

UST's Shaeffer headlines MIAC Men's Basketball Awards

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BLOOMINGTON, Minn. – The 2016-17 Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) men's basketball was both highly competitive and entertaining, and the top performers from another great season on the court were recognized Tuesday with the announcement of the 2016-17 MIAC Men's Basketball Awards.

St. Thomas senior guard Grant Shaeffer headlined the award announcement, as he was named the 2016-17 MIAC Joe Hutton Player-of-the-Year. Carleton College grabbed the other two individual honors, as Kent Hanson was named the MIAC's Sixth Man-of-the-Year, and Knights' Head Coach Guy Kalland was voted the MIAC Coach-of-the-Year by his peers.

Tuesday the conference also announced the MIAC All-Conference teams – including First Team, Second Team, Third Team and Honorable Mention – in addition to the All-Defensive Team, All-Rookie Team and All-MIAC Sportsmanship Team. The All-Conference teams got a facelift this year, as the conference coaches elected to divide up the honor squad into a six-player First Team, with five players honored each on the Second, Third and Honorable Mention Teams.

Shaeffer's Player-of-the-Year honor comes in recognition for his outstanding performance on the court, and his leadership on a Tommie team that won a share of its 12th-straight MIAC championship in 2016-17. The senior guided UST to a 19-7 overall record and a 15-5 conference mark, and Monday the team learned it received an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament. The team's success is especially remarkable considering the team lost numerous contributors from 2015-16's national championship squad.

This season, Shaeffer did it all for the Tommies, as he averaged 16.4 points, 4.6 rebounds and 4.7 assists per game overall, while shooting .491 from the floor, .389 from three and .763 from the line. His numbers in conference play were even better, as he ranked fifth in scoring (17.0 ppg) and seventh in assists (69) while also pulling down 4.8 rebounds per game and shooting an outstanding 51.5 percent from the floor, 41.2 percent from three and he converted 77.3 percent of his free throws. The St. Thomas guard also headlined the All-Conference First Team, his second-straight All-MIAC honor. Shaeffer also received Honorable Mention as a sophomore, and was an All-Rookie Team pick back in 2013-14.

Kalland and Hanson each received their individual honors for their roles in Carleton's remarkable season. The Knights started just 1-6 in conference play, but won each of their final 13 regular-season games, then won a 14th-straight in the MIAC Playoff quarterfinals before losing to eventual champion Bethel by just four points (57-53) in the semifinals.

This is the third MIAC coaching honor of Kalland's distinguished 33-year career leading Carleton's program, as he was also named the conference's Coach-of-the-Year in 2006 and 2011. This season, he guided Carleton players to one All-MIAC First Team honor, one Second Team award, two All-Defensive Team selections and Hanson to his conference honors. Kalland's team enjoyed the league's longest winning streak in 2016-17 and finished 18-9 overall and 14-6 in conference play, good for third place and the No. 3 seed in the MIAC Playoffs.

Hanson was voted the top reserve in the MIAC for his spark and production off the Carleton bench. The first-year forward was also named to the All-Rookie Team for his contributions to the Knights' success. Hanson averaged 12.1 points and 5.3 rebounds per game overall in just 24.1 minutes per game in 2015-16 while shooting .554 from the floor and .789 from the line. He ranked fifth in the MIAC in both field goal percentage and steals (40). In conference play, Hanson averaged 12.8 points and 4.8 rebounds per game and had the league's third-best field goal percentage at .588, and his 33 steals in MIAC play ranked fourth in the league.

Shaeffer was one of four repeat All-Conference picks on the First Team, as Carleton's Kevin Grow, Bethel's Trevor Hall and Augsburg's Collin Olmscheid also earned their second-straight selections. The First Team included a pair of players from Saint John's – David Stokman and Tyler Weiss – and one each from St. Thomas, Carleton, Bethel and Augsburg. The six-player team was made up of two seniors, three juniors and a sophomore. Grow and Hall also earned their second-straight All-Defensive Team honors in 2016-17.

A pair of Bethel players were named All-Conference for the third time in their careers. Royals' junior Bridgeport Tusler was named to the 2016-17 Second Team after earning All-Conference in each of the previous two seasons. Fellow Bethel guard Brycen Wojta was a Third-Team pick this season in addition to earning All-Conference honors in 2013-14 and 2014-15. Macalester's Kareem Ismail also earned his second career honor, as he was named All-Conference in 2014-15, and received a Third-Team nod this season.



As part of a conference-wide sportsmanship initiative, the MIAC also announced the 11th 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.

