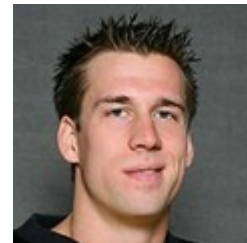


# Gustavus' Ross Ring-Jarvi headlines 2011-12 MIAC Men's Hockey Awards

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ST. PAUL, Minn. -- The 2011-12 Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) men's hockey season had plenty of unforgettable moments, from the season-opening MIAC Men's Hockey Showcase all the way through Saturday's postseason championship game. Tuesday, the players who delivered a season full of highlights were honored as the conference announced its 2011-12 MIAC Men's Hockey Awards.

Headlining the honors was Gustavus senior **Ross Ring-Jarvi** (Anoka, Minn.), who was named the MIAC Men's Hockey Player-of-the-Year. The league's top coaching honor was awarded to St. Thomas' **Jeff Boeser**, as the Tommies' head coach was voted the MIAC Men's Hockey Coach-of-the-Year by his peers. In addition, the MIAC announced its All-Conference team, All-Rookie Team, All-Conference Honorable Mention honors and All-MIAC Sportsmanship team.



Ring-Jarvi caps a career full of MIAC honors with the league's top award. The senior forward and captain has led the Gusties back to the NCAA Division III Men's Hockey Tournament thanks to the 2012 MIAC Playoff championship they captured Saturday on their home ice. This season, Gustavus is 16-6-5 overall, and it was 8-5-3 in the MIAC to finish in second place in the league standings. Wednesday, Ring-Jarvi and his teammates will host Milwaukee School of Engineering at 7 p.m. in the first round of the national playoffs.



Ross Ring-Jarvi is the MIAC Men's Hockey Player-of-the-Year. (Photo by Matt Higgins, MIAC)

The Player-of-the-Year honor accompanies Ring-Jarvi's fourth-straight All-MIAC selection. This season, he was also honored as Gustavus' selection on the All-MIAC Sportsmanship team to go along with his All-Rookie team selection back in 2008-09. Ring-Jarvi was among the MIAC leaders in most offensive statistical categories, ranking second in points (29), 12th in goals (10), third in assists (19), first in short-handed goals (two), fourth in game-winning goals (three) and fifth in power play points (seven). In conference play, he was third in points (21) and assists (14), eighth in goals (seven), seventh in power play points (seven) and first in short-handed goals and points (two).

Boeser's St. Thomas team dominated an otherwise evenly-matched conference during regular-season league play in 2011-12. The Tommies are 18-5-2 overall and were 13-2-1 in conference play with 27 points, winning the league title by an astounding eight-point margin. UST received an at-large bid to the Division III Tournament, and will travel to St. Norbert Wednesday at 7 p.m. In his two seasons leading UST, Boeser is 32-15-4 overall and 22-7-3 in MIAC play, with first- and second-place conference finishes.

A look at the stats proved Boeser's team's excellence this season. In overall games, the Tommies led the MIAC in goals (85, 3.4 per game), goals allowed (57, 2.28 per game), power play (24.6 percent), penalty kill (88.3 percent) and combined special teams (56.7 percent). They were just as good in conference play, ranking first in goals (55, 3.44 per game), goals allowed (35, 2.19 per game), power play (27.0 percent) and combined special teams (58.6 while ranking second in penalty kill. Boeser's award is one of many for UST this season with three All-Conference selections, two on the All-Rookie team and six Honorable Mention honors.

Ring-Jarvi isn't the only MIAC senior to punctuate a stellar career with another MIAC honor. Concordia senior defenseman **Erick Galt** is also a four-time All-Conference honoree. Hamline teammates **Brian Arrigoni** and **Beau Christian** and the Bethel duo of **Jon Crouse** and **Jack Paul** all earned their third-straight All-MIAC honor and St. Olaf's **Derek Grogan**, St. Thomas' **Riley Horgan**, Concordia's **Caleb Suderman** and Hamline's **Jordan VanGilder** each was named All-Conference for the second-straight season. St. Olaf's **Charlie Raskob** also earned the second All-Conference honor of his career, to go along with the one he received in 2009-10.

Back in 2008-09, Ring-Jarvi, Galt, Arrigoni, Grogan and Raskob were all members of the same star-studded MIAC All-Rookie team. Now that each has added multiple MIAC honors as their careers come to an end, it's interesting to look back at how that group was accurately identified for greatness so early in their careers.

St. Olaf - which met Gustavus in Saturday's Playoff title game - led the way with four players on the All-Conference team this season. The Tommies, Bethel and Hamline each had three players honored. Saint John's and Concordia had two players honored each and Gustavus, Augsburg and Saint Mary's all placed one player on the honor squad. There were 12 seniors, four juniors, three sophomores and one freshman on the 20-player team. In addition, the league's six top freshman were honored on this year's All-Rookie team and 18 players were named All-Conference Honorable Mention.

As part of a conference-wide sportsmanship initiative, the MIAC also announced the sixth annual All-MIAC Sportsmanship team for men's hockey. 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.

