

Fielding, Suderman headline 2013-14 MIAC Men's Hockey Awards

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ST. PAUL Minn. -- It was another outstanding season on the ice in "The State of Hockey's" NCAA Division III conference and, Tuesday, the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) honored the top performers from 2013-14 with the announcement of the 2013-14 MIAC Men's Hockey Awards. The top honor was shared by St. Thomas' Drew Fielding and Concordia's Caleb Suderman, as the duo headlined the awards as MIAC Co-Players-of-the-Year.

St. Thomas captured its third-straight regular-season MIAC championship in 2013-14, and added the MIAC Playoff championship Saturday, so it was only fitting the Tommies had a hand in both of the conference's major awards. In addition to Fielding's shared Player-of-the-Year honor with Cobber standout Suderman, UST Head Coach Jeff Boeser was named the MIAC Coach-of-the-Year for the second time in three seasons. The conference also announced the All-Conference, All-Rookie and All-Conference Honorable Mention teams, as well as the Men's Hockey All-MIAC Sportsmanship Team.



Suderman wasn't only the MIAC's top defender in 2013-14 - the Cobber senior star was also the league's best skater. In addition to his Co-Player-of-the-Year honor, Suderman also earned his fourth-straight All-Conference honor to appropriately punctuate an incredible career at Concordia. This season, his 30 points not only led all defenders, they ranked third overall in the MIAC, and he was the only defenseman to rank in the top 20 in points in the league. His 30 points are the most by any Division III defender this season.

The Cobber star scored 16 goals and notched 14 assists overall to rank third in goals and tied for sixth in assists, while leading MIAC defensemen in points, goals and assists. He ranked first in game-winning goals (four) and power play goals (six), and second in power play points (10). Suderman scored 17 of his points in conference play (nine goals, eight assists) and ranked fifth in points, fourth in goals and 12th in assists. He led the Cobbers to a 12-9-5 overall record, a 6-6-4 mark in MIAC play, and a spot in the MIAC Playoffs.

Fielding and Boeser were honored for their roles in the Tommies' third-straight MIAC regular-season championship. St. Thomas is currently ranked No. 2 in the nation with a 21-4-2 overall record, and it finished with a near-perfect 13-1-2 MIAC record to claim the conference title. UST added the MIAC Playoff title with a 2-1 championship-game win over Gustavus Saturday, and it will open NCAA Division III Tournament play Saturday when it hosts No. 4-ranked UW-Stevens Point at 7 p.m.

This season, Fielding was the best goalie in the conference, and among the nation's best. He is 20-4-2 in the crease this season (.808), and the junior leads the MIAC with a 1.37 goals against average (GAA), and a .944 save percentage. Those numbers also rank third nationally and his seven shutouts lead the MIAC and are tied for the most in all of Division III.

In conference play, Fielding was even better, going 13-1-2 in goal (.875) with a 1.17 GAA and a .949 save percentage. He also led MIAC goalies in all those statistical categories. En route to the conference championship, Fielding allowed just 19 goals while making 352 saves. In addition to his Co-Player-of-the-Year award, Fielding earned his second-straight All-Conference honor after receiving All-Conference Honorable Mention honors as a freshman.

Boeser led St. Thomas to its third conference title in his four seasons on the bench, and claimed his second MIAC Coach-of-the-Year award after also receiving the honor from his peers in 2011-12. Boeser's team had the perfect recipe for success in conference play, with the MIAC's No. 1 scoring offense (3.44 goals per game) and defense (1.19 goals per game). UST also ranked second on both the power play (23.6 percent) and penalty kill (89.8 percent), and led the MIAC with a net plus-9 on special teams. Overall, the Tommies also ranked No. 1 in defense (1.41 goals per game) and third in offense (3.04 goals per game).

The conference-champion Tommies were well-represented on the All-Conference team with six selections to lead the league. Gustavus, Saint John's and Concordia had three players honored apiece, St. Olaf and Augsburg each had two players selected and Hamline had one. The All-MIAC team was heavy on juniors, with nine juniors, six seniors and five sophomores forming the 20-player First Team.

Many of the All-MIAC players were no stranger to conference honors, led by Suderman's fourth-straight selection, and a third-straight All-Conference nod for Saint John's junior forward John Haeg. St. Thomas' Fielding, Alex Altenbernd, Tyler Gubb, Jeremy Hepler and Michael Krieg all earned their second-straight All-Conference honor, as did Gustavus' Adam Smyth, Saint John's Phil Johnson, Concordia's Jordie Bancroft, Augsburg's Chris Student and Hamline's Joe Rubbelke.

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

Co-Player-of-the-Year - Drew Fielding, St. Thomas (Jr., Goalie, Burlington, Ont./Nelson)

Co-Player-of-the-Year - Caleb Suderman, Concordia (Sr., Defense, Winkler, Man.)

