

Auggies' Olmscheid headlines MIAC Men's Basketball Awards

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BLOOMINGTON, Minn. – With the 2017-18 Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) men's basketball season in the books, the Conference honored the year's top performers with the announcement of the annual MIAC Men's Basketball Awards on Tuesday.

Augsburg forward **Collin Olmscheid** was voted the league's Joe Hutton Player of the Year for his outstanding senior campaign, while Saint John's coach **Pat McKenzie** was honored with the Coach of the Year award and the Johnnies' sophomore wing **Jubie Alade** received Sixth Man of the Year accolades.

Olmscheid led the MIAC in scoring as the only player in the Conference to average 20-plus points per game in 2017-18. He registered double-digit point totals in every MIAC game and all but one contest on the year and converted a MIAC-best 91.6 percent of his free throw attempts in Conference play. A four-year contributor and three-year starter for the MIAC Playoff Champion Auggies, Olmscheid has set overall career-highs in nearly every offensive category this season, including minutes (928), field goals (211), field goal percentage (55.4), three-point percentage (45.0), free throw percentage (87.7) and points (574).

McKenzie received Coach of the Year honors after guiding the Johnnies to a 23-win regular season - the program's largest regular season win total since 1985-86 - and SJU's first outright Conference Championship since 2005. McKenzie's teams have won at least 19 games in each of his three seasons at the helm in Collegeville. Ranked among the top-10 teams in the nation for much of the season, Saint John's finished the regular season at No. 3 in D3hoops.com's Top 25 Poll - the Johnnies' highest ranking in the history of the Poll, which made its debut ahead of the 1999-2000 season. This is McKenzie's first Coach of the Year honor.

Alade provided a spark off the bench all season long for Saint John's, averaging just more than 22 minutes per game for the regular season MIAC champs. Alade scored an average of 11.0 points against Conference foes and posted double-digit point totals in 11 of the 18 MIAC games he suited up for. The sophomore wing's star shined brightest against some of the league's toughest opponents as well, as Alade registered 20-plus-point games as a reserve against both Augsburg and Bethel - the MIAC Playoff Champion and runner-up - in January.

In addition to individual awards, MIAC coaches also voted on and selected All-Conference Teams, as well as the All-Defensive and All-First-Year Teams. Carleton senior forward **Kevin Grow** joined Olmscheid as three-time All-Conference honorees, while Saint John's senior post **Tyler Weiss** earned his second consecutive First Team nod. Grow was also named to his third straight All-Defensive Team. St. Thomas senior forward **Ryan Boll** - a Second Team All-Conference selection last season - moved up to First Team this season, while St. Olaf's **Robert Tobroxen** moved up from Third Team to First Team following a tremendous senior season for the Oles. Carleton's **Kent Hanson** - selected to the All-First-Year squad as a rookie last season - was only underclassman to receive First Team All-Conference honors for the 2017-18 season.

As part of a Conference-wide sportsmanship initiative, the MIAC also announced the 12th 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.



Olmscheid had 13 20-point performances in the regular season, with seven coming against MIAC Playoff teams. (Photo: Kevin Healy | Augsburg University)

2017-18 MIAC Men's Basketball Awards

Joe Hutton Player of the Year – Collin Olmscheid | F | Augsburg (Sr. | Buffalo, Minn.)

Sixth Man of the Year – Jubie Alade | W | Saint John's (So. | Plymouth, Minn. | Robbinsdale Armstrong)

Coach of the Year – Pat McKenzie | Saint John's (3rd season)

2018 MIAC Men's Basketball First Team All-Conference

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School
F	Ryan Boll	St. Thomas	Sr.	Norwood Young America, Minn. Waconia

F	Kevin Grow	Carleton	Sr.	Circle Pines, Minn. Centennial
F	Kent Hanson	Carleton	So.	St. Paul, Minn. St. Paul Academy
F	Collin Olmscheid	Augsburg	Sr.	Buffalo, Minn.
F	Robert Tobroxen	St. Olaf	Sr.	Burnsville, Minn. Apple Valley
P	Tyler Weiss	Saint John's	Sr.	Shakopee, Minn.

