

2007-08 MIAC Men's Basketball Awards

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St. Paul, Minn. -- The Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) announced the 2007-08 MIAC Men's Basketball Awards today, March 6, 2008. Concordia College senior forward Luke Linz was named the conference's Player of the Year. Linz averaged 18.9 points, 6.3 rebounds, 2.65 assists, and 1.15 blocks per game. Linz led the Cobbers to a fourth place finish in the MIAC Regular Season Standings in 2007-08.



St. Thomas head coach Steve Fritz was chosen as the 2007-08 MIAC Coach of the Year. Under Fritz' direction, the Tommies won their third consecutive MIAC Regular Season Championship with a 17-3 conference record. This is the 13th Coach of the Year award for Fritz in his 28 seasons as leader of the St. Thomas program.

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

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Player of the Year - Luke Linz, Concordia (Sr., Forward, Watkins, Minn./Eden Valley-Watkins)

Sixth Man of the Year - Al McCoy, St. Thomas (Jr., Forward, St. Paul, Minn./Cretin-Derham Hall)

Coach of the Year - Steve Fritz, St. Thomas (28th season)

All-Conference

Name	Team	Year	Position	Hometown/High School
Brady Brink	Saint John's	Sr.	Wing	Waconia, Minn.
Jon Cassens	Augsburg	So.	Guard	Prior Lake, Minn.
Tom Conboy	Macalester	Sr.	Forward	Chanhassen, Minn./Minnetonka
Tommy Drake	Carleton	Sr.	Wing	Eden Prairie, Minn.
Bobby Hunter	St. Olaf	Sr.	Forward	West St. Paul, Minn./Sibley
Zach Johnson	Carleton	Jr.	Forward	Apple Valley, Minn./Eastview
Ryan Lieser	Saint John's	Sr.	Wing	Cold Spring, Minn./Rocori
Luke Linz	Concordia	Sr.	Forward	Watkins, Minn./Eden Valley-Watkins
Tim Madson	Bethel	Jr.	Guard	Redwood Falls, Minn.
Mike Moberg	Bethel	Jr.	Center	Plymouth, Minn./Maple Grove
Joe Scott	St. Thomas	So.	Guard	St. Anthony, Minn. De La Salle
Kane Sivesind	Gustavus	Sr.	Wing	Madison, Wis./Memorial
Femi Solaja	Augsburg	Sr.	Center	Cottage Grove, Minn./St. Paul Harding
Trevor Wittwer	Gustavus	Sr.	Wing	Redwood Falls, Minn./Redwood Valley
Abe Woldelessie	Macalester	Sr.	Guard	Richfield, Minn./St. Thomas Academy

All-Defensive Team

Name	Team	Year	Position	Hometown/High School
Brady Brink	Saint John's	Sr.	Wing	Waconia, Minn.
Tommy Drake	Carleton	Sr.	Wing	Eden Prairie, Minn.
Lonnie Robinson	St. Thomas	Sr.	Guard	Brooklyn Park, Minn./Osseo
Kane Sivesind	Gustavus	Sr.	Wing	Madison, Wis./Memorial
B.J. Viau	St. Thomas	Jr.	Guard	Apple Valley, Minn./Eastview

All-First Year Team

Name	Team	Year	Position	Hometown/High School
Eric Clute	Hamline	Fy.	Guard	Hawley, Minn.
Carl Hipp	Hamline	Fy.	Center	Little Canada, Minn./Totino-Grace
Tyler Nicolai	St. Thomas	Fy.	Guard	Minnetonka, Minn./Hopkins
Chris Schwartz	Saint John's	Fy.	Wing	Sioux Falls, S.D./Lincoln
Will Wright	Saint Mary's	Fy.	Guard	Chicago, Ill./Marist

Honorable Mention All-Conference

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Name	Team	Year	Position	Hometown/High School
Nate Alm	Augsburg	Jr.	Forward	Eden Prairie, Minn.
Steve Banick	St. Olaf	Sr.	Guard	Oakdale, Minn./North St. Paul
Erik Lien	Concordia	Fy.	Guard	Moorhead, Minn.
Lonnie Robinson	St. Thomas	Sr.	Guard	Brooklyn Park, Minn./Osseo
Bryan Rosett	Carleton	So.	Forward	Cottage Grove, Minn./Park
Tony Thrasher	Hamline	Jr.	Forward	Hustisford, Wis.
Jesse Van Sickle	Gustavus	So.	Wing	Garden City, Minn./LCWM
B.J. Viau	St. Thomas	Jr.	Guard	Apple Valley, Minn./Eastview
Will Wright	Saint Mary's	Fy.	Guard	Chicago, Ill./Marist

2007-08 All-MIAC Sportsmanship Team

Augsburg - Tony Doran (Fy., Richfield, Minn./Trinity-River Ridge)
 Bethel - Jeff Reck (Sr., St. Paul, Minn./Harding)
 Carleton - Bobby Schmitz (Jr., Hastings, Minn.)
 Concordia - Cody Dyshaw (Jr., Montevideo, Minn.)
 Gustavus - Kane Sivesind (Sr., Madison, Wis./Memorial)
 Hamline - Tanner Anderson (Jr., Eden Prairie, Minn./Holy Family)
 Macalester - Brian Ranwick (Sr., Plymouth, Minn./Minnetonka)
 Saint John's - Nick Johnson (Sr., Plato, Minn./Glencoe-Silver Lake)
 Saint Mary's - Patrick Connolly (Fy., Chicago, Ill./Marist)
 St. Olaf - Chad Norberg (Sr., Northfield, Minn.)
 St. Thomas - Grant Hennington (Sr., Elk River, Minn.)