

Bethel's Taylor Hall headlines 2012-13 MIAC Men's Basketball Awards

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ST. PAUL, Minn. -- The 2012-13 Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference men's basketball regular season was certainly one to remember with a dominant, No. 1-nationally ranked team headlining the league and countless incredible individual and team performances. Wednesday, the top performers from a great season of MIAC basketball were honored with the announcement of the 2012-13 MIAC Men's Basketball Awards.



Headlining the awards is Bethel senior forward Taylor Hall, who was named the Joe Hutton Player-of-the-Year. Concordia senior guard Andrew Martinson was honored as the Sixth Man-of-the-Year. In his second season at the helm, St. Thomas Head Coach John Tauer was voted the MIAC Coach-of-the-Year by his peers. In addition the MIAC announced the All-Conference team, All-Defensive and All-Freshman teams, All-Conference Honorable Mention selections and the All-MIAC Sportsmanship Team.

From start to finish, Bethel's Hall was the MIAC's top all-around player thanks to an outstanding senior campaign. Hall didn't just lead the league in scoring - which he did as he was the only player to average more than 20 points per game (21.8) - but he also ranked first in the league in rebounds (10.0 per game), blocked shots (1.7 per game), field goals (8.0 per game) and free throws (5.2 per game). He also ranked in the top 10 in assists (3.0 per game) and field goal percentage (56.8). Hall was just as good in MIAC play, leading the conference in scoring (20.6 points per game), rebounding (9.2 per game), and blocked shots (1.7 per game) in MIAC games only.

Hall's season started with three-straight 30-point performances, and continued all the way through a MIAC Playoff berth for the Royals. Hall scored in double figures in all but three games, scoring 20 or more 16 times and 30 or more five times, including a season-high 37 points in a one-point win at Carleton on Jan. 26. Hall was named MIAC Men's Basketball Athlete-of-the-Week three times throughout the season, and he headlined the All-Conference team with his second-straight selection.

Martinson was honored for his great work off the bench for a Concordia team that surprised everyone outside of Moorhead by finishing second in the conference standings. Martinson averaged 11.6 points per game for the Cobbers, and ranked among the league's best outside shooters. He led MIAC in three-point percentage (45.8 percent) and was tied for second with 2.4 made three-pointers per game.

Martinson joined Hall on the All-Conference team, was named MIAC Men's Basketball Athlete-of-the-Week once and will graduate as Concordia's all-time career leader in made three-point baskets. Martinson scored in double figures in 17 of 25 games, including 12 of Concordia's final 13 games. He scored a career-high 31 points in a 78-73 win over St. Olaf on Jan. 30.

Tauer's second regular season as St. Thomas' head coach - after having the interim tag last season - was near-perfect. The Tommies captured the MIAC regular-season title with a 19-1 record and finished the regular season with a 24-1 record. Last week, UST added the MIAC Playoff title to its 2012-13 resume' with postseason wins over Carleton and Augsburg to improve to 26-1 this year. They'll open NCAA Division III Men's Basketball Tournament play with a first-round game against Aurora on its home court Saturday at 7 p.m.

Under Tauer's direction, The Tommies led the MIAC in scoring (82.1 points per game), points allowed (60.2 per game), field goal percentage (52.8), three-point percentage (42.9), assists (17.3 per game), fewest turnovers (10.4 per game) and opponent three-point percentage (28.6). UST was also rewarded with three All-Conference selections, two All-Defensive Team picks, an All-Freshman Team selection and two Honorable Mentions.

Runner-up Concordia matched the champion Tommies with three All-Conference selections. Bethel, Carleton and Gustavus all had two honorees each, and Augsburg, Saint John's and Saint Mary's each played one player on the All-MIAC squad. Of the 15 selections, all were upperclassmen with 12 seniors and three juniors earning the distinction.

Hall headlined a group of five players who all earned their second-straight All-Conference honor. In addition to the Bethel star, St. Thomas' John Nance and Will DeBerg, Carleton's Tom Sawatzke and Saint Mary's Michael Burfeind were all repeat selections as well. Nance also received his second-straight All-Defensive Team selection. The full list of honorees, including all 15 All-Conference picks, the six-player All-Defensive Team, the five-player All-Freshman Team and the 12 Honorable Mention selections are listed below.

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

2012-13 MIAC Men's Basketball Awards

Joe Hutton Player-of-the-Year - Taylor Hall, Bethel (Sr., Forward, Blaine, Minn./Bemidji State)

Sixth Man-of-the-Year - Andrew Martinson, Concordia (Sr., Guard, Chaska, Minn.)

Coach-of-the-Year - John Tauer (Second season)

2012-13 MIAC Men's Basketball All-Conference Team

Name	Team	Year	Position	Hometown/Previous School
Ben Biewen	Gustavus	Sr.	Guard	Edina, Minn.

