

UST's Fielding, Saint Mary's Moore headline MIAC Men's Hockey Awards

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BLOOMINGTON, Minn. -- The 2014-15 Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) men's hockey season was filled with parity, incredible storylines and countless tremendous highlights. Tuesday, the top performers from another great season in "The State of Hockey" were recognized with the announcement of the 2014-15 MIAC Men's Hockey Awards, led by two-time MIAC Player-of-the-Year Drew Fielding of St. Thomas.

The Tommie goalie led his team to the MIAC's regular-season and completed his stellar career with his second-straight honor as the league's top player. Last season, Fielding was named Co-Player-of-the-Year alongside Concordia's Caleb Suderman. The other top individual honor went to Saint Mary's Head Coach Bill Moore, who led one of the MIAC's surprise teams to a second-place regular-season finish, and a trip to the MIAC Playoff championship game.

In addition to the individual honors, the MIAC also announced the All-Conference Team, All-Rookie Team, All-Conference Honorable Mention selections and the All-MIAC Sportsmanship Team. All awards are nominated and voted on by the MIAC's nine head coaches.

Fielding capped an incredible career with his second-straight Player-of-the-Year honor and a third-straight All-Conference honor after earning All-MIAC Honorable Mention honors as a freshman. With Fielding in the crease, the Tommies captured four-straight MIAC titles - three outright and one co-championship with Saint John's in 2012-13. This year, he led the Tommies to a 10-3-3 MIAC record and the regular-season title, and a 16-6-4 overall mark.



St. Thomas' Drew Fielding led his team to four MIAC titles and won his second MIAC Player-of-the-Year award. (Photo by Matt Higgins, MIAC)

second in power-play goals (11) and ranked fourth in power play percentage (17.5). Moore coached five players to All-MIAC honors this season in addition to one MIAC All-Rookie Team selection and one All-Conference Honorable Mention pick.

Fielding wasn't the only MIAC player to earn repeat All-Conference honors. Saint John's forward John Haeg completed his remarkable career with his fourth-straight All-MIAC selection. St. Thomas' Alex Altenbernd, Jeremy Hepler and Michael Krieg each received their third-straight All-Conference honor, as did Concordia's Jordie Bancroft and Hamline's Joe Rubbelke. Concordia's Andrew Deters and Augsburg Mack Ohnsted were each named to the All-Conference team for the second year in a row.

The MIAC's top two teams - St. Thomas and Saint Mary's - led the All-Conference selections with five players honored apiece. Augsburg and MIAC Playoff champion Hamline each had three selections, Concordia had two players honored and Saint John's and Bethel had one All-MIAC selection apiece. The 2014-15 All-Conference team was heavy on upperclassmen, with nine seniors, six juniors and five sophomores honored.

Fielding led the MIAC in goals against average in conference play for the third time in four years with a mark of 1.82 this season. He also led the league in that stat in overall games (1.66) and was the only MIAC net minder with a GAA better than 2.00 this season. In conference games he also led the league in win percentage (.679), was second in wins (eight) and tied for second in save percentage (.925). He was even better overall, as he led the MIAC in win percentage (.636) and save percentage (.934) in addition to GAA, and he ranked second in wins with a 12-6-4 overall record.

Moore was honored by his peers with his first MIAC Coach-of-the-Year award in his eighth season as the head coach at his alma mater. He led Saint Mary's to a stunning turnaround in 2014-15. A year after going 10-14-1 overall and 6-10 in the MIAC, Moore's Cardinals went 15-10-2 overall and 9-5-2 in the MIAC and finished second in both the regular-season standings and the MIAC Playoffs. This was Saint Mary's first trip to the conference tournament since 2003-04.

This season, Moore coached the conference's most potent offense, as Saint Mary's led the MIAC in goals (97), goals per game (3.59), assists (159), power-play goals (23) and power-play percentage (21.3) in overall games. In MIAC games, the Cardinals were just as good, leading the league in goals (56), goals per game (3.50) and assists (99), and the team tied for

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.

