

Augsburg's Scott, St. Thomas' Winter headline 2015 MIAC Football Awards

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BLOOMINGTON, Minn. -- The Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) enjoyed an unforgettable season on the football field in 2015, highlighted by a visit from ESPN, as many as five teams ranked in the top 25 and countless unforgettable games. Tuesday, the conference honored the top performers from the outstanding 2015 season with the announcement of the 2015 MIAC Football Awards.

Augsburg senior quarterback Ayrton Scott concludes his career with the conference's highest honor, the 2015 Jim Christopherson MIAC Most Valuable Player award. St. Thomas junior defensive lineman Ryan Winter was named the Mike Stam Award winner as the conference's top interior lineman. And St. Thomas Head Coach Glenn Caruso and Gustavus Head Coach Peter Haugen were selected to share the John Gagliardi MIAC Football Coach-of-the-Year award for their work leading their teams in 2015.



In addition to the individual honors, the MIAC also announced the All-Conference selections, which include First Team, Second Team and Honorable Mention. Members of the All-MIAC Sportsmanship Team were also announced.

Scott's superb senior season resulted in the conference MVP award to cap an award-filled career. The Auggie signal-caller is a rarity - not only a four-year starter at quarterback, but a four-time First Team All-Conference selection who re-wrote the MIAC and Augsburg record books for total offense and passing yards.

This season, Scott's dual-threat abilities were on full display as he finished in the top five in the MIAC in passing yards (2,395), touchdowns (22), completion percentage (63.1), completions (171), rushing yards (1,290), yards per carry (6.4) and he was eighth in rushing touchdowns with nine. In all, he accounted for a MIAC-best 3,685 yards of total offense, as well as 31 touchdowns while directing Augsburg to a 5-5 overall (4-4 MIAC) record. His average of 368.5 total yards per game currently ranks second in the nation in 2015 and his 1,290 rushing yards are the third-most by a quarterback in the nation this season.

Scott finished his historic career with MIAC records (conference games only) for total offense (11,725 yards) and passing yards (8,430), in addition to 3,295 rushing yards and 105 total touchdowns (79 pass, 26 rush) in 32 career conference games. He also holds school career records for passing yardage (10,281), rushing yardage (4,756), rushing touchdowns (37) and passing touchdowns (97). Scott is the all-time Division III leader in quarterback rushing yards and most 300-yard games (31). He finished just 45 yards shy of the all-time Division III total offense record (14,523 yards) and he also finished second in total offense per game (363.1 yards). He ranks fifth all-time in all NCAA Divisions in total offense per game.

Winter received the Mike Stam Award as the conference's top interior lineman thanks to his presence up front for the league's best defense. Winter was twice named the MIAC Football Defensive Player-of-the-Week, and created havoc along the line of scrimmage and in the opponents' backfield all season long. Through 11 games, he currently has 33 tackles (20 solo, 13 assists), six sacks, 10 tackles-for-a-loss, a forced fumble and an interception returned for a touchdown.

Winter is tied for third in the MIAC in tackles-for-a-loss and he's also third in sacks, just a half-sack behind the league leaders. In conference game's only, he had six tackles-for-a-loss, four sacks and 23 total tackles (11 solo, 12 assists). Winter also received his first All-Conference First Team selection, and he helped the St. Thomas defense lead the conference in scoring (8.6 points allowed per game), yards allowed (212.5 per game), passing defense (130.4 yards allowed per game), rushing defense (82.1 yards allowed per game), sacks (42) and fumble recoveries (16).

Winter's coach, Caruso, earned Coach-of-the-Year honors for the fourth time in his eight years leading the Tommies. He also won the honor three years in a row from 2010 to 2012, and now in 2015. Caruso guided the Tommies to a perfect 10-0 regular season, including an 8-0 conference record to capture UST's fourth MIAC title in the last six seasons. The team is ranked as high as third in the nation, and will host rival Saint John's Saturday at noon in the second round of the NCAA Division III Football Playoffs.

Caruso's team led the MIAC in nearly every defensive category as detailed above, and the team was just as successful on the offensive side of the ball. UST leads the MIAC in scoring (56.5 points per game) and total offense (566.7 yards per game) while ranking second in the league in both passing offense (307.3 yards per game) and rushing offense (259.5 yards per game). Caruso coached Winter to Mike Stam honors and guided 23 players to All-Conference accolades - 11 First-Team picks, eight Second-Team selections and four Honorable Mention honorees.