Michael Burfeind	Saint Mary's	Sr.	Post	Lewiston, Minn./Lewiston-Altura
Will DeBerg	St. Thomas	Sr.	Guard	Edina, Minn.
Taylor Hall	Bethel	Sr.	Forward	Blaine, Minn./Bemidji State
Tommy Hannon	St. Thomas	Sr.	Center	St. Paul, Minn./Cretin-Derham Hall
Jim Hill	Gustavus	Sr.	Wing	Edina, Minn.
Dan Kornbaum	Augsburg	Jr.	Center	Little Falls, Minn.
Aaron Lindahl	Concordia	Sr.	Guard	Benson, Minn.
Andrew Martinson	Concordia	Sr.	Guard	Chaska, Minn.
Seth Marx	Saint John's	Jr.	Wing	Maple Grove, Minn./Benilde-St. Margaret's
Ebo Nan-Kweson	Concordia	Sr.	Guard	Coon Rapids, Minn.
John Nance	St. Thomas	Sr.	Guard	St. Paul, Minn./Cretin-Derham Hall
Tom Sawatzke	Carleton	Sr.	Guard	Monticello, Minn.
Scott Theisen	Carleton	Sr.	Wing	Champlin, Minn./Champlin Park
Kyle Zimmerman	Bethel	Jr.	Forward	Champlin, Minn./Champlin Park

2012-13 MIAC Men's Basketball All-Defensive Team

Name	Team	Year	Position	Hometown/Previous School
Ben Biewen	Gustavus	Sr.	Guard	Edina, Minn.
Taylor Hall	Bethel	Sr.	Forward	Blaine, Minn./Bemidji State
Dewon McKenzie	Concordia	Sr.	Guard	Minneapolis, Minn./Robbinsdale Cooper
John Nance	St. Thomas	Sr.	Guard	St. Paul, Minn./Cretin-Derham Hall
Erik Tengwall	St. Thomas	Jr.	Guard	Spicer, Minn./New London-Spicer
Noah Veach	Augsburg	Jr.	Guard/Forward	Grand Haven, Mich.

2012-13 MIAC Men's Basketball All-Freshman Team

Name	Team	Year	Position	Hometown/Previous School
Taylor Montero	St. Thomas	Fr.	Guard	Brooklyn Park, Minn./Cretin-Derham Hall
Dylan Kilgour	Macalester	Fr.	Guard	La Crescenta, Calif./Crescenta Valley
Mitchell Kuck	Saint John's	Fr.	Wing	Lino Lakes, Minn./Centennial
Brett Rasmussen	Augsburg	Fr.	Forward/Post	Lakeville, Minn./North
Will Swiggum	Saint Mary's	Fr.	Forward	St. Charles, Minn.

2012-13 MIAC Men's Basketball All-Conference Honorable Mention

Name	Team	Year	Position	Hometown/Previous School
Dior Ford	Hamline	So.	Forward	Tucson, Ariz./Sahuaro
Connor Gunderson	St. Olaf	Jr.	Guard	Austin, Minn.
Parker Hines	Augsburg	Jr.	Guard	Lakeville, Minn./Minnehaha Academy
Noah Kaiser	St. Thomas	Sr.	Forward	Mendota Heights, Minn./Henry Sibley
Sam Marshall	Macalester	Sr.	Forward	Sun Prairie, Wis.
Dewon McKenzie	Concordia	Sr.	Guard	Minneapolis, Minn./Robbinsdale Cooper
Chris Neumann	Saint John's	Sr.	Wing/Post	Winsted, Minn./Holy Trinity
Sterling Nielsen	St. Olaf	So.	Guard	Sioux Falls, S.D./O'Gorman
Zach Riedeman	St. Thomas	Jr.	Forward	Forest Lake, Minn.
JD Robinson	Bethel	Sr.	Forward	Plymouth, Minn./Robbinsdale Armstrong
Tyler Schmidt	Augsburg	Sr.	Guard	Le Sueur, Minn./Le Sueur-Henderson
Noah Veach	Augsburg	Jr.	Guard/Forward	Grand Haven, Mich.

2012-13 Men's Basketball All-MIAC Sportsmanship Team

Augsburg - Andy Seidlitz (Jr., New Hope, Minn./Robbinsdale Armstrong)
Bethel - Bjorn Westlund (Sr., Mounds View, Minn./Irondale)
Carleton - Tyler Goetz (Sr., Chaska, Minn.)
Concordia - Brandon Fisher (Sr., Fargo, N.D./South)
Gustavus - Ben Biewen (Sr., Edina, Minn.)
Hamline - Victor Easter (Sr., Minneapolis, Minn./South)
Macalester - Bert Yaffe (So., Bethesda, Md./Walter Johnson)
Saint John's - Chris Neumann (Sr., Winsted, Minn./Holy Trinity)
Saint Mary's - Josh Bennett, (Sr., North St. Paul, Minn.)
St. Olaf - Andrew Sathoff (Sr., North Mankato, Minn./Mankato West)
St. Thomas - Kevin Hannon (Jr., St. Paul, Minn./Cretin-Derham Hall)

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