## 2011-12 MIAC Men's Hockey Awards

**Player-of-the-Year** - Ross Ring Jarvi (Sr., Forward, Anoka, Minn.)

**Coach-of-the-Year** - Jeff Boeser, St. Thomas (2nd season)

## 2011-12 MIAC Men's Hockey All-Conference Team

Name	Team	Year	Position	Hometown/Previous School
Brian Arrigoni	Hamline	Sr.	Forward	St. Paul, Minn./Hill-Murray
Austin Balko	Saint Mary's	So.	Forward	Midland, Mich.
Beau Christian	Hamline	Sr.	Goaltender	Moorhead, Minn.
Jon Crouse	Bethel	Jr.	Defense	Alexandria, Minn.
Trevor Doden	Augsburg	Sr.	Forward	Red Wing, Minn.
Erick Galt	Concordia	Sr.	Defense	Fargo, N.D./South
Derek Grogan	St. Olaf	Sr.	Defense	Eagan, Minn.
John Haeg	Saint John's	Fr.	Forward	Lakeville, Minn./Holy Angels
Riley Horgan	St. Thomas	Jr.	Forward	Minnetrista, Minn./Mound Westonka
Trent Johnson	Saint John's	So.	Defense	Duluth, Minn./Denfeld
Jake Kogler	Bethel	Sr.	Forward	Forest Lake, Minn.
Ben Leis	St. Olaf	Sr.	Goaltender	Duluth, Minn./East
Jack Paul	Bethel	Jr.	Forward	Minnetonka, Minn.
Rob Philipp	St. Thomas	Sr.	Forward	Thief River Falls, Minn.
Charlie Raskob	St. Olaf	Sr.	Forward	Hastings, Minn./Holy Angels
Ross Ring-Jarvi	Gustavus	Sr.	Forward	Anoka, Minn.
Peter Rohn	St. Olaf	Sr.	Forward	Vettré, Norway/Michigan Tech
Caleb Suderman	Concordia	So.	Defense	Winkler, Man.
Jordan VanGilder	Hamline	Sr.	Forward	Lino Lakes, Minn./Centennial
Robbie Vannelli	St. Thomas	Jr.	Defense	Mendota Heights, Minn./St. Thomas Academy

## 2011-12 MIAC Men's Hockey All-Rookie Team

Name	Team	Year	Position	Hometown/Previous School
Alex Altenbernd	St. Thomas	Fr.	Forward	Moorhead, Minn.
Wally Coasstte	Saint John's	Fr.	Defense	Maple Grove, Minn.
John Haeg	Saint John's	Fr.	Forward	Lakeville, Minn./Holy Angels
Michael Krieg	St. Thomas	Fr.	Defense	Phoenix, Ariz./Desert Vista
John McLean	Gustavus	Fr.	Goaltender	Eagan, Minn./Minnehaha Academy
Andy Pearson	Gustavus	Fr.	Forward	Burnsville, Minn.

## 2011-12 MIAC Men's Hockey All-Conference Honorable Mention

Name	Team	Year	Position	Hometown/Previous School
Alex Altenbernd	St. Thomas	Fr.	Forward	Moorhead, Minn.
Travis Baker	St. Thomas	Jr.	Forward	New Brighton, Minn./Irondale
Wally Cossette	Saint John's	Fr.	Defense	Maple Grove, Minn.
Chris Fiala	Bethel	Sr.	Forward	Vadnais Heights, Minn./White Bear Lake
Drew Fielding	St. Thomas	Fr.	Goaltender	Burlington, Ont./Nelson
Josh Gross	Saint John's	So.	Forward	Maple Grove, Minn.
David Hines	Augsburg	Sr.	Defense	Sartell, Minn./St. Cloud Tech
Michael Krieg	St. Thomas	Fr.	Defense	Phoenix, Ariz./Desert Vista
Anthony Moser	St. Thomas	Jr.	Defense	Billings, Mont./Skyview
Chris Neamonitis	Concordia	So.	Goaltender	Montreal, Que.
Michael Palmiscino	Saint John's	Jr.	Forward	East Grand Forks, N.D.
Jascha Pettit	Saint John's	Jr.	Forward	Wadena, Minn./Wadena-Deer Creek
Joe Rubbelke	Hamline	Fr.	Defense	North St. Paul, Minn.
Tyrone Simcoe	St. Thomas	Jr.	Goaltender	Plymouth, Minn./Wayzata
Ross Trousdale	St. Olaf	Jr.	Forward	Buffalo, Minn.
J.D. Wells	Saint John's	Jr.	Goaltender	Anoka, Minn.
Aaron Wheeler	Concordia	Jr.	Forward	Moorhead, Minn.

Nick Widing	Hamline	Fr.	Forward	Somerset, Wis./Hill-Murray
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**2011-12 Men's Hockey All-MIAC Sportsmanship Team**

- Augsburg - David Hines (Sr., Sartell, Minn./St. Cloud Tech)
- Bethel - Chaz Gerads (Sr., Blaine, Minn.)
- Concordia - Mark McNaughton (Sr., Dunster, B.C./McBride Secondary)
- Gustavus - Ross Ring-Jarvi (Sr., Anoka, Minn.)
- Hamline - Tim Olson (Sr., Apple Valley, Minn./Eastview)
- Saint John's - Josh Gross (So., Maple Grove, Minn.)
- Saint Mary's - Brad Fusaro (So., Soldonta, Alaska)
- St. Olaf - Aaron Molstad (Sr., Stillwater, Minn.)
- St. Thomas - Rob Philipp (Sr., Thief River Falls, Minn.)