Gustavus' Haugen shared the Coach-of-the-Year award with Caruso after leading the Gusties to new heights in 2015, both in the standings and on the offensive stat sheet. Haugen led Gustavus to a 7-3 overall record, a 5-3 MIAC mark, and a tie for third-place in the conference standings to result in his first MIAC Coach-of-the-Year selection. The Gusties spent much of the season either ranked in the Top 25 or receiving votes in both national polls, and started the season 6-0 overall and 4-0 in the MIAC.

Haugen's team was particularly explosive through the air and on offense, where it finished second behind St. Thomas in scoring at 42.8 points per game and third in total offense with 465.8 yards per game. Gustavus led the MIAC with 319.2 yards per game through the air and 33 passing touchdowns and was the league's best team on third down (58 percent) and in the red zone with scores on 88 percent of its trips, and touchdowns 82 percent of the time. Haugen coached five players to First Team All-MIAC honors, three to Second-Team selections and four who earned Honorable Mention honors.

The MIAC All-Conference teams were made up of 37 selections on both the First and Second Teams. Also, each team was able to select up to four additional players to receive Honorable Mention honors, resulting in a total of 110 student-athletes who received recognition.

Scott headlined the All-MIAC team by earning his remarkable fourth-straight First Team selection. His teammate, wide receiver Joey Sonnenfeld, was named to the First Team for the third time, and 10 players received their second-straight First-Team honor, including: Gustavus' Mitch Hendricks, Gabriel Boyce and Matthew Boyce, St. Thomas' Charlie Dowdle and Mozus Ikuenobe, Saint John's Sam Sura, Carter Hanson and Josh Bungum, Concordia's Josh Berg and Bethel's Marshall Klitzke. Concordia's Brandon Zylstra also earned his second career First-Team nod, as he also earned the honor in 2013.

The conference-champion Tommies were well-represented on the All-Conference First Team with 11 total selections - four on offense, six on defense and one on special teams. Runner-up Saint John's was next with seven First Team picks, Gustavus, Concordia and Bethel had five First Team honorees apiece, Augsburg had three and Carleton had one. The First Team was exclusive to upperclassmen in 2015, with 26 seniors and 11 juniors comprising the squad.

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

2015 MIAC Football Awards

Jim Christopherson MIAC MVP - Ayrton Scott, QB, Augsburg (Sr., Minneapolis, Minn. / Southwest)

Mike Stam Award - Ryan Winter, DL, St. Thomas (Jr., Woodbury, Minn.)

John Gagliardi MIAC Football Co-Coaches-of-the-Year - Glenn Caruso, St. Thomas (8th Season); Peter Haugen, Gustavus (7th Season)

2015 MIAC Football All-Conference First Team Offense

<u>Name</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown / High School</u>
Mitch Hendricks	Gustavus	Sr.	QB	Bemidji, Minn.
Ayrton Scott	Augsburg	Sr.	QB	Minneapolis, Minn. / Southwest
Gabriel Boyce	Gustavus	Sr.	WR	Excelsior, Minn. / Minnetonka
Matthew Boyce	Gustavus	Sr.	WR	Excelsior, Minn. / Minnetonka
Joey Sonnenfeld	Augsburg	Sr.	WR	Maple Grove, Minn. / Osseo
Brandon Zylstra	Concordia	Sr.	WR	Spicer, Minn. / New London-Spicer
Charlie Dowdle	St. Thomas	Sr.	TE	Glenview, Ill. / Loyola Academy
Drew Neuville	Bethel	Jr.	TE	Green Bay, Wis. / Bayport
Marshall Klitzke	Bethel	Sr.	RB	Annandale, Minn. / Providence
Jordan Roberts	St. Thomas	Jr.	RB	Sheridan, Wyo.
Sam Sura	Saint John's	Sr.	RB	South St. Paul, Minn.
Josh Berg	Concordia	Jr.	OL	Moorhead, Minn. / Fargo (N.D.) Shanley
Ben Brown	Saint John's	Sr.	OL	Ceylon, Minn. / Fairmont
Will Hilbert	St. Thomas	Jr.	OL	Mequon, Wis. / Milwaukee Marquette
Scott Newby	Gustavus	Sr.	OL	Lakeville, Minn. / South
Kevin Olson	Bethel	Jr.	OL	Andover, Minn.
Bob Rose	Augsburg	Sr.	OL	Le Sueur, Minn. / Le Sueur-Henderson
David Simmet	St. Thomas	Sr.	OL	Stillwater, Minn. / Hill-Murray

2015 MIAC Football All-Conference First Team Defense

<u>Name</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown / High School</u>
Pete Boerma	Carleton	Jr.	DL	Watertown, S.D.
Nathan Hultgren	Bethel	Sr.	DL	Maple Grove, Minn. / Osseo
Eric Sutton	St. Thomas	Sr.	DL	Fond Du Lac, Wis. / St. Mary's Springs
Peyton Thiry	Saint John's	Jr.	DL	Lester Prairie, Minn. / Lester Prairie-Holy Trinity

