

Hamline's Adams, Augsburg's Brown lead 2015-16 MIAC Men's Hockey Awards

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BLOOMINGTON, Minn. -- It was another unforgettable season on the ice in the "State of Hockey" and, Monday, the top performers were honored with the announcement of the 2016 Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) Men's Hockey Awards.

Hamline University star forward Charlie Adams (Mahtomedi, Minn.) was named the 2015-16 MIAC Player-of-the-Year for his high-scoring senior season, and Augsburg College Head Coach Chris Brown was honored by his peers for his job leading the Auggies to regular-season and MIAC Playoff championships with the 2015-16 MIAC Coach-of-the-Year award.

In addition to the individual awards, the conference also announced the 2015-16 MIAC Men's Hockey All-Conference Team, Honorable Mention selections and the All-Rookie Team. The All-MIAC Sportsmanship Team was recognized as well.



Adams' impact on Hamline's season was certainly felt in the box scores and beyond, as he earned his Player-of-the-Year award and a second-straight All-Conference selection. The Piper senior ranked in the top five in the nation in every major offensive category. His 49 points, 1.81 points per game and eight power play goals all ranked second in all of Division III, while his 21 goals ranked third and 28 assists tied for fourth. Adams trailed only teammate Brandon Zurn's 50 points and 1.85 points per game on the nation's scoring leader board.

Those numbers helped him lead the MIAC in goals and power play goals, while he ranked second in points and shots (133), third in assists (28) and fourth with a plus-14 rating. he was even better in conference play, as Adams led the league in points (930), goals (14), power play goals (five) and shots (90), second in assists (16) and 12th with a plus-8 rating. He led Hamline to a fifth-place finish in the conference standings (10-12-5 overall, 6-8-2 MIAC) and a win in the MIAC Playoff quarterfinals to reach the semis for the second-straight season.

Brown received his second MIAC Coach-of-the-Year award - he was also honored in 2006-07 in his first season on the Auggies' bench - for his role in guiding Augsburg to the conference title. His team went 11-3-2 for 36 points in conference play to claim the regular-season championship, and they followed that up with a MIAC Playoff title and the program's third trip to the NCAA Tournament, where they will face St. Norbert in a quarterfinal game on Saturday, March 19. The conference regular-season and postseason titles were the first at Augsburg since 1997-98.

This season, Brown coached five players to All-MIAC honors, as Auggies made up 25 percent of the team, and two more to Honorable Mention honors. His team led the MIAC in goals (100), penalty kill (87 percent), goals allowed (2.14 per game) and save percentage (.926), and was second in total goals allowed (60). In conference play, the Auggies ranked first in goals (64), goals per game (4.00), penalty kill (90.4 percent), goals allowed (33), goals allowed per game (2.04) and save percentage (.933).

Adams led the All-MIAC team with his second-straight selection, which also include a notable milestone for Concordia forward Jordie Bancroft. The Cobbers' star capped his career with a fourth-straight All-Conference honor, as he was named one of the MIAC's best in each of his four seasons. Hamline's Zurn, and Saint Mary's Martin Gruse and Bob Kinne were all repeat All-MIAC selections, while St. Olaf's Peter Lindblad (2013-14) and Saint John's Saxton Soley (2012-13) also earned their second career All-Conference honor.

Speaking of the 2015-16 MIAC All-Conference Team, champion Augsburg led the conference with five players represented on the 20-player team. St. Thomas, Saint John's and Saint Mary's each had three players recognized, Concordia had two players honored and St. Olaf placed one player on the squad. The team was made up of nine seniors, six juniors and five sophomores. The All-Rookie team included the conference's top six freshmen, and nine players received All-Conference Honorable Mention.

As part of a conference-wide sportsmanship initiative, the MIAC also announced the 10th 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.

2015-16 MIAC Men's Hockey Awards

Player-of-the-Year - Charlie Adams, Hamline (Sr., Forward, Mahtomedi, Minn.)