Coach-of-the-Year - Jeff Boeser, St. Thomas (Fourth season)

2013-14 MIAC Men's Hockey All-Conference Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown/Previous School</u>
Alex Altenbernd	St. Thomas	Jr.	Forward	Moorhead, Minn.
Jordie Bancroft	Concordia	So.	Forward	Grand Forks, N.D.
Dan Cecka	St. Olaf	Sr.	Forward	Woodbury, Minn./Hill-Murray
Andrew Deters	Concordia	Jr.	Forward	Sartell, Minn.
Drew Fielding	St. Thomas	Jr.	Goalie	Burlington, Ont./Nelson
Tyler Gubb	St. Thomas	Sr.	Forward	Markham, Ont./Michigan Tech
John Haeg	Saint John's	Jr.	Forward	Lakeville, Minn./Holy Angels
Jeremy Hepler	St. Thomas	Jr.	Defense	Sarver, Pa./Freeport
Phil Johnson	Saint John's	Jr.	Forward	Duluth, Minn./East
Michael Krieg	St. Thomas	Jr.	Defense	Phoenix, Ariz./Desert Vista
Corey Leivermann	Gustavus	Sr.	Forward	North Mankato, Minn./Mankato West
Peter Lindblad	St. Olaf	So.	Forward	Glenwood, Minn.
John McLean	Gustavus	So.	Goalie	Eagan, Minn./Minnehaha Academy
Nick Nielsen	St. Thomas	So.	Forward	Bloomington, Minn./Jefferson
Mack Ohnsted	Augsburg	So.	Forward	Vernon Hills, Ill./Adlai E. Stevenson
Joe Rubbelke	Hamline	Jr.	Defense	North St. Paul, Minn.
Nick Senta	Saint John's	Jr.	Defense	Savage, Minn./Burnsville
Adam Smyth	Gustavus	Sr.	Forward	Burnsville, Minn.
Chris Student	Augsburg	Sr.	Defense	Edina, Minn./Benilde-St. Margaret's
Caleb Suderman	Concordia	Sr.	Defense	Winkler, Man.

2013-14 MIAC Men's Hockey All-Rookie Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown/Previous School</u>
Drew Aspinwall	Gustavus	Fr.	Defense	Maple Grove, Minn.
Jonas Fredriksson	St. Olaf	Fr.	Defense	Marsta, Sweden/Stanstead College
Garrett Hendrickson	Concordia	Fr.	Forward	Virginia, Minn.
John Sellie-Hanson	Hamline	Fr.	Goalie	Fargo, N.D./North
Steven Sherman	St. Olaf	Fr.	Forward	San Diego, Calif./Scripps Ranch
Thomas Williams	St. Thomas	Fr.	Forward	Alexandria, Minn.

2013-14 MIAC Men's Hockey All-Conference Honorable Mention

<u>Name</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown/Previous School</u>
Jonas Fredriksson	St. Olaf	Fr.	Defense	Marsta, Sweden/Stanstead College
Garrett Hendrickson	Concordia	Fr.	Forward	Virginia, Minn.
Trent Johnson	Saint John's	Sr.	Defense	Duluth, Minn./Denfeld
Bob Marx	Saint Mary's	Jr.	Defense	Sioux City, Iowa
Alex Niestrom	St. Thomas	Sr.	Forward	Darien, Ill./Culver Military Academy
Kevin Novakovich	Hamline	So.	Forward	Saratoga, Calif./Lynbrook
Travis Payne	Bethel	So.	Forward	Gaylord, Mich./Sault Area
Brock Raffaele	Bethel	So.	Forward	Cadillac, Mich./Gilmour Academy
Axel Ramsgard	Saint John's	Sr.	Defense	Gothenburg, Sweden/Goteborg Hogre Samskola Gymnasium
Steven Sherman	St. Olaf	Fr.	Forward	San Diego, Calif./Scripps Ranch
Saxton Soley	Saint John's	So.	Goalie	Elk Mound, Wis./Eau Claire Memorial
Bobby Thompson	Saint Mary's	Sr.	Forward	Centerville, Minn.

2013-14 Men's Hockey All-MIAC Sportsmanship Team

Augsburg - Zach Dick (Jr., Grand Rapids, Minn.)
Bethel - Josh Shingler (Sr., Shawano, Wis.)
Concordia - Max Smith (So., Eagan, Minn.)
Gustavus - (Andy Pearson (Jr., Burnsville, Minn.)
Hamline - Joel Scatterelli (Sr., Elk River, Minn./Rogers)
Saint John's - Zach Knight (Sr., Minneapolis, Minn./Bloomington Jefferson)
Saint Mary's - A.J. Mueller (New Berlin, Minn./UW-River Falls)
St. Olaf - Dylan Porter (Sr., Rosemount, Minn.)
St. Thomas - Alex Niestrom (Sr., Darien, Ill./Culver Military Academy)

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