2016-17 MIAC MEN'S BASKETBALL AWARDS

Joe Hutton Player-of-the-Year - Grant Shaeffer, St. Thomas (Sr., Guard, Eden Prairie, Minn.)
Sixth Man-of-the-Year - Kent Hanson, Carleton (Fr., Forward, St. Paul, Minn./St. Paul Academy)
Coach-of-the-Year - Guy Kalland, Carleton (33rd Season)

2016-17 MIAC MEN'S BASKETBALL FIRST TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE

Name	School	Year	Position	Hometown/High School
Kevin Grow	Carleton	Jr.	Forward	Circle Pines, Minn. / Centennial
Trevor Hall	Bethel	Sr.	Guard	Blaine, Minn. / Spring Lake Park
Collin Olmscheid	Augsburg	Jr.	Forward	Buffalo, Minn.
Grant Shaeffer	St. Thomas	Sr.	Guard	Eden Prairie, Minn.
David Stokman	Saint John's	So.	Guard	Maple Lake, Minn.
Tyler Weiss	Saint John's	Jr.	Post	Shakopee, Minn.

2016-17 MIAC MEN'S BASKETBALL SECOND TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE

Name	School	Year	Position	Hometown/High School
Ryan Boll	St. Thomas	Jr.	Forward	Norwood Young America, Minn. / Waconia
Freddie Gillespie	Carleton	So.	Forward	St. Paul, Minn. / East Ridge
Michael Gutierrez	Macalester	So.	Guard	Stillwater, Minn. / St. Croix Prep
Zach Smith	Hamline	Jr.	Guard	Burnsville, Minn.
Bridgeport Tusler	Bethel	Jr.	Guard	Osseo, Minn.

2016-17 MIAC MEN'S BASKETBALL THIRD TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE

Name	School	Year	Position	Hometown/High School
Dylan Alderman	Concordia	Sr.	Guard	Fargo, N.D. / Shanley
Kareem Ismail	Macalester	Sr.	Center	Pasadena, Calif. / Flintridge Prep
Austin Nelson	Concordia	Sr.	Forward	Moorhead, Minn.
Robert Tobroxen	St. Olaf	Jr.	Forward	Burnsville, Minn. / Apple Valley
Brycen Wojta	Bethel	Sr.	Guard	Maple Grove, Minn.

2016-17 MIAC MEN'S BASKETBALL HONORABLE MENTION ALL-CONFERENCE

Name	School	Year	Position	Hometown/High School
Michael Hannon	St. Thomas	Jr.	Guard	St. Paul, Minn. / Cretin-Derham Hall
Peter Kruize	Gustavus	Sr.	Post	St. Peter, Minn.
Derek Magnuson	Bethel	So.	Center	St. Paul, Minn. / Roseville
Austin Majeskie	St. Olaf	Sr.	Forward	Mankato, Minn. / West
Riley Sharbono	Gustavus	So.	Wing	Marshall, Minn.

2016-17 MIAC MEN'S BASKETBALL ALL-DEFENSIVE TEAM

Name	School	Year	Position	Hometown/High School
Jordan Burich	St. Thomas	Sr.	Forward	Roseville, Minn.
Freddie Gillespie	Carleton	So.	Forward	St. Paul, Minn. / East Ridge
Kevin Grow	Carleton	Jr.	Forward	Circle Pines, Minn. / Centennial
Trevor Hall	Bethel	Sr.	Guard	Blaine, Minn. / Spring Lake Park
Bridgeport Tusler	Bethel	Jr.	Guard	Osseo, Minn.

2016-17 MIAC MEN'S BASKETBALL ALL-ROOKIE TEAM

Name	School	Year	Position	Hometown/High School
Jubie Alade	Saint John's	Fr.	Wing	Plymouth, Minn. / Robbinsdale Armstrong
Nate Albers	St. Olaf	Fr.	Guard	Shoreview, Minn. / Mounds View
Elijah Hannah	St. Thomas	Fr.	Forward	Apple Valley, Minn. / Minneapolis Roosevelt
Kent Hanson	Carleton	Fr.	Forward	St. Paul, Minn. / St. Paul Academy
Granger Kingland	Bethel	Fr.	Guard	Lake Mills, Iowa

2016-17 MEN'S BASKETBALL ALL-MIAC SPORTSMANSHIP TEAM

Augsburg - Nick Varner (Jr., Farmington, Minn.)
Bethel – Trevor Hall (Sr., Blaine, Minn./Spring Lake Park)
Carleton – Peter Bakker-Arkema (Sr., Ann Arbor, Mich. / Skyline)
Concordia – Austin Rund (Jr., Fergus Falls, Minn.)
Gustavus – Alec Koster (Sr., Redwood Falls, Minn. / Redwood Valley)
Hamline – Bret Lukes (Jr., Austin, Minn.)
Macalester – Jordan Black-Mathews (Sr., Dallas, Texas / Covenant Christian Academy)
Saint John's – Will Bauman (Sr., Monticello, Minn.)
Saint Mary's – Chad Schlosser (Sr., Stillwater, Minn.)
St. Olaf – Sam Lagus (Sr., Stillwater, Minn.)
St. Thomas – Ryan Johnson (Sr., Eagan, Minn.)

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