

MIAC announces 2019-20 Men's Basketball Awards

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BLOOMINGTON, Minn. – With the 2019-20 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 guard **Booker Coplin** and Saint John's wing **Jubie Alade** shared Joe Hutton Player of the Year honors, while St. Thomas senior forward **Elijah Hannah** was named MIAC Sixth Man of the Year and his head coach, **Johnny Tauer**, was selected the MIAC Coach of the Year.

Alade (Sr. | Plymouth, Minn. | Robbinsdale Armstrong) started all 20 conference games for the Johnnies this season, averaging 18.3 points and 4.3 rebounds per game. The senior wing eclipsed 20 points six times against five different MIAC opponents during the regular season and led the league in both three-point percentage (53.6) and free throw percentage (89.6) in conference contests. Alade is the third Johnnies in the last 30 seasons to be named MIAC Player of the Year, joining Travis Weiss (1994) and Troy Bigalke (2000-01).

Coplin (Sr. | Shakopee, Minn.) earned his second straight MIAC Player of the Year honor after leading the conference in scoring for the second year in a row with an average of 24.1 points per league game. Coplin paced the MIAC in field goals (163), three-point field goals (52), free throws (105), and points (483) in his final season as an Auggie. He went for at least 20 points against 11 different MIAC squads this season and scored at least 30 three times in league play, with all three performances coming in the final month of the regular season. Coplin is one of only five players since 1990 to receive MIAC Men's Basketball Player of the Year honors more than once and he is the first to repeat as a Player of the Year honoree since St. Thomas' Isaac Rosefelt in 2006-07.

Hannah (Sr. | Apple Valley, Minn. | Minneapolis Roosevelt) averaged 18.6 minutes per game off the bench for the MIAC regular-season co-champion Tommies. The 6-foot-3 senior made the most of those minutes, posting at least 10 points in 14 of his 20 league games while shooting just over 55 percent on the year. St. Thomas is now 22-2 in games over the last two seasons when Hannah scores in double figures. Hannah is the 11th different Tommie to be named MIAC Sixth Man of the Year since 1989, joining a list that includes last year's winner, **Burt Hedstrom**, as well as current Tommie coach **Johnny Tauer**, who won the award as a player at St. Thomas in 1992.

Tauer was honored by his peers with MIAC Coach of the Year recognition for the fifth time in his career after leading the Tommies to a 23-2 regular season and 19-1 record in conference play. The ninth-year head coach guided the Tommies to a share of their 14th regular-season championship in the last 15 years. Tauer's previous Coach of the Year honors came in 2013, 2015, 2016, and 2019.

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. Alade, Coplin, and Carleton's **Kent Hanson** all became three-time All-MIAC honorees, while eight players - Augsburg's **Matt Carik**, Bethel's **Jack Jenson**, Macalester's **Jackson Henningfield**, Saint John's **Zach Hanson** and **Lucas Walford**, Saint Mary's **Eli Cave**, St. Olaf's **Dominic Bledsoe**, and St. Thomas' **Anders Nelson**, each received All-Conference honors for the second time. Bledsoe, Coplin, and Walford were also repeat-selections to the All-Defensive Team.

As part of a conference-wide sportsmanship initiative, the MIAC also announced the 14th 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.



2019-20 MIAC Men's Basketball Awards

Joe Hutton Co-Player of the Year – Booker Coplin | G | Augsburg (Sr. | Shakopee, Minn.)

Joe Hutton Co-Player of the Year – Jubie Alade | W | Saint John's (Sr. | Plymouth, Minn. | Robbinsdale Armstrong)

Sixth Man of the Year – Elijah Hannah | F | St. Thomas (Sr. | Apple Valley, Minn. | Minneapolis Roosevelt)

Coach of the Year – Johnny Tauer (9th season)

2019-20 MIAC Men's Basketball First Team All-Conference

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School	Previous Selections
W	Jubie Alade	Saint John's	Sr.	Plymouth, Minn. Robbinsdale Armstrong	2018 (3T) 2019 (3T)
F	Eli Cave	Saint Mary's	Jr.	St. Paul, Minn. Benilde-St. Margaret's	2019 (2T)

