

MIAC announces Fall Preseason Coaches Polls

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St. Paul, Minn. – The MinnesotaIntercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) released Preseason Coaches Polls for the fall sports of football, volleyball, men’s soccer, and women’s soccer today. 2007 preseason favorites include: Saint John’s University (football); Concordia College (volleyball); Gustavus Adolphus College (men’s soccer); and Macalester College (women’s soccer). Coaches voted for every team in the conference except their own team. Points were assigned for each vote (1 for first, 2 for second, etc.) Teams are ranked in order of lowest point total to highest with first place votes shown in parentheses.



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MIAC Football

Reigning MIAC co-champions Saint John’s and Bethel took the top two spots in the football preseason poll. The Johnnies received eight of nine first place votes to beat out Bethel, St. Olaf, St. Thomas and Concordia for first. Football non-conference action kicks off Saturday, September 1 with MIAC conference games beginning Saturday, September 15.

1. Saint John's (8)
2. Bethel (1)
3. St. Olaf
4. St. Thomas
5. Concordia
6. Gustavus
7. Carleton
8. Hamline
9. Augsburg

MIAC Volleyball

2006 MIAC regular season and playoff champion Concordia took first in this year’s coaches poll. St. Thomas and Gustavus each received three first place votes, finishing second and third, respectively. Saint Benedict and Carleton followed, rounding out the top five. Non-conference volleyball games begin on Friday, August 31 and MIAC conference matches start on Wednesday, September 12.

1. Concordia (6)
2. St. Thomas (3)
3. Gustavus (3)
4. Saint Benedict
5. Carleton
6. Bethel
7. St. Olaf
8. Saint Mary’s
9. Augsburg
10. (tie) Macalester
10. (tie) St. Catherine
12. Hamline

MIAC Men's Soccer

Gustavus, last season’s MIAC regular season co-champ and playoff champion, received seven first place votes to top the men’s soccer preseason poll. Following the Gusties were 2006 regular season co-champion Saint John’s with three first place votes. Augsburg, St. Thomas, and Macalester rounded out the top five. Men's soccer non-conference action begins Friday, August 31 with MIAC conference games beginning Wednesday, September 12.

1. Gustavus (7)
2. Saint John’s (3)
3. Augsburg (1)
4. St. Thomas
5. Macalester
6. Hamline
7. Carleton
8. St. Olaf
9. Bethel
10. Saint Mary's
11. Concordia

MIAC Women's Soccer

With four teams receiving first place votes, the 2007 MIAC women’s soccer race looks to be pretty unpredictable. Macalester managed to top the poll with five first place votes. The Scots beat out Carleton, Saint Benedict, and Concordia for first. Non-conference games kickoff Friday, August 31 for women's soccer and MIAC conference matches begin Tuesday, September 11.

1. Macalester (5)
2. Carleton (3)
3. Saint Benedict (1)
4. Concordia (3)
5. St. Thomas
6. Augsburg
7. Gustavus

8. St. Olaf
9. Saint Mary's
10. St. Catherine
11. Bethel
12. Hamline