2014-15 MIAC Men's Hockey Awards

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

Coach-of-the-Year - Bill Moore, Saint Mary's (Eighth season)

2014-15 MIAC Men's Hockey All-Conference Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Charlie Adams	Hamline	Jr.	Forward	Mahtomedi, Minn.
Alex Altenbernd	St. Thomas	Sr.	Forward	Moorhead, Minn.
Jordie Bancroft	Concordia	Jr.	Forward	Grand Forks, N.D.
Corbin Chapman	Augsburg	So.	Forward	Burnsville, Minn.
Andrew Deters	Concordia	Sr.	Forward	Sartell, Minn.
Zach Dick	Augsburg	Sr.	Defenseman	Grand Rapids, Minn.
Drew Fielding	St. Thomas	Sr.	Goalie	Burlington, Ont./Nelson
Martin Gruse	Saint Mary's	So.	Forward	Trenton, Mich.
John Haeg	Saint John's	Sr.	Forward	Lakeville, Minn./Holy Angels
Phil Heinle	Saint Mary's	So.	Goalie	York, Pa.
Jeremy Hepler	St. Thomas	Sr.	Defenseman	Sarver, Pa.
Mitch Hughes	Bethel	Jr.	Forward	Laguna Niguel, Calif./Dana Hills
Bob Kinne	Saint Mary's	So.	Forward	St. Paul, Minn.
Michael Krieg	St. Thomas	Sr.	Defenseman	Phoenix, Ariz.
Jordan Lovick	St. Thomas	Jr.	Forward	Lino Lakes, Minn./Centennial
Bob Marx	Saint Mary's	Sr.	Defenseman	Sioux City, Iowa
Mike Mezzano	Saint Mary's	So.	Defenseman	Woodbury, Minn.
Mack Ohnsted	Augsburg	Jr.	Forward	Vernon Hills, Ill./Adlai E. Stevenson
Joe Rubbelke	Hamline	Sr.	Defenseman	North St. Paul, Minn.
Brandon Zurn	Hamline	Jr.	Forward	Mahtomedi, Minn.

2014-15 MIAC Men's Hockey All-Rookie Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Jake Bushey	Gustavus	Fr.	Defenseman	Duluth, Minn./Marshall
Chad Cesarz	Saint Mary's	Fr.	Forward	Jackson, Mich.
Conor Deal	Gustavus	Fr.	Forward	Anchorage, Alaska/Polaris
Jon Grebosky	Concordia	Fr.	Forward	Oakdale, Pa.
Mitch Hall	Hamline	Fr.	Defenseman	St. Cloud, Minn./Tech
Bryan Kronberger	Concordia	Fr.	Defenseman	Rhineland, Wis.
Alex Reichle	Concordia	Fr.	Goalie	Wildwood, Mo.
Huba Sekesi	Saint John's	Fr.	Forward	Germering, Germany

2014-15 MIAC Men's Hockey All-Conference Honorable Mention

<u>Name</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Charlie Aus	Concordia	Jr.	Defenseman	Lino Lakes, Minn.
Wally Cossette	Saint John's	Sr.	Defenseman	Maple Grove, Minn.
Willie Faust	St. Thomas	Jr.	Forward	Stillwater, Minn.
Matt Geurts	St. Olaf	Sr.	Defenseman	Chugiak, Alaska
Garrett Hendrickson	Concordia	So.	Forward	Virginia, Minn.
Ryan Henley	Concordia	Sr.	Defenseman	Longlac, Ontario
Tony Larson	Bethel	Jr.	Defenseman	Ham Lake, Minn./Blaine
Ben McClellan	Augsburg	Sr.	Forward	Cottage Grove, Minn./Cretin Derham-Hall

Jed McGlasson	Saint Mary's	Sr.	Forward	Kenai, Alaska
John McLean	Gustavus	Jr.	Goalie	Eagan, Minn./Minnehaha Academy
Saxton Soley	Saint John's	Jr.	Goalie	Elk Mound, Wis./Eau Claire Memorial
Steve Sorensen	St. Thomas	Jr.	Defenseman	Carver, Minn./Chaska-Chanhassen

2014-15 Men's Hockey All-MIAC Sportsmanship Team

- Augsburg - Daniel Hildebrandt (Sr., Monument, Colo./Pine Creek)
- Bethel - EJ Gann (Sr., Mountainview, Calif./Los Altos)
- Concordia - Max Smith (Jr, Eagan, Minn.)
- Gustavus - Andy Pearson (Sr., Burnsville, Minn.)
- Hamline - Joe Rubbelke (Sr., North St. Paul, Minn.)
- Saint John's - Joe Freemark (Jr., Lakeville, Minn./South)
- Saint Mary's - Christian Gaffy (Sr., Scandia, Minn.)
- St. Olaf - Tim Tuscher (Sr., Lemont, Ill.)
- St. Thomas - Jeremy Hepler (Sr., Sarver, Pa.)