G	Booker Coplin	Augsburg	Sr.	Shakopee, Minn.	2018 (2T) 2019 (1T)
F	Kent Hanson	Carleton	Sr.	St. Paul, Minn. St. Paul Academy	2018 (1T) 2019 (2T)
P	Zach Hanson	Saint John's	Jr.	New Prague, Minn.	2019 (3T)
G	Anders Nelson	St. Thomas	So.	Edina, Minn.	2019 (1T)

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Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School	Previous Selections
G	Matt Carik	Augsburg	Jr.	Rogers, Minn.	2019 (3T)
F	Isaiah Carver-Bagley	Bethel	Jr.	Kalamazoo, Mich. Minnetonka	--
F	Jackson Henningfield	Macalester	Jr.	Lake Mary, Fla. Lyman	2019 (2T)
G	Riley Miller	St. Thomas	So.	Eden Prairie, Minn. Benilde-St. Margaret's	--
P	Lucas Walford	Saint John's	Sr.	Elko, Minn. New Prague	2018 (HM) 2019 (2T)

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Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School	Previous Selections
F	Tommy Anderson	St. Thomas	Sr.	Muskego, Wis.	--
F	Jeremy Beckler	Carleton	Fy.	Lino Lakes, Minn. White Bear Lake	--
G	Dominic Bledsoe	St. Olaf	Jr.	St. Paul, Minn. DeLaSalle	2019 (HM)
F	Elijah Hannah	St. Thomas	Sr.	Apple Valley, Minn. Minneapolis Roosevelt	--
G	Jack Jenson	Bethel	Sr.	Eden Prairie, Minn. Southwest Christian	2019 (3T)

2019-20 MIAC Men's Basketball Honorable Mention

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School	Previous Selections
G	Nate Albers	St. Olaf	Sr.	Shoreview, Minn. Mounds View	2018 (3T)
F	Alex Battist	Carleton	So.	Maple Grove, Minn.	--
F	Troy Diggins, Jr.	St. Olaf	Sr.	Montevideo, Minn.	2019 (HM)
G	Granger Kingland	Bethel	Sr.	Lake Mills, Iowa	2018 (2T) 2019 (1T)
G	Ryan Lindberg	St. Thomas	Jr.	Plymouth, Minn. Wayzata	--

2019-20 MIAC Men's Basketball All-Defensive Team

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School	Previous Selections
G	Dominic Bledsoe	St. Olaf	Jr.	St. Paul, Minn. DeLaSalle	2018 2019
G	Booker Coplin	Augsburg	Sr.	Shakopee, Minn.	2019
P	Jake Guse	Gustavus	So.	Waseca, Minn.	--
G	Ryan Lindberg	St. Thomas	Jr.	Plymouth, Minn. Wayzata	--

2019-20 MIAC Men's Basketball All-First-Year Team

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School
G	Raheem Anthony	Saint Mary's	Fy.	Chicago, Ill. DePaul College Prep
F	Jeremy Beckler	Carleton	Fy.	Lino Lakes, Minn. White Bear Lake
F	Michael Meriggioli	St. Olaf	Fy.	Waubesa, Wis. Edgewood
G	Joe Palmer	Augsburg	Fy.	Faribault, Minn.
G	Isaac Tessier	Carleton	Fy.	White Bear Lake, Minn.

2019-20 MIAC Men's Basketball All-Sportsmanship Team

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School
G	Isaiah Robinson	Augsburg	Sr.	Apple Valley, Minn. Henry Sibley
G	Granger Kingland	Bethel	Sr.	Lake Mills, Iowa
G	Henry Bensen	Carleton	Sr.	Roseville, Minn.
C	John Reiten	Concordia	Sr.	Minot, N.D. Our Redeemers Christian
P	Leif Engen	Gustavus	Sr.	Moorhead, Minn.
W	Lucas Berg	Hamline	Sr.	Farmington, Minn.
G	Mike Babb	Macalester	Sr.	St. Louis, Mo. St. John Vianney
P	Kyle Sorenson	Saint John's	Sr.	Caledonia, Minn.
G	Kevin Gleason	Saint Mary's	Sr.	Minneapolis, Minn. Washburn
F	Travis Fauchald	St. Olaf	Sr.	Chaska, Minn.
G	Nathan Stenger	St. Thomas	Sr.	Iowa City, Iowa Regina