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Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School
G	Booker Coplin	Augsburg	So.	Shakopee, Minn.
G	Granger Kingland	Bethel	So.	Lake Mills, Iowa
F	Austin Korba	St. Olaf	Jr.	Lakeville, Minn. Apple Valley
G	Zach Smith	Hamline	Sr.	Burnsville, Minn.
G	David Stokman	Saint John's	Jr.	Maple Lake, Minn.

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Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School
W	Jubie Alade	Saint John's	So.	Plymouth, Minn. Robbinsdale Armstrong
G	Nate Albers	St. Olaf	So.	Shoreview, Minn. Mounds View
G	Matt Ambriz	Bethel	Jr.	Woodbury, Minn.
W	Riley Sharbono	Gustavus	Jr.	Marshall, Minn.
G	Harry Sonie	Augsburg	Sr.	Burnsville, Minn. Apple Valley

2018 MIAC Men's Basketball Honorable Mention

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School
G	Garrett Goetz	Saint John's	Sr.	Rosemount, Minn.
G	Dylan See-Rockers	Hamline	Sr.	Albert Lea, Minn.
G	Patrick Strom	Saint John's	Sr.	Fargo, N.D. Shanley
W	Kelsey Thomas	Gustavus	Sr.	Wiesbaden, Germany
G	Bridgeport Tusler	Bethel	Sr.	Osseo, Minn.
P	Lucas Walford	Saint John's	So.	Elko, Minn. New Prague

2018 MIAC Men's Basketball All-Defensive Team

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School
G	Dominic Bledsoe	St. Olaf	Fy.	St. Paul, Minn. De La Salle
F	Kevin Grow	Carleton	Sr.	Circle Pines, Minn. Centennial
G	Harry Sonie	Augsburg	Sr.	Burnsville, Minn. Apple Valley
F	Robert Tobroxen	St. Olaf	Sr.	Burnsville, Minn. Apple Valley
P	Lucas Walford	Saint John's	So.	Elko, Minn. New Prague

2018 MIAC Men's Basketball All-First-Year Team

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School
G	Dominic Bledsoe	St. Olaf	Fy.	St. Paul, Minn. De La Salle

G	Burt Hedstrom	St. Thomas	Fy.	Minnetonka, Minn.
F	Jackson Henningfield	Macalester	Fy.	Lake Mary, Fla. Lyman
G	Ryan Lindberg	St. Thomas	Fy.	Plymouth, Minn. Wayzata
G	Matthew Stritzel	Carleton	Fy.	Chicago, Ill. Niles Notre Dame

2018 MIAC Men's Basketball All-Sportsmanship Team

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School
F	Brent Kinder	Augsburg	Jr.	Forest Lake, Minn.
F	Tim Hanson	Bethel	Sr.	Arden Hills, Minn. Mounds View
G	Malekai Mischke	Carleton	Sr.	Beijing, China International School of Beijing
C	Austin Heins	Concordia	Sr.	Sioux Falls, S.D. Washington
G	Austin Goetz	Gustavus	Sr.	Chaska, Minn. Chanhassen
G	TC Robinson	Hamline	Sr.	Blaine, Minn. Spring Lake Park
G	Brett Olson	Macalester	Sr.	New London, Minn. New London-Spicer
W	John Oliver	Saint John's	Sr.	Chicago, Ill. Marian Catholic
W	Brandon Retzlaff	Saint Mary's	Sr.	Elroy, Wis. Royall
G	Ben Scheffley	St. Olaf	Jr.	Inver Grove Heights, Minn. Simley
G	Tyler Potts	St. Thomas	Sr.	Dubuque, Iowa Wahlert