Coach-of-the-Year - Chris Brown, Augsburg (10th season)

2015-16 MIAC Men's Hockey All-Conference Team

Name	Team	Year	Position	Hometown/High School
Charlie Adams	Hamline	Sr.	Forward	Mahtomedi, Minn.
Charlie Aus	Concordia	Sr.	Defense	Lino Lakes, Minn.
Jordie Bancroft	Concordia	Sr.	Forward	Grand Forks, N.D.
Corbin Chapman	Augsburg	Jr.	Forward	Burnsville, Minn.
Andrew Commers	Saint John's	Sr.	Forward	Edina, Minn. / St. Thomas Academy
Nate Flynn	Augsburg	So.	Forward	Hastings, Minn.
Martin Gruse	Saint Mary's	Jr.	Forward	Trenton, Mich.
Mitch Hall	Hamline	So.	Defense	St. Cloud, Minn. / Tech
Jay Heinle	Saint Mary's	So.	Forward	York, Pa.
Jordyn Kaufer	Augsburg	Jr.	Goalie	Stillwater, Minn.
Bob Kinne	Saint Mary's	Jr.	Forward	St. Paul, Minn. / Cretin-Derham Hall
Peter Lindblad	St. Olaf	Sr.	Forward	Glenwood, Minn.
Eli May	Augsburg	So.	Defense	Eagan, Minn.
Connor McBride	St. Thomas	Sr.	Forward	Hartland, Wis. / Arrowhead
Johnny Roisum	St. Thomas	Jr.	Defense	Bloomington, Minn. / Jefferson
Huba Sekesi	Saint John's	So.	Forward	Germering, Germany / Carl-Spitzweg-Gymnasium
Saxton Soley	Saint John's	Sr.	Goalie	Elk Mound, Wis. / Eau Claire Memorial
Steve Sorensen	St. Thomas	Sr.	Defense	Carver, Minn. / Chaska-Chanhassen
Rory Vesel	Augsburg	Jr.	Defense	Rochester, Minn. / Lourdes
Brandon Zurn	Hamline	Sr.	Forward	Mahtomedi, Minn.

2015-16 MIAC Men's Hockey All-Rookie Team

Name	Team	Year	Position	Hometown/High School
Chris Amsden	Gustavus	Fr.	Goalie	St. Peter, Minn.
Mitch Fritz	Saint John's	Fr.	Forward	St. Cloud, Minn. / Cathedral
Sean Lang	Saint John's	Fr.	Defense	Apple Valley, Minn.
Mitch McPherson	Hamline	Fr.	Forward	Peoria, Ill. / Richwoods
Cullen Willox	St. Thomas	Fr.	Forward	Eagan, Minn.
Jake Zeleznikar	Concordia	Fr.	Defense	Hermantown, Minn.

2015-16 MIAC Men's Hockey All-Conference Honorable Mention

Name	Team	Year	Position	Hometown/High School
Michael Dockry	St. Thomas	Jr.	Forward	Burnsville, Minn.
Willie Faust	St. Thomas	Sr.	Forward	Stillwater, Minn.
Joe Freemark	Saint John's	Sr.	Defense	Lakeville, Minn. / South
Jon Grebosky	Concordia	So.	Forward	Oakdale, Pa.
Jesse Kessler	Hamline	So.	Defense	Nashville, Tenn.
Joe Morris	St. Thomas	Sr.	Goalie	New Prague, Minn.
Mack Ohnsted	Augsburg	Sr.	Forward	Vernon Hills, Ill. / Adlai E. Stevenson
Connor Quinn	St. Olaf	Sr.	Defense	Wildwood, Mo.
Trevor Stewart	Augsburg	Jr.	Forward	Highlands Ranch, Colo. / Eastmont

2015-16 Men's Hockey All-MIAC Sportsmanship Team

- Augsburg - Lukas Hendrickson (Sr., Savage, Minn. / Burnsville)
- Bethel - Josh Freitas (Sr., Sandy Hook, Conn. / Millbrook)
- Concordia - Mark Huneke (So., Hastings, Minn.)
- Gustavus - Colin Hernon (So., Bloomington, Minn. / Jefferson)
- Hamline - Brandon Zurn (Sr., Mahtomedi, Minn.)
- Saint John's - Dan Tripicchio (Jr., Hudson, Wis.)
- Saint Mary's - Jared Johnson (So., Hartland, Wis.)
- St. Olaf - Connor Quinn (Sr., Wildwood, Mo.)
- St. Thomas - Joe Morris (Sr., New Prague, Minn.)

