Jack Hanson	Gustavus	Sr.	Minnetonka, Minn.	--
OF	Andy Gravdahl	Concordia	Sr.	West Fargo, N.D.	--
OF	Bryce Novak	Gustavus	Sr.	Cleveland, Minn.	--
P	Kody Dalen	Saint John's	Jr.	Carver, Minn. Chanhassen	--
P	Lane Glaser	Gustavus	Sr.	Hutchinson, Minn.	--
P	Ty Koehn	Bethel	Gr.	Arden Hills, Minn. Mounds View	--
P	Marcus Krupke	Bethel	Sr.	St. Michael, Minn. St. Michael-Albertville	--
P	Luke Levasseur	Concordia	Sr.	Alexandria, Minn.	--
P	Max Sutter	Bethel	So.	Albertville, Minn. St. Michael-Albertville	--