Ryan Winter	St. Thomas	Jr.	DL	Woodbury, Minn.
Erik Bye	Concordia	Sr.	ILB	Moorhead, Minn.
Carter Hanson	Saint John's	Jr.	ILB	Blue Earth, Minn.
Tim McClanahan	St. Thomas	Sr.	ILB	St. Paul, Minn. / Cretin-Derham Hall
Jesse Addo	St. Thomas	Jr.	OLB	Plymouth, Minn. / Wayzata
Reid Bjorklund	Saint John's	Sr.	OLB	South St. Paul, Minn.
Derek Rachel	Concordia	Sr.	OLB	Maple Lake, Minn.
Mozus Ikuenobe	St. Thomas	Sr.	DB	Eden Prairie, Minn.
Nick Frandsen	Gustavus	Sr.	DB	North Oaks, Minn. / Totino-Grace
Daniel Leidall	Bethel	Sr.	DB	Maple Grove, Minn. / Heritage Academy
Trevor Warner	Saint John's	Sr.	DB	Murrieta, Calif. / Vista Murrieta
Jordan Young	St. Thomas	Sr.	DB	St. Louis Park, Minn.

2015 MIAC Football All-Conference First Team Special Teams

<u>Name</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown / High School</u>
Paul Graupner	St. Thomas	Sr.	K	Minnetonka, Minn. / Benilde-St. Margaret's
Eddie Clifton	Concordia	Jr.	P	Buffalo, Minn.
Josh Bungum	Saint John's	Sr.	Ret.	Paynesville, Minn.

2015 MIAC Football All-Conference Second Team Offense

<u>Name</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown / High School</u>
John Gould	St. Thomas	Sr.	QB	Mendota Heights, Minn. / St. Thomas Academy
Nick Martin	Saint John's	Sr.	QB	Plymouth, Minn. / Wayzata
Jon Baune	Concordia	Sr.	WR	Fargo, N.D. / South
Josh Bungum	Saint John's	Sr.	WR	Paynesville, Minn.
Nick Waldvogel	St. Thomas	Jr.	WR	Mendota Heights, Minn. / St. Thomas Academy
Chad Johnson	Concordia	So.	RB	Glyndon, Minn. / Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton
Tyrell Martin	Augsburg	Sr.	RB	West St. Paul, Minn. / Henry Sibley
J.J. Strnad	St. Olaf	Sr.	RB	Palo Alto, Calif. / Gunn
Dominic Truoccolo	St. Thomas	Sr.	RB	San Francisco, Calif. / St. Ignatius
Clay Bachmeier	Concordia	Sr.	OL	Fargo, N.D. / South
Richie Donovan	St. Thomas	Sr.	OL	Blaine, Minn. / Totino-Grace
Chase Duwenhoegger	Hamline	Jr.	OL	Alexandria, Minn.
Ben Eli	Saint John's	Jr.	OL	Avon, Minn. / Albany
Stefan Sauer	St. Thomas	Sr.	OL	Rosemount, Minn.
Zach Swingen	Augsburg	Sr.	OL	Cross Plains, Wis. / Middleton
Joe Theiler	Gustavus	Jr.	OL	Maple Grove, Minn. / Totino-Grace

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Casey Decker	Gustavus	So.	DL	Mapleton, Minn. / Maple River
Anthony King-Foreman	St. Thomas	Jr.	DL	Eden Prairie, Minn.
Kirby Siewert	Concordia	So.	DL	Detroit Lakes, Minn.
Tyler Sis	Augsburg	Sr.	DL	Brooklyn Park, Minn. / Osseo
Matt Wildes	Hamline	Sr.	DL	Shoreview, Minn. / Mounds View
Steve Harrell	St. Thomas	So.	ILB	New Berlin, Wis. / West
Levi Hintermeister	Concordia	Sr.	ILB	Garfield, Minn. / Brandon
Landon Mathis	Bethel	Sr.	ILB	Anoka, Minn.
Drake Matuska	Saint John's	Sr.	ILB	Kasson, Minn. / Kasson-Mantorville
Jesse Moeckly	Bethel	Sr.	OLB	Rochester, Minn. / Century
Austyn Raftevoid	Concordia	Sr.	OLB	Fargo, N.D. / South
Darrian Smith	Hamline	Sr.	OLB	Buford, Ga.
Matt Ahrndt	Concordia	Jr.	DB	Benson, Minn.
Anthony Hill	Hamline	Jr.	DB	Brooklyn Park, Minn. / Champlin Park

Matt Mehlhorn	Bethel	Sr.	DB	Lakeville, Minn. / South
Randy Perez	Saint John's	Sr.	DB	Murrieta, Calif. / Vista Murrieta
Isaac Seering	St. Thomas	So.	DB	Green Bay, Wis. / Notre Dame

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown / High School</u>
Brendan Boche	Gustavus	So.	K	Lakeville, Minn. / South
Kyle Johnson	Hamline	So.	P	Chandler, Ariz. / Seton Catholic
Brandon Zylstra	Concordia	Sr.	Ret.	Spicer, Minn. / New London-Spicer

2015 MIAC Football All-Conference Honorable Mention

Augsburg - Bobby Collins (Jr., DB, Lompoc, Calif.), Mykar Groves (Sr., LB, West St. Paul, Minn. / Simley), Andrew Konieczny (Jr., OL, Tomah, Wis.), Alan Medina-Gonzalez (Sr., LB, Woodbury, Minn. / Tartan)

Bethel - Godfrey Mpetey (So., DL, Farmington, Minn.), Philip Peterson (Sr., P/OLB, Richfield, Minn.), Steven Plocker (Jr., DL, Blue Earth, Minn.), Ryan Ross (Jr., OL, Champlin, Minn. / Champlin Park)

Carleton - Merrick Ducharme (So., LB, Blooming Prairie, Minn. / Hayfield), Andy Gustafson (Sr., RB, Inver Grove Heights, Minn. / Rosemount), Mitch Heflin (Sr., DL, Wayzata, Minn.), Dylan Saline (Jr., DB, Anoka, Minn. / Champlin Park)

Concordia - Justice Davis (Jr., DL, Lino Lakes, Minn. / Centennial), Tyler E. Hansen (Sr., DB, Shoreview, Minn. / Mounds View), Michael Herzog (So., QB, Detroit Lakes, Minn.), Jason Montonye (So., RB, Graceville, Minn. / C-G-B)

Gustavus - Jake Douglas (Sr., TE, Montevideo, Minn.), Marcus Kelly (Sr., OL, Woodbury, Minn. / East Ridge), Isaac Kotilla (Jr., DL, Buffalo, Minn. / Maple Lake), Kyle Krzmarzick (Sr., LB, Sleepy Eye, Minn. / Sleepy Eye Saint Mary's)

Hamline - Austin Duncan (Sr., RB, New Orleans, La. / Jesuit), Naji El-Araby (Jr., WR, Blaine, Minn.), Jonny Nguyen (Jr, LB, Mounds View, Minn. / Irondale), Philip Sherman (Sr., TE, Fort Walton Beach, Fla. / Choctowhatchee)

Saint John's - Sam Brynestad (Sr., DL, Stillwater, Minn.), Andrew Jarosz (So., OL, White Bear Lake, Minn. / Totino-Grace), Nick Simon (Sr., TE, New Ulm, Minn. / Cathedral), Zach Sundly (Jr., RB, Harris, Minn. / North Branch)

St. Olaf - Jaylen Jones (Sr., OL, Blaine, Minn.), Kyle Keenan (Sr., DB, Minnetonka, Minn.), Nate Penz (Sr., QB, Rochester, Minn. / Mayo), Seamus Walsh (Sr., DB, St. Paul, Minn. / Central)

St. Thomas - Trace Adams (Sr., DB, Hutchinson, Minn.), Zach Brennan (Sr., OL, Iowa City, Iowa / Regina), Michael Blume (Jr., LS, Elk River, Minn. / Big Lake), Matt Christenson (So., TE, Nicollet, Minn.)

2015 Football All-MIAC Sportsmanship Team

Augsburg - Derek Ruff (Sr., Shoreview, Minn. / Totino-Grace)

Bethel - Ben Price (Sr., St. Johnsbury, Vt. / St. Johnsbury Academy)

Carleton - Mitch Heflin (Sr., Wayzata, Minn.)

Concordia - Steffen Morical (Sr., Garfield, Minn. / Jefferson)

Gustavus - Marcus Kelly (Sr., Woodbury, Minn. / East Ridge)

Hamline - Ryan Ferkinhoff (Sr., St. Anthony, Minn. / St. Anthony Village)

Saint John's - Dan Holtkamp (Sr., Glenwood, Minn. / Minnewaska Area)

St. Olaf - Brice Peterson (Sr., Northfield, Minn.)

St. Thomas - Jack Gilliland (Sr., Simi Valley, Calif. / Brethren)

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