

2007 MIAC Football Awards

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St. Paul, Minn. -- The Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) announced the 2007 MIAC Football Awards today, November 19, 2007.

Leading the All-Conference team is 2007 MIAC MVP **Ben Wetzell** of Bethel. Wetzell (Sr., QB, Wells, Minn.) led the Royals to an undefeated MIAC season in 2007. He finished the year third in conference rushing (91.9 yards/game) and fifth in total offense (258.4 yards/game).

Concordia College senior offensive tackle **Grant Weller** received the 2007 Mike Stam Award as the league's top interior lineman. Weller (Sauk Centre, Minn.) helped the Cobbers lead the MIAC in rushing offense (285.8 yards/game) and finish second in scoring offense (42.6 points/game).

Bethel head coach **Steve Johnson** was chosen as the 2007 MIAC Coach of the Year. This is the second year in a row that Johnson has won the honor and the second straight year his Royals have won at least a share of the MIAC title. The Royals finished the 2007 MIAC season undefeated with an 8-0 record.

As part of a conference-wide sportsmanship initiative, the MIAC announces the second annual All-MIAC Sportsmanship team for football. 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.

2007 MIAC Awards

Jim Christopherson MIAC MVP - Ben Wetzell (Bethel, Sr., QB, Wells, Minn.)

Mike Stam Award - Grant Weller (Concordia, Sr., OT, Sauk Centre, Minn.)

Coach of the Year - Steve Johnson, Bethel (19th season)

2007 MIAC First Team All-Conference - Offense

Name	School	Year	Position	Hometown/High School
Alex Kofoed	Saint John's	Sr.	QB	Cold Spring, Minn./Rocori
Matt Penz	St. Olaf	Sr.	QB	Rochester, Minn./Mayo
Ben Wetzell	Bethel	Sr.	QB	Wells, Minn./United South Central
Logan Flannery	Bethel	Fy.	RB	Lakeville, Minn./South
Cory Johnson	Concordia	Jr.	RB	Moorhead, Minn.
Mike Patnode	Saint John's	Sr.	RB	Princeton, Minn.
Chad Arlt	Gustavus	Jr.	WR	St. Michael, Minn.
Horace Gant	St. Olaf	Sr.	WR	Pensacola, Fla.
P.J. Theisen	St. Thomas	Sr.	WR	Elko, Minn./New Prague
Royce Winford	Augsburg	Jr.	WR	Brooklyn Park, Minn./Osseo
Nick Otto	Bethel	Jr.	TE	White Bear Lake, Minn./Hill-Murray
Tommy Davis	Bethel	Sr.	C	Vadnais Heights, Minn./Mounds View



Graham Gmach	St. Thomas	Sr.	G	Andover, Minn./Totino-Grace
Blake Hamel	St. Olaf	Sr.	C	Lake Mary, Fla.
Andrew Salvato	Saint John's	Sr.	C	North Oaks, Minn./Mounds View
John Scrabeck	Bethel	Jr.	T	Byron, Minn.
Grant Weller	Concordia	Sr.	T	Sauk Centre, Minn.
Eric Yuen	St. Olaf	Sr.	G	Apple Valley, Minn./Eastview
Evan Endsley	St. Olaf	Jr.	Util.	Eagan, Minn.
Paul Fortman	St. Olaf	Sr.	K	Stillwater, Minn.

2007 MIAC First Team All-Conference - Defense

Name	School	Year	Position	Hometown/High School
James Bechdol	St. Olaf	Sr.	DE	Orono, Minn.
James Clark	Carleton	Sr.	DE	St. Paul, Minn./Highland Park
Nick Gunderson	Saint John's	Jr.	DL	Woodbury, Minn.
Aaron Mills	Bethel	Jr.	DE	Traverse City, Mich./Central
Mike Schumacher	Saint John's	Jr.	DL	Arden Hills, Minn./Totino-Grace
James Colbenson	Carleton	Sr.	MLB	Rushford, Minn./Rushford-Peterson
Nick Rydberg	St. Olaf	Sr.	ILB	Inver Grove Heights, Minn./Simley
Jared Sieling	Gustavus	Sr.	LB	Watertown, Minn.
Ryan Wimmer	Saint John's	So.	ILB	St. Cloud, Minn./Cathedral
Adam Concannon	St. Olaf	So.	OLB	Orlando, Fla.
Brennen Lewis	Concordia	Sr.	OLB	Great Falls, Mont./Russell
Nate Voronyak	Bethel	Jr.	OLB	Orono, Minn.
Brandon Carr	Bethel	Sr.	S	Fergus Falls, Minn.
John Cloeter	Saint John's	Sr.	DB	Sauk Rapids, Minn./Sauk Rapids-Rice
Deontae Hutchins	St. Olaf	Sr.	CB	Pensacola, Fla./Pine Forest
Patrick Sommerstad	St. Thomas	Sr.	SS	Apple Valley, Minn./Eastview
Drew Ziller	Carleton	Jr.	SS	Byron, Minn./Rochester Lourdes
Paul Fortman	St. Olaf	Sr.	P	Stillwater, Minn.

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Name	School	Year	Position	Hometown/High School
Jordan Berg	Augsburg	Jr.	QB	Gaylord, Minn./Sibley East

Jesse Nelson	Concordia	Jr.	QB	Chanhassen, Minn./Minnetonka
Jordan Stolp	Gustavus	Sr.	QB	Mankato, Minn.
Mitch Anderson	Gustavus	Sr.	RB	Sleepy Eye, Minn.
Adam Swingdorf	Concordia	Sr.	RB	Inver Grove Heights, Minn./Simley
Coty Watkins	St. Olaf	Jr.	RB	Bloomington, Minn./Jefferson
Chris Gardner	Carleton	Jr.	WR	Gaylord, Minn./Sibley East
Andrew Schmiesing	St. Olaf	Sr.	WR	Stillwater, Minn.
Brian Weber	Saint John's	Sr.	WR	Glenwood, Minn./Minnewaska Area
Brett Saladin	Saint John's	Jr.	TE	Woodstock, Ill.
John Anderson	Concordia	So.	T	Cambridge, Minn.
Jason Brodmerkel	Saint John's	Sr.	T	Eden Prairie, Minn.
Brad Dahlman	Bethel	Sr.	G	Coon Rapids, Minn./Blaine
Ace Huff	Hamline	So.	C	Alamogordo, N.M.
Paul Schwingler	St. Olaf	Jr.	T	Rochester, Minn./Century
Jared Thelemann	Gustavus	Jr.	G	Kilkenny, Minn.
Jason Weber	Augsburg	Sr.	T	New Prague, Minn.
Ethan Armstrong	Gustavus	Jr.	Util.	Wheaton, Minn.
John Ostertag	Gustavus	Jr.	K	Walker, Minn.

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Name	School	Year	Position	Hometown/High School
Joe Luke	Saint John's	Jr.	DL	Alexandria, Minn.
Mike Morrissey	Carleton	Sr.	DT	Oak Park, Ill./Fenwick
Pat Riordan	Gustavus	Sr.	DE	Virginia, Minn.
Tyler Scholl	Hamline	Sr.	DL	Trimont, Minn./Martin County West
Clinton Strother	Concordia	Jr.	DE	Brainerd, Minn.
Brody Anderson	Hamline	Sr.	ILB	Floodwood, Minn.
Steve Luebke	Bethel	Sr.	ILB	Johnston, Iowa
Darin Schwarze	Bethel	Jr.	ILB	Stanwood, Wash.
Mitch Eversman	Saint John's	Sr.	OLB	Elk River, Minn.
Dave Moll	Concordia	Sr.	OLB	Battle Lake, Minn.
Jerad Phelps	Carleton	Sr.	OLB	Northfield, Minn.

Garrett Adamson	Augsburg	Jr.	FS	White Bear Lake, Minn./Hill-Murray
Kevin Boegel	Saint John's	Sr.	DB	Mahtomedi, Minn.
Tim Cornish	Bethel	So.	CB	Plymouth, Minn./Wayzata
Jason Jude	Concordia	Sr.	S	Monticello, Minn.
Jamie Wagner	Bethel	Sr.	S	Nicollet, Minn.
Devin Swanberg	Hamline	Jr.	P	Lindstrom, Minn./Chisago Lakes

2007 All-MIAC Sportsmanship Team

Augsburg - Alan Mueller (Sr., Savage, Minn.)

Bethel - Jared Bangs (Sr., Fergus Falls, Minn.)

Carleton - Jerad Phelps (Sr., Northfield, Minn.)

Concordia - Jon Tritsch (Jr., Murray, Neb.)

Gustavus - Tom Johnson (Sr., Mankato, Minn.)

Hamline - Brody Anderson (Sr., Floodwood, Minn.)

Saint John's - Alex Kofoed (Sr., Cold Spring, Minn.)

St. Olaf - Andrew Schmiesing (Sr., Stillwater, Minn.)

St. Thomas - Pat Cahalan (Sr., St. Paul, Minn.)