

2008-09 MIAC Men's Basketball Awards

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St. Paul, Minn. -- The Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) announced the 2008-09 MIAC Men's Basketball Awards today, March 5, 2009. University of St. Thomas junior guard Joe Scott was named the 2008-09 MIAC Player of the Year. Scott led the undefeated Tommies in scoring with 13.0 points/game in conference play, he shot over 52% from the field and 43% from 3-point range, while leading the conference with 1.75 steals/game.



Joe Scott, St. Thomas

Bethel University junior guard Chris Vavra was selected as the MIAC Sixth Man of the Year. Vavra averaged 8.8 points/game shooting over 41% from the field and 32% behind the arc.

St. Thomas head coach Steve Fritz was chosen as the 2008-09 MIAC Coach of the Year. Under Fritz' direction, the Tommies became the second team to go 20-0 in men's basketball since the schedule expanded to 20 games in 1983. St. Thomas also won their fourth consecutive MIAC regular season and playoff titles in 2008-09. This is the 14th Coach of the Year award for Fritz in his 29 seasons as leader of the St. Thomas program.

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

2008-09 MIAC Men's Basketball Awards

Player of the Year - Joe Scott, St. Thomas (Jr., Guard, St. Anthony, Minn./De LaSalle)

Sixth Man of the Year - Chris Vavra, Bethel (Jr., Guard, Cambridge, Minn./Braham)

Coach of the Year - Steve Fritz, St. Thomas (29th season)

All-Conference

Name	Team	Year	Position	Hometown/High School
Nate Alm	Augsburg	Sr.	Forward	Eden Prairie, Minn.
Aaron Burtzel	Saint John's	So.	Guard	Cold Spring, Minn./Rocori
Jon Cassens	Augsburg	Jr.	Guard	Prior Lake, Minn.
John Fraase	Concordia	So.	Forward	Bismarck, N.D./Century
Lukas Holland	Saint Mary's	So.	Guard	La Crosse, Wis./Central
Zach Johnson	Carleton	Sr.	Forward	Apple Valley, Minn./Eastview
Tim Madson	Bethel	Sr.	Guard	Redwood Falls, Minn./Redwood Valley
Al McCoy	St. Thomas	Sr.	Forward	St. Paul, Minn./Cretin-Derham Hall
Mike Moberg	Bethel	Sr.	Forward	Plymouth, Minn./Maple Grove
Lonnie Robinson	St. Thomas	Sr.	Guard	Brooklyn Park, Minn./Osseo
Bryan Rosett	Carleton	Jr.	Forward	Cottage Grove, Minn./Park
Joe Scott	St. Thomas	Jr.	Guard	St. Anthony, Minn./De LaSalle
Tony Thrasher	Hamline	Sr.	Forward	Hustisford, Wis.
Jesse Van Sickle	Gustavus	Jr.	Guard	Garden City, Minn./LCWM
B.J. Viau	St. Thomas	Sr.	Guard	Apple Valley, Minn./Eastview
Will Wright	Saint Mary's	So.	Guard	Chicago, Ill./Marist

All-Defensive Team

Name	Team	Year	Position	Hometown/High School
Carl Hipp	Hamline	So.	Forward	Little Canada, Minn./Totino-Grace
Al McCoy	St. Thomas	Sr.	Forward	St. Paul, Minn./Cretin-Derham Hall
Lonnie Robinson	St. Thomas	Sr.	Guard	Brooklyn Park, Minn./Osseo
Bryan Rosett	Carleton	Jr.	Forward	Cottage Grove, Minn./Park
B.J. Viau	St. Thomas	Sr.	Guard	Apple Valley, Minn./Eastview

All-First Year Team

Name	Team	Year	Position	Hometown/High School
Andy Burns	Saint John's	Fy.	Guard	Shorewood, Minn./Minnetonka
Blaise Davis	Carleton	Fy.	Guard	Elk River, Minn.

Bobby Fong	St. Olaf	Fy.	Guard	Bloomington, Minn./Kennedy
Andy Grzesiak-Grimm	Augsburg	Fy.	Forward	Wyoming, Minn./St. Francis
Bobby Johnson	Gustavus	Fy.	Forward	Edina, Minn.

Honorable Mention All-Conference

Name	Team	Year	Position	Hometown/High School
Bobby Fong	St. Olaf	Fy.	Guard	Bloomington, Minn./Kennedy
Carl Hipp	Hamline	So.	Forward	Little Canada, Minn./Totino-Grace
Cory Laugen	Bethel	Sr.	Guard	Blaine, Minn./Monticello
Ryan McPartland	Gustavus	Jr.	Forward	Le Sueur, Minn./Le Sueur-Henderson
Sam Paulson	Gustavus	Jr.	Forward	Waseca, Minn.
Chris Schwartz	Saint John's	So.	Guard	Sioux Falls, S.D./Lincoln

2008-09 All-MIAC Sportsmanship Team

Augsburg - Tony Doran (So., Richfield, Minn./Trinity-River Ridge)

Bethel - Rob Lang (Jr., Johnston, Iowa)

Carleton - Bobby Schmitz (Sr., Hastings, Minn.)

Concordia - Cody Dyshaw (Sr., Montevideo, Minn.)

Gustavus - Tim Olmstead (Sr., Glencoe, Minn./Glencoe-Silver Lake)

Hamline - Nick Hutchinson (Sr., Atwater, Minn./ACGC)

Macalester - Tyson Morgan (Sr., Lewiston, Maine)

Saint John's - Cole Isetts (Sr., Red Wing, Minn.)

Saint Mary's - Tim Kunkel (Fy., Northfield, Ill., New Trier)

St. Olaf - Mitch Haugen (Sr., Rockford, Minn.)

St. Thomas - Brett Tuma (Sr., Excelsior, Minn